



# **Baptism & Church Membership**

# **GUIDELINES & POLICIES**

# The Importance of Baptism and Church Membership

Your decision to be baptized is in obedience to Christ and an important step in your spiritual life.

Baptism is a public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. It is a symbol of the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. In baptism, the believer is testifying that he was "in Christ" when He died on the cross, that he was buried with Him, and that he has arisen to newness of life because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In choosing to be identified with Christ and live in obedience to Him, it is essential for a believer to be part of a local church where he or she can be discipled. Being a member of a local church provides spiritual nourishment and edification, encouragement in Christian living, enablement for Christian service, accountability in your Christian testimony, and discipline should it be necessary.

#### **Becoming a Church Member**

At GCCP, you can become a member of the church in two ways: (I) Through baptism if you have not been baptized into the protestant faith, or (2) Through the Membership Class if you have been baptized in another Bible-believing evangelical church but wish to make GCCP your church home.

As a member of GCCP, you affirm and agree to our Statement of Faith and Church Constitution, as well as to the mission, vision, founding principles, and position papers of the church, and willingly submit to the authority of GCCP for spiritual accountability and correction. Being an active member allows you to serve in various areas of ministry at GCCP subject to the requirements of those ministries, as well as avail of various membership services provided by the church (i.e. weddings, child dedication, etc.).

#### **Getting Baptized at GCCP**

GCCP practices believer's baptism by water immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit because it sets forth the essential facts of redemption (the death and resurrection of Christ) and also the essential outlook of the believer (death to sin and alive unto God). (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:37-41; 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-10)

Before a person can be baptized, he or she must have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior. **The Bible order is always salvation first, then baptism.** Baptism does not save.

Based on our existing church practice and policies, your being baptized at GCCP also qualifies you to be a member of the church. Therefore, if you have a different home church or are currently attending another church, we encourage you to get baptized at that church, which is more meaningful.

# The Baptismal and Membership Class

The Baptismal Class is a 4-week course to prepare you for Believer's Baptism. The Membership Class is also a 4-week course explaining the DNA of GCCP (our Mission Statement, Foundational Distinctives, Statement of Faith, and Position Papers) to help you understand GCCP's beliefs and practices.

All applicants for baptism are required to attend both the Baptismal and Membership Classes. Applicants for church membership are only required to attend the Membership Class.

#### Eligibility

- I. You must have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
  - If already baptized, you must have been baptized into the Protestant faith by a Bible-believing evangelical church acknowledged and recognized by GCCP.
- 2. You are living a life that indicates you are born-again and submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in your life.
- 3. You are willing to learn and follow the teachings and doctrines of Christianity as stated in the GCCP Statement of Faith.
- 4. You are at least 14 years old at the time of baptism to ensure spiritual maturity and awareness of what you are doing.
  - In extreme circumstances, the church may baptize those under the age of 14 if there is a compelling reason based on the discretion of the pastoral staff of the church.
  - If you are under the age of 18, we will require that your parents/guardians give their consent. While baptism is a personal decision, it is also a public declaration of your inward faith, and so the church desires that your family knows about this special time in your life. If your parents will not agree to sign the form, then obey them, and remember God knows your heart's intention and desire. You will have the opportunity to participate in the future.
- 5. You are regularly attending one of GCCP's worship services for at least six months (for baptism) or one year (for membership) PRIOR to submission of your application form.
  - Regular church worship outwardly demonstrates the Lordship of Christ in your life and your desire to be part of GCCP. The baptismal class does not replace church worship and you can attend the worship service before or after the class.
  - If you do not regularly attend worship service, your testimony may be put in question and may result in you being disqualified from being baptized at GCCP.
- 6. You are willing to submit to the authority of the church and be a responsible member of the GCCP community.

#### **Documents Required for Application**

- I. Duly accomplished Application Form for Baptism and Church Membership.
- 2. Signed Acknowledgement and Agreement to the GCCP Guidelines and Policies for Baptism and Church Membership.
- 3. Signed Parental Consent Form (for applicants below 18 years old).
- 4. Proof of Baptism (to another recognized Evangelical church, if already baptized).
- 5. Clear photocopy of your NSO/PSA Birth Certificate.
- 6. 2x2 picture with your name.
- 7. Personal testimony of salvation, typed (preferred) or handwritten on 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. Should clearly state the following details:
  - Your family background
  - Your life before accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
  - What a person must do to receive eternal life
  - Circumstances (why, when, how) surrounding your accepting of Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
  - Your life after accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
  - Why you decided to be baptized at GCCP and why you want to make GCCP your church home

#### **Completion and Attendance Requirements**

#### **Pre-class Interview**

• Prior to your admittance into the Baptismal and Membership Class, an interview will be conducted by one of the church's pastors, elders or deacons to ensure that you are ready for believer's baptism. The church reserves the right to determine your eligibility to take the class.

