

Grace United Church of Christ

Membership Policy

All individuals baptized into the Christian faith are members of the Church as a whole. Membership in a local church, such as Grace UCC, carries certain responsibilities on the part of the individual and on the church organization. Clear expectations and accurate records are necessary for the efficient and proper functioning of the church. The purpose of this policy is to define Grace UCC membership and to outline how the church will maintain accurate membership rolls.

Membership Defined

- A. A member of Grace UCC is any person who:
- Has been confirmed at Grace UCC *or*
 - Has been accepted at Grace UCC through a Profession of Faith *or*
 - Has been accepted at Grace UCC through a letter of transfer from another church
- B. A member of Grace UCC is expected to attend services, participate in Holy Communion, and donate to the church through time or money as he or she is able.

Membership Maintenance

A committee will be formed consisting of the Pastor, at least two members of Consistory, and at least two at large members which will meet at least one time per year to review the membership rolls. During this review, membership rolls will be updated with regards to deaths, transfers, and new members. The committee will also review the rolls for any individuals who have not met at least one of the responsibilities listed in section B above during the past 2 years. Individuals who have not attended, donated, or communed at least once during the past 2 years will be sent a letter informing them that they have been moved from Active to Conditional membership. They will remain on the Conditional membership roll for an additional year. If at the end of that year they have still not met at least one of the expectations of membership as defined above, they will be removed from the rolls of Grace UCC.