

# Membership Questionnaire

This part of the membership process is to help you articulate what you already know, and identify the areas we can most profitably spend our time in face to face conversation. If you are unsure about any area, just write 'unsure' and we will happily cover that area with you. We hope that you will find this a helpful exercise. (If giving written answers is an issue for any reason, please let us know and we will make other arrangements)

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Your Journey

Please describe your spiritual journey to this point (ie your testimony). We think spending time reflecting on and being able to articulate our stories in short and long forms is helpful in sharing the gospel with people. How have you changed? What have other people noticed?

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## 2. The Church

What is the Church? Why is it important?

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### 3. Membership

What do you think are some of the commitments involved in becoming a member of a local church? What are your expectations of other members of a local church?

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### 4. Lifeshapes

Here at Stonnington we use lifeshapes to help understand and communicate important discipleship processes. An extract from the book 'Calling a City back to God' gives an introduction to some of those shapes it is available online or from the office. Please let us know how familiar you are with lifeshapes and any questions you may have from previous experience or the reading.

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### 5. Overview of the bible.

The bible has an overall narrative from Genesis to Revelation. In a few sentences describe the major events in order.

(Passages that we think point out the major elements are: Gen 1-3, Gen 12, Isa 40-55, Rom 8, 1 Cor 15, Eph 1, and Rev 21-22).

[On the website in the membership area there is a series of five sermons](#) that gives an overview.

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## 6. Kingdom and Covenant

These two terms relate to the two major themes that wind their way through the bible like the double helix of DNA. Briefly describe what they mean with regards to God and His relationship humans.

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## 7. The Nature of God

In a few sentences describe what is meant by the term 'Trinity'. What ways if any can this understanding of God impact everyday Christian life?

For your information we have two articles on the Trinity - available from the online questionnaire or from the office.

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**8. The nature, effects and sources of sin**

Briefly describe what sin is, what are the results of sin and what are the major types of temptation that we all face.

(Some passages that relate to the major temptations are: Genesis 3, Matthew 4:1-11 and parallels in the other gospels, 1 John 2:15-17)

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**9. Salvation, Baptism and Discipleship**

Briefly describe what is Salvation and how is it received. Describe the meaning and significance of Baptism. Define discipleship and describe what place it has in the Christian life.

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**10. The Holy Spirit**

What is your understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit?

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## 11. Spiritual Disciplines/Exercises

What are some of the things that you do regularly to help you in your Christian life (eg attending church, bible reading, fasting, solitude)? What things have you used or tried in the past?

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## 12. Questions & Comments

What questions or comments do you have about the history, beliefs, vision, values, structure of the church; the areas above or any other issue?

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