#### **Class Attendance**

- Due to the short period covered by the classes, you are only allowed one (I) excused absence for each class with the approval of the teacher. If you are absent for more than one session, you may be required to retake the course before you can be baptized and/or become a member at GCCP. In very rare and extenuating circumstances, if you have more than one absence, makeup classes may be offered.
- Please come on time; being late for more than 15 minutes after the class starts is considered an absence. Let us take our commitment seriously.
- If you are 70 years old and above, you may be exempted from attending the classes based on certain qualified conditions. However, an interview will be required and conducted by a church pastor, minister, elder or deacon, in order to know you better as an individual, to ensure your faith in Jesus Christ, to know your testimony and faith walk, your understanding of the basics of the Christian Faith, your worship service attendance, and your understanding of your participation of believer's baptism and/or joining the church as member.

#### **Final Interview**

• At the completion of the class, a final interview by a church pastor, elder, or deacon will be conducted to ask you about your faith in Jesus Christ, your testimony, your understanding of the

basics of the Christian Faith, your church worship attendance, and your understanding of your participation of believer's baptism and/or joining the church as member.

- The church reserves the right to disqualify you from being baptized, even if you attended the class, if we feel you are not ready to be baptized.
- For membership applicants, approval of your application will be based upon the collective recommendation of the GCCP Pastoral Staff. The church reserves the right to accept or deny membership if you fail to meet the requirements.

#### **The Baptismal Ceremony**

All baptismal candidates must participate in the Baptismal Ceremony. If for whatever reason you are unable to attend the scheduled baptismal service date, you have the option of attending the next scheduled baptismal service without having to retake the class. However, if you miss that baptismal service as well, then you will have to retake the class.

#### **Recognition of Members**

As part of your public profession of faith and/or being welcomed as a member of the church, in order for the church community to know you, a public recognition will be required. The main objective of this recognition is so that the entire church body can celebrate with you. Our public recognition takes the form of:

- Video recording
- Pictures
- Presentation before the congregation during the services
- Putting your name in our church bulletin
- Others.

If there are extenuating circumstances (i.e. safety, etc.) as to why you do not want to be publicly recognized, you can explain to the church in writing. The church will make a decision upon evaluation of your expressed concern.

#### **Baptism and Membership Certificate**

After your baptism, you will receive a baptism certificate and/or a membership certificate from GCCP. Please secure these original forms and make copies because the church DOES NOT keep duplicates of these certificates in our records.

According to church policy and practice, if one has not been regularly attending GCCP worship services for a period of time, the church may inactivate your membership.

In order to reactivate your church membership, you will be required to attend our Membership Classes. This will ensure that after being gone for a period of time, you will be updated and made aware of the current ministry philosophy and direction of GCCP.

Please note that as part of your membership reactivation, you may be publicly recognized and presented to the congregation.

Having a membership status that is active gives you the privilege of serving in GCCP and availing of various membership services we provide (i.e. weddings, child dedication, etc.)

For more information and clarification regarding any of the above points, please see one of the members of our pastoral staff and we would be happy to help you.

#### **Our Mission**

GCCP is called to glorify God by carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, reaching the world with the Good News of Salvation, welcoming new believers into the body of Christ, bringing them to maturity through God's Word, and equipping them for Christian life and ministry.

#### **Our Vision**

GCCP strives to be a God-honoring, multi-generational Filipino-Chinese church in Metro Manila rooted in the authority of the Bible, welcoming everyone to be discipled in our Christ-centered community, and embracing our spiritual heritage while being culturally relevant, with a primary outreach to the Grace Christian community.

