

membership at **gather**

WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

ANYONE can become a member at Gather. There are no conditions, exceptions, or requirements. All are welcome in this family.

WHAT IS MEMBERSHIP & WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Being a member of Gather is a commitment to be in relationship with our community. As a member you will be invited to participate in different ways, but there are no requirements. You don't have to participate at a certain level, give a certain amount, or pass any kind of test. You don't apply; you are already accepted. Membership is the acknowledgment that you accept your acceptance.

As someone who is committed to our community you will be invited to:

- share your story and spiritual background with a Pastor.
- Participate in an annual “members meeting” to receive a Board report on the health and direction of the church, review the annual budget, and approve new Board Members.
- Attend, give, and serve regularly.
- reaffirm your membership after each year. In order to maintain a current understanding of our community, members will annually reaffirm their desire to stay in relationship with Gather. This “reaffirmation of membership” will happen every January.

You can become a member any time of the year and the process is as follows:

- Complete a confidential new member information form.
- Make a commitment to Gather through formal church membership.
- Begin to participate alongside the Gather family.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

- A membership commitment allows you to feel safe as you offer & receive love at Gather.
- Joining the church will help your pastors and leaders better serve you.
- Membership offers a tangible reminder of your unconditional acceptance.