

Membership at Exit Church

Class 3 - How to live membership

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A word about our Elders

1. Who are our current Elders?
In addition to Pastors Tyler & Forrest: Daniel Kiteck, Mooch Yin, and myself, Tim Carpenter.
2. What do our Elders do?
 - a. Envision the direction and ministry of our church.
 - b. Protecting the church by identifying issues and concerns.
 - c. Starting with a random selection for prayer & connection.

How the Elders want to serve you:

1. Questions about the Scripture as you engage the Lord in it personally.
2. For help and prayer when you are struggling with the power of sin in their life.
3. For help and prayer in the midst of particularly trying circumstances.
 - a. Death in the family or otherwise close to you
 - b. A material diagnoses in your life
 - c. Material financial duress
 - d. Marital problems or other material family strife
4. If there is an issue with Exit staff or the BOM for some reason (almost like HR for Exit).
5. If your domestic situation is unsafe for some reason (alcoholism, abuse, neglect, etc.)
6. If you are wrestling with your faith.
 - a. Angry at God
 - b. Doubts about God's existence, goodness, or trustworthiness (including Scripture)
 - c. Overall apathy
7. Joys, victories, and special moments
8. Help in bearing fruit for the Lord:
 - a. Calling to serve,
 - b. Opportunities to serve
 - c. Training or equipping to serve.

Notes & Questions/Answers

Prayer – Our first responsibility.

1. Ephesians 6:18-19
2. Personal – create a list that covers your relationships
3. Corporate
 - a. Worship Service (we may also start semi-monthly prayer time)
 - b. Small Group
 - c. Group Me App for Members
 - i. Request participation after membership confirmed by contacting Tim Carpenter at Tim@Exit.Church
 - ii. Requests are for prayer only, confidentiality is essential
4. The Alliance Family
 - a. C&MA weekly prayer requests
<https://cmalliance.org/pray/>
 - b. The Alliance Life is free call 877 284-3262
<https://cmalliance.org/resources/alife/> (e-copies too)
 - c. Most international requests may NOT be shared electronically without permission of that IW (international worker)

Giving – Our joy to share.

1. How to give at Exit
 - a. By the door – treat it as worship not a ticket box
 - b. App
 - c. Online at Exit.Church. Look to top right for “Give”
 - d. Please do not give funds to one of the pastors. If you need to have a gift delivered, ask a friend to place it in the box.
 - e. Please do not give a check or cash to one of the leaders.
2. Where does my unspecified money go?
 - a. Local General Fund: Salaries, building, ministry needs
 - i. Budget submitted by BoM for the Elders to present annually.
 - ii. Report of expenses given annually.
 - b. We give 5% to our district in The Alliance.
3. How can I give to reach the unreached? (Specified Giving)
 - a. Giving to Alliance International Workers is credited to our Church’s GCF responsibility.
 - i. “Traditional” international church planting (Access)
 - ii. CAMA Services (Compassion And Mercies Associates) – relief and refugee and business grants.
 - iii. Market Place – Entry to a culture by non-ministry career
 - iv. Envision – Short term from 2 weeks to 2 years, interns
 - b. You can give to approved local mission partners.
 - c. Benevolence
 - d. Building Fund and other specified opportunities.
 - e. When you pay for a retreat or other item in which you benefit, it will NOT be counted toward tax deduction.
4. If a person or family expresses need for financial assistance, please talk that over with an elder before giving from your own funds. That is a very kind gesture, but it may not be what that family or person really needs.

How to serve – All of our life for Jesus

1. Under the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA/The Alliance)
2. Internal structure of Exit
 - A. Elder led community of believers
 - 1) The Board of Elders is responsible for staffing issues, membership, operating budget, and disciplinary issues.
 - 2) The Board of Ministries is responsible for day-to-day ministry activity as determined by the Board of Elders.
 - B. Who to go to for what
 - 1) Tyler – Worship & Administration
 - 2) Forrest – Discipleship & Small Groups
 - 3) Kelly – Children & Youth Ministry
 - 4) Evan – Outreach (local & international)
3. How leadership is established
 - A. Annual meetings
 - 1) Held the first or second Sunday of January
 - 2) Reports will be offered by our pastors and staff.
 - 3) Report of previous year’s fiscal report & upcoming budget
 - 4) Election of coming year’s officers & leaders.
 - B. Nomination committee
 - 1) meets at least 3 months prior.
 - 2) Nominations are not submitted from the floor
 - 3) Extra nominations may be given thru the Committee
 - 4) Each person must meet biblical requirements of role
 - C. Staff hired by Elders
 - 1) Bookkeeping – Kim Cartwright
 - 2) Lawn and snow removal work -
 - 3) Indoor cleaning

A digital copy of our By-Laws and Covenant are available. Let me know, and I will send it to you via email.