#### **Our Foundational Distinctives**

In fulfilling our mission and vision, we faithfully hold upon these strategic mission and doctrinal principles:

- Evangelical, fundamentalist doctrines
- Pastoral leadership and expository preaching
- Balanced membership and committed leadership
- Emphasis on Bible Eschatology and stewardship
- Appreciation for conservative (heritage) music
- Non-charismatic in worship and practice
- Relationship with Grace Christian College

#### **Our Culture**

In support of our mission and vision, GCCP cultivates a Christ-centered community that is:

- Caring and hospitable
- Joyful and vibrant
- Safe for the spiritually broken
- Pursues excellence
- Develops authentic disciples
- Encourages serving others
- Cultivates a culture of prayer
- Equips its people to handle God's Word, and
- Has a passion for sharing Jesus Christ with others

### Statement of Faith of the Grace Ministries

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#### THE SCRIPTURES

 We believe that the Bible, composed of 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is inerrant and verbally inspired of God in all its parts, and is of supreme and final authority in faith and life. (Matthew 5:18; Luke 24:27,44; John 5:39; 10:35; 12:48; 17:17; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 2:13; 10:11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)

#### THE TRINITY

2. We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—coeternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. (Matthew 28:18-19 Mark 12:29 John 1:14 Luke 3:22; Acts 5:3-6 2 Corinthians 13:14 Hebrews 1:1-3)

#### **JESUS CHRIST**

- 3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:30-35; 2:40; John 1:1-3,14,18; Philippians 2:5-8; I Timothy 2:6; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 4:15)
- 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His bodily resurrection from the dead. (Isaiah 53:5-6; Matthew 20:28; Luke 24:36-43 John 1:29; 20:25-28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; Hebrews 9:11-12; 10:12-14; I Peter 3:18)
- 5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest and representative, He fulfills the ministry of Intercessor and Advocate. (Ephesians I:22-23; Hebrews I:3; 4:14-16; 7:25; 9:24; I John 2:1)

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune God and who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He baptizes and indwells all believers, sealing them unto the day of redemption, at the moment of their regeneration. (Matthew 28:19; John 14:16-17; 16:7-15; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 12:13; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18)
- 7. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Teacher who fills and empowers all believers for Christian life and service, and who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. Some gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary gifts, and never the necessary signs of the filling of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:12-17,26; Acts 4:8, 31; Romans 8:23; I Corinthians 13:8; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 3:16; 4:30, 5:18)

#### **ORIGIN AND FALL OF MAN**

8. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin, the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and, that unregenerate man is spiritually dead, and utterly unable of himself to remedy his lost condition. (Genesis 1:26-28; 3:1-14; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:21-23; John 3:3-6; 8:42-44; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 7:18; 8:6-7; Ephesians 2:1-3 I; John 3:8)

#### SALVATION ONLY THROUGH CHRIST

9. We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man wholly by grace alone and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins, and that apart from Christ there is no possible salvation. (Isaiah 64:6 John 3:16; 6:28-29; 14:6 Acts 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 3:24; 4:4-5; 5:6-9; 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; Galatians 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; James I:18; I Peter I:18-19,23)

#### **ETERNAL SECURITY**

10. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power, secured in Christ forever, and guaranteed never to perish; and, that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (John 5:24; 10:27-30; 17:11; Romans 3:22; 6:14; 8:16,29; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 1:3; I Thessalonians 5:23-24; 2 Timothy I:12; Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:1-2; 3:1-3; 5:1-10; Jude 24)

#### THE CHRISTIAN WALK

- II. We believe that every saved person possesses two natures—the old and the new nature; and, that although the old nature can never be eradicated in this life, provision has been made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. (Romans 6:II-I3; 7:I5-25; 8:2,4,I2-I3; I3:I4; Galatians 5:I6-23; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 2:I-I0; Hebrews I0:I0,I4; I John I:7-9; 3:5-9)
- 12. We believe that all believers should live in such a manner as to glorify their Saviour and Lord; and, that separation from all forms of religious apostasy and compromise, and all worldly and sinful practices, pleasures, and associations is commanded of God. (John 7:7; 15:19; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Ephesians 4:24; 5:11,25-27; I Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Timothy 1:13; 4:2-5; Hebrews 10:10,14; 12:10; I John 2:15-17, 3:1-3)

#### THE CHURCH

13. We believe that a New Testament church is a local body of born-again believers associated together for worship, observance of the ordinances of the church, and the spread of the Gospel to all the world. All true Christians are also members of the universal Church which began at the day of Pentecost. (Matthew 16:15-19; 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2:41-42, 47; Romans 12:2; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:3-10; Colossians 3:14-15; Hebrews 10:25)

