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# LAMBRICK

BELONGING  
SERVING  
GIVING



## OUR VISION

**LIFE with GOD for the WORLD**

## OUR MISSION

To embrace and invite **EVERYONE**  
to follow Jesus with us, through  
**REDEMPTIVE COMMUNITY,**  
**INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP**  
and **EVERYDAY MISSION**

## OUR CORE VALUES

### **ORTHODOXY**

living in the light of God's revelation  
in Scripture, and especially in Jesus

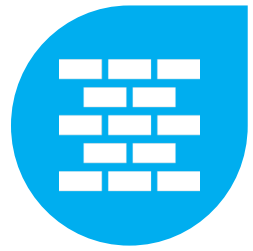
### **ENGAGEMENT**

participating with God in His  
redemptive work in the world

### **FORMATION**

attending and responding to God's  
work and presence in our lives

# BELONGING



**We desire that everyone experience what it means to be part of the body.**

The New Testament was written into church communities in order to build church communities. (Rom 1:7, 1 Cor 1:2, Eph 1:1, Jam 1:1, 1 Pet 1:1).

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he didn't leave behind a written document or a system of beliefs. He left a community that would embody the message of the kingdom. Then, as now, the stories, teaching and challenges of Jesus - and how they are worked out in community - shape and build the Church. In fact, it is almost impossible to read the Bible outside of a community lens. So, while the phrase "church member" is not used in the New Testament, the concept of being identified with, committed to, and accountable to a local community of Christians is clear.

## COMMUNITY

A faith community is so much more than attending a church service on Sunday. We would love you to get involved with small groups or midweek ministries that will deepen both your friendships and your faith.

## MEMBERSHIP

### **1. Membership commits us to a like-minded community.**

(1 Thess 2:8, Phil 1:4-6, Gal 6:1-2) Jean Vanier (in *Community and Growth*) stated it quite succinctly:

"A COMMUNITY IS ONLY TRULY A BODY WHEN THE MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS ARE MAKING THE TRANSITION FROM 'THE COMMUNITY FOR MYSELF' TO 'MYSELF FOR THE COMMUNITY'"

JEAN VANIER

## **2. Membership affirms that we hold to similar values and beliefs.**

(Rom 15:5, Eph 4:3-5, 1 Tim 4:11-16, Phil 2:1-2). Membership ensures that we are corporately building on a strong, shared foundation of faith. In this, we want to keep our expectations as clear as possible. Membership lets the church know where you stand and, perhaps more importantly, in your own spiritual journey it enables you to examine where you stand. Read *Our Vision* and *Statement of Faith*. These are the tools that guide our community toward our basic identity and unified direction. Becoming a member requires your affirmation of these things.

## **3. Membership allows us to understand our role and the use of our time, talents, and resources for the health of the church**

(1 Cor 12:4-27, Rom 12:4-13). Brian Kay has described the harsh reality of the church in North America: "Church hopping is the only tolerated promiscuity in Christian culture - enjoying temporary benefits of life in one worshiping community, then another, but without any formal obligation to settle down and serve in any." (*Stories of Emergence*) We are all in this together. God has empowered all of us with resources, gifts and time to build into the life of the church (in other words, we all have something to bring). We want to approach money issues and volunteer needs openly without having to pressure people.

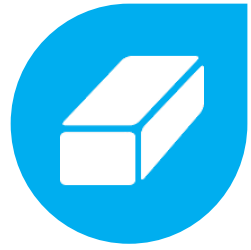
# **BAPTISM**

Baptism is the essential outward expression of the inner change that has already taken place in a Christ-follower's life. Therefore it should precede becoming a member.

Baptism is the traditional rite of a Christian's public confession of faith and membership in Christ's body. We practice full immersion in water because it identifies the believer with Jesus' death in going down into the water, and with his resurrection in coming up again. For infants, we practice baby dedication, where we join with parents in thanksgiving and as a community stand with them as they publicly declare their commitment to raise them in a loving, Christ-centred home.

**For more information about membership or baptism see the 'Exploring Membership' insert or contact us. Details on the back of this booklet.**

# SERVING



There are many ways to get involved in the life and work of our church. Whether you've been attending for years or are new to our community, serving is a great step to take and makes a difference in the lives of our church family and the world around us. We invite you to get involved by using your gifts and abilities in an area that fits your passion and skills. As you serve, you also get to know people in a deeper way.

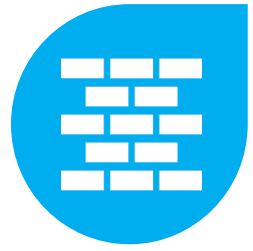
Here are few ways you can get involved:

- Kids and Youth Ministries
- Family Care
- Sunday serving
- Facilities
- Office
- English Language Learning Facilitator
- Missional Engagement Vision Team (and support)
- Leadership (Church, Midweek Ministries, Small Groups)

**For more information about serving please contact us.  
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# GIVING



There are three ways that you can financially support our church.  
All will give you a tax receipt.

## IN-PERSON

Cash, Cheque or Debit (in the office). Envelopes are available to make this easier for regular givers.

## ONLINE

**Via PAYPAL** - Accepts credit and debit cards. Fees are 1.6%+30c. Be sure to complete the "(+) Community/ ministry designation" so that we can track where your offering is going. We provide your tax receipt.

**Via CANADAHELPS** - Accepts credit cards. Fees are 3.5% but you can donate monthly or give securities/investment funds. Please add in a "Comment" so that we can track where your offering is going. They provide your tax receipt.

## AUTOMATED

Pre-Authorized Chequing is the best way to make regular donations to Lambrick Park Church. Your regular monthly donations will be automatically paid through your chequing and/or savings account.

**Fill out the inserted Pre-Authorized Chequing request form to set this up.**

## **WE BELIEVE IN:**

*The divine inspiration of Holy Scripture and its consequent entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.*

*One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His sacrificial death, His resurrection, His ascension, His present intercessory work, and His personal return in power and glory.*

*The salvation of lost and sinful man through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the regeneration of the Holy Spirit by faith apart from works.*

*The Holy Spirit given without rite or invocation to all who believe in Christ through the gospel, and by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life and to witness and work for the Lord.*

*The unity and common priesthood of all true believers, who together form the one universal Church, the body of which Christ is head.*

*The resurrection both of the saved and the lost, the saved unto life and the lost unto condemnation.*



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