

## **WOODCLIFF UNITED CHURCH**

### **FULL MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

This Policy represents the intention of Woodcliff United Church (WUC) with regard to the requirements for beginning, continuing, and ending full membership in WUC.

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND BELIEF**

Through full membership we publicly and formally affirm our commitment to the United Church of Canada as lived out in the Congregation of Woodcliff United Church (WUC). WUC honors the personal faith of all who seek “to continue telling the story of Jesus by embodying Christ’s presence in the world” (A Song of Faith, 2006).

#### **POLICY**

- All persons, age 14 or over, are eligible for full membership in WUC.
- New Members are received into full membership in WUC through Adult Baptism and Profession of Faith, Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer (Section B.3.3, The Manual, 2013).
- In order to become a full Member of WUC, the person seeking membership must:
  - have been baptized or if not, must be baptized prior to offering a public profession of faith
  - meet with the Minister or duly appointed church representative to discuss membership
  - offer a public profession of faith based on the Trinitarian formula
  - pledge to actively participate in the mission and ministry of WUC
- Full Members are expected to demonstrate commitment through ongoing participation in the mission and ministry of WUC. A Reaffirmation of Faith is required if a full Member has been absent from the Pastoral Charge of WUC for 5 or more years.
- Full Members have the right to vote at all meetings of the Congregation. Adherents may only vote at meetings of the Congregation if the full Members grant permission for Adherents to vote and the vote is on a financial or administrative matter. (Section B.3.7, The Manual, 2013).
- Full Members are removed from the membership roll of WUC by death, transfer to another church, resignation, or an act of Council (Section B.3.6, The Manual, 2013).

- The names of persons beginning or ending full membership in WUC shall be added or removed accordingly to the membership roll held in the Church Office, included in the Annual Report of WUC, and sent as statistical information to General Council.
- The membership roll shall be revised at least annually to ensure currency (Section B. 3.6.2, The Manual, 2013)
- Individuals who perceive their situation may involve an extension or exception to this Policy are welcome to discuss this with the Minister.

**ADMINISTRATION**

This Policy is administered by the Minister and Council of WUC.

Approved by the Congregation at the 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures:

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Council Chair

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Council Secretary

**REFERENCES**

A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (2006)

The Manual, The United Church of Canada (2013)

WUC Baptism Policy

WUC Duty of Care Policy

WUC Policy for Creation, Revision, Approval, and Removal of Policies

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