#### **THE ORDINANCES**

14. We believe that there are two ordinances which believers are to observe until he comes—believer's baptism and the Lord's supper; and that the immersion of a believer in water baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit sets forth the essential facts of redemption (the death and resurrection of Christ) and also the essential outlook of the believer (dead to sin and alive unto God). (Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:37-41; 8:36-39; 10:47-48; Acts 16:32-33; 18:7-8; Romans 6:3-10; I Corinthians 11:23-26)

#### THE ENEMY

15. We believe in the personal existence of Satan, the great adversary of God and His people, who is judged at the cross and whose final doom is certain; and, that Christians are able to resist and overcome Satan and his demons through the blood of the Lamb and the whole armor of God. (Isaiah 14:13-14; Ezekiel 28:13-17; John 12:31-32; 16:11; Ephesians 6:12-18; I Timothy 3:7; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 20:10)

#### LAST THINGS

16. We believe in the imminent return of the Lord for His church before the seven-year tribulation period, and in His subsequent glorious and visible return to the earth with His saints to establish His millennial kingdom. (Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 25:15-46; John 14:3; Acts 1:6-7; Acts 15:16-17; Romans 8-11; 13:11; 1 Corinthians 5:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Titus 2:13; Revelation 3:10; 19:11-16; 20:1-6)

#### THE ETERNAL STATE

17. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men—the saved to eternal conscious bliss with the Lord, and the unsaved to everlasting, conscious punishing in the Lake of Fire. (Daniel 12:1-2; Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:44; John 5:25-29; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 6:9-10; Revelation 20:10-15; 21:1-8)

 $\sim$  End of Statement  $\sim$ 

# A Summary of the Position Papers of GCCP

NOTE: The Position Papers of the Grace Ministries are discussed in detail at the Membership Class. For more information and clarification regarding any of the points mentioned below, please see one of the members of our pastoral staff and we would be happy to help you.

#### **ON LORDSHIP SALVATION**

"Lordship Salvation" is the view that simple faith in Jesus Christ as Savior is not enough for a person to be saved. It teaches that a person must also commit himself to Christ as Lord of his life, submitting to His control, in order to be truly saved.

The Grace Ministries have always affirmed that "once saved, forever saved." To be truly saved, a person must believe who Christ is and what Christ has done. That is all that's needed. "Saved by grace—alone!" (Ephesians 2:8-9)

As for the authenticity of a person's salvation decision, we believe in letting God be the final Judge. And God will be the sole and final Judge of those who are truly saved.

**Matthew 13:47-48** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away."

Our duty is to lead the unsaved to trust Christ as Savior. After they have responded, then challenge them under the lordship of Christ as disciples—to commit their Christian lives to Christ as Lord. Preach the Lordship of Christ to Christians, and the Saviorhood of Christ to the unsaved!

#### **ON THE GIFT OF TONGUES**

For the past several years, we have seen the rise of a movement in Christianity called the "Charismatic Movement." One of the major characteristics of this movement is the use of tongues.

God gave the gift of tongues to the early Church as a sign to the unbelieving Jews. When the Church was established, the original purpose of tongues was fulfilled.

We believe that the gift of tongues ceased after the early church. Therefore, we should not practice it today.

# General Guidelines and Policies for GCCP Events and Ministry Activities

#### **Code of Conduct**

- This is a church event/activity. All participants are expected to conduct himself/herself in a Christ-like manner at all times. Additionally, participants are expected to:
  - Be kind and helpful to fellow participants and event coordinators.
  - Listen to event coordinators and volunteers and treat them with respect.
  - Follow the House Rules of the venue.
  - Refrain from bringing prohibited items such as firearms/weapons, gambling materials, portable gaming systems, alcoholic drinks, illegal drugs, or pets.
- Should a participant fail to comply with the guidelines of this event, GCCP has the right to exercise disciplinary actions that may include but not limited to notifying the participant's family members, sending the participant home without refund, and fining the participant for any additional expenses incurred due to his/her actions.

#### **Parent or Guardian's Consent**

- If the participant is a minor, it is his/her responsibility to secure permission from his/her parent(s) or guardian to join this event/activity.
- GCCP may verify parent's or guardian's consent as deemed necessary.

