



HILLSIDE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

on a mission to love god and to love people

NEW MEMBERS CEREMONY

QUESTIONS

Minister

Is it your wish to make this community your church family, and the people with whom you will share your journey of faith?

New Member

It is.

Minister

Is this the place and the people with whom you will seek to make sense of the issues of your life, your faith, your dreams, of who you are, and of who God is calling you to be?

New Member

It is.

Minister

Is it your wish to make this the place where you listen for the good news of Jesus; where you are welcomed and nourished at his table, and where you are called to a life of ministry and justice?

New Member

It is.

Minister

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve God, holding fast to the way of Jesus, in union with this community of faith?

New Member

I will, with God's help.

Minister

Will you pledge your spiritual, social and financial support to this church community?

New Member

I will, with God's help.

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister

Will you who are witnessing these promises and affirmations, share the joys and sorrows of this new member, and do all in your power to support them as they walk in the way of Jesus? If so, please say: “We will, with God’s help”

Congregation

We will, with God’s help.

Minister

Do you welcome these new members into the communal life of Hillside Community Church, embracing their gifts, their needs, and their dreams?

Do you recognize that their presence and participation will forever change the shape of this church body and help it grow in new ways?

Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

If so, please SHOUT: “Yes! Yes! Yes!”

Congregation

Yes! Yes! Yes!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister

Then, let us together affirm our living faith:

All

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people.

We follow Jesus, who reveals to us the shape of God's love: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, who guides us in the ways of love.

We give thanks for the worldwide Church, for the gift of forgiveness, for the power of resurrection, and for the mystery of eternal life.

Amen.

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Minister

by your baptisms you were made one with us in the body of Christ.

And now, by the mutual affirmation of our faith and the acclamation of our community, we now gladly receive you as members of Hillside Community Church.

May we be blessings one to another as we embark together on the journey of faith.

Amen!