

In today's church, belonging can take many different forms. You can participate in worship, ministries, and programs of The Episcopal Church without any formal membership. However, many find that a public affirmation of membership can deepen a sense of belonging in a particular community, empower them to take on positions of leadership, and deepen their relationship with God. And congregations need dedicated members who choose to commit their time, money, and talents to that particular corner of God's kingdom.

Becoming a member of The Episcopal Church can mean many different things:

- to become a Christian in a publicly recognized way,
- to “belong” to The Episcopal Church in a general sense,
- to join a specific congregation, or
- to obtain the rights and privileges of a communicant (a contributing member).

Often new Christians or those new to The Episcopal Church ask what they need to do to become a member. This pamphlet answers this question and many more.