#### **Health and Safety Policy**

- Wearing of masks is not mandatory. We encourage participants to do what is best for their personal health and safety.
- Individuals who are showing Covid-like symptoms or are obviously sick on the day(s) of the event will not be allowed to join in the activities.

#### **Medical Emergency**

In the event of a situation requiring medical attention:

- Participant grants permission for necessary medical treatment to be given to him/her, including taking him/her to the nearest physician, dentist, or to the hospital. Every effort will be made to inform the emergency contact person listed in the participant's registration information regarding the participant's situation.
- If the participant is a minor, parent/guardian grants permission to the supervising staff to attend to the child. If further medical attention is required, every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian to receive specific authorization before action is taken. If efforts to contact the parent/guardian are unsuccessful, parent/guardian grants permission for necessary medical treatment to be given to the child, including taking the child to the nearest physician, dentist, or to the hospital.

#### **Liability Waiver**

- Adequate and appropriate supervision will be provided during the event. However, unanticipated situations and problems that are beyond the control of the organizers, volunteers, and staff can arise on any event/activity, church-sponsored or otherwise.
- All participants, parents, and guardians understand this and agree to release and hold harmless GCCP and its Event Coordinators, Volunteers, and Staff from any and all liability, claims, costs, interest, and expense arising from such situations, including any accident or injury, sickness, hospitalization, or other incidents beyond the control of GCCP, including but not limited to natural disasters, civil disturbances, and health issues that may arise during and/or as a result of participation in this event.

#### **Photo and Video Release**

- During the event, GCCP may take photo, video, and audio recordings of participants for documentation purposes.
- All participants, parents, and guardians grant GCCP permission to use, publish, replicate, and distribute these recordings for any legal use, including but not limited to promotional materials, print and digital publications, social media, website, and/or other media channels. They also agree to waive any rights of compensation and/or ownership of any photos, videos, and/or other media taken during the event.

#### **Privacy Policy**

- GCCP events and activities are covered by the GCCP <u>Privacy Policy</u> and website <u>Terms of Use</u>.
- For inquiries and concerns about our Privacy Policy, you may contact the church at (+632) 8365-1763 or 8365-1764 or email info@gccp.org.ph

# **Summary of Requirements**

This worksheet is meant to help you track if you have completed all requirements.

#### APPLICATION

- 🔲 Read and agree to the GCCP Guidelines and Policies for Baptism and Church Membership.
- Read and agree to the GCCP Mission Statement, Foundational Distinctives, Statement of Faith, and the Position Papers of the Grace Ministries.
- Submit the following documents (your application is considered incomplete until all documents have been submitted):
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  - Clear photocopy of your NSO/PSA Birth Certificate
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    - Your life after accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
    - Why you decided to be baptized at GCCP and why you want to make GCCP your church home
- Pre-class Interview

#### **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE**

- □ Baptismal Class
- ☐ Membership Class
- ☐ Final Interview
- □ Video Recording of your testimony
- □ Baptismal Service and Welcome Banquet
- □ Recognition of New Church Members

# **Application Form for Baptism and Church Membership**

Applying for:

□ Baptism and Church Membership

Church Membership (if baptized in another church)

**Reactivation of Church Membership** (if inactive for more than one year)

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONTACT DETAILS.** Fields marked (\*) are required.

Last Name*		DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	
Given Name(s)*		Your application is considered incomplete	
Middle Name		until the following documents are submitted:	
Maiden Name / AKA / Other Name		Duly accomplished Application Form	
Chinese Name		Acknowledgement and Agreement to the GCCP Policies, Guidelines and	
Gender*	• Male • Female	Statement of Faith Parental Consent Form (for applicants	
Birthdate*	mm/dd/yyyy	below 18 years old)	
Civil Status*	<ul> <li>Single</li> <li>Married</li> <li>Single Parent</li> <li>Separated / Divorced / Widowed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clear photocopy of your NSO/PSA Birth Certificate</li> <li>2x2 picture with your name</li> <li>Proof of Baptism (if already baptized</li> </ul>	
Profession		in another recognized evangelical church)	
Email*		Personal testimony of salvation,	
Cell Phone No.*		printed on 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. (See Guidelines for Baptismal &	
Landline		Membership for content requirements).	
	No. Street, Barangay		
Home Address*	City	Province / State	
	Country	Zip Code	
Mailing Address (if different from Home Address)			

#### FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

Spouse	Children	Siblings
Father		
Mother (Maiden Name)		

----- FOR GCCP STAFF ------

APPLICATION	PRE-CLASS INTERVIEW	FINAL INTERVIEW	ASSIGNED
(Received by / Date)	(Interviewed by / Date / Remarks)	(Interviewed by / Date / Remarks)	MEMBERSHIP NO.
	<ul> <li>Approved to enroll for BM 101/102</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Approved for baptism / membership</li> </ul>	

#### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE & INVOLVEMENT**

Which GCCP Worship Service do you usually attend?*	□ Sun 8:30am  □ Sun 11:00am
How often do you attend worship service at GCCP?*	<ul> <li>Regular (3/4 or 4/5 weeks a month)</li> <li>Occasionally (2x a month)</li> <li>Seldom (once a month)</li> <li>Not attending</li> </ul>
How long have you been attending GCCP?*	<ul> <li>Less than 6 months</li> <li>6 months - 1 year</li> <li>1-2 years</li> <li>2-5 years</li> <li>5-10 years</li> <li>More than 10 years</li> </ul>
Are you part of and regularly attend a GCCP LifeGroup?*	□ Yes □ No LifeGroup Leader's Name & Contact No.
Do you participate or have you participated in any GCCP program/activity/event?*	□ Yes □ No Please specify activity / event / program you've attended

#### SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

I have received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.*	□ Yes □ No If yes, when?	
Have you been previously baptized (i.e. infant/child baptism, sprinkling, etc.)?*	□ Yes □ No Place and church where you were baptized + Date of Baptism:	
Since my conversion, I continue to receive spiritual nourishment from:*	Church School a Christian None	
After my conversion, I have not been concerned about my spiritual growth.*	□ Yes □ No □ Not Sure	
I have a regular daily devotion/quiet time with the Lord.*	<ul> <li>Daily</li> <li>Somewhat regular</li> <li>Occasional</li> <li>Seldom</li> <li>I don't have quiet time</li> </ul>	
At present, my values are a mixture of Christian and worldly beliefs.*	□ Yes □ No □ Not Sure	
I have dedicated my life to Jesus Christ and desire to fully obey and follow Him.*	□ Yes □ No □ Not Sure	
I am ready to learn more about the Bible in depth.*	□ Yes □ No □ Not Sure	
I am willing to be equipped to grow spiritually.*	□ Yes □ No □ Not Sure	
I am eager to serve the Lord by participating in a ministry of GCCP*	<ul> <li>Tech Team (graphics/video, sound, lights)</li> <li>Music (choir, orchestra, music team)</li> <li>Hospitality (usher, greeter, shuttle)</li> <li>Children's Ministry (Junior Church teacher)</li> <li>Student Ministries (high school, college)</li> <li>Creative Arts (graphic design, photography, video production and editing, stage design)</li> <li>Emergency Response Team (for those with first-aid training)</li> <li>Evergreen Team (serving the elderly)</li> <li>I'm not sure, but want to learn more</li> </ul>	

# Acknowledgement & Agreement

My signature below indicates my agreement to the following statements:

#### Information

• The information I provided in this application is true and accurate.

#### **Guidelines and Policies**

- I have carefully read, understood, and agree to the Guidelines and Policies for Baptism and Church Membership at GCCP.
- I affirm the Mission Statement, Foundational Distinctives, Statement of Faith, and Position Papers of the Grace Christian Church of the Philippines and willingly submit to the authority of GCCP for spiritual accountability and correction.
- I understand that if I am not regularly attending a GCCP worship service, fail to complete the Baptismal and/or Membership Class, or do not pass the pre-class or post-class interviews, I may be disqualified as a candidate for Baptism and/or Church Membership.

#### Communication

• I have read, understood, and agree to the GCCP <u>Privacy Policy</u> and website <u>Terms of Use</u>, and consent to receive communication from GCCP, including promotions and news about upcoming events and activities.

Applicant's Signature over Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

### **Parent's Consent**

(For candidates under the age of 18)

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_, having read and understood the Guidelines and Policies for Baptism and Church Membership of Grace Christian Church of the Philippines, hereby allow my son/daughter to be baptized by GCCP and be a member of the Church.

Parent's Signature over Printed Name

Date