



# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



A Membership Course  
for Local Churches

**Humans need one another!** We have an inherent desire to be close to one another, **to connect and build relationships.**



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Relationship is not only an emotional and physical need; it is also a spiritual need. Our Creator designed us to live in loving relationship with others. That's why local church membership matters.

- Membership identifies you as a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- Membership provides a spiritual family to support and encourage you in your walk with Christ (Hebrews 10:24, 25).
- Membership gives you a place to discover and use your gifts to help others (I Corinthians 12:7, 12).
- Membership places you under the spiritual protection of godly leaders (Hebrews 13:17).
- Membership offers you the accountability you need to grow as a follower of Christ (Ephesians 5:21).

## CONNECTED

When you become a member of this local body you also become connected to the Church of God of Prophecy—a global body of believers who are united by a common purpose, “reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.” As a part of this global body, you have the opportunity to

- build relationships with other believers in more than 130 countries around the world.
- provide encouragement and support to more than 10,000 ministries on every continent.
- participate in mission service opportunities that allow you to work hand-in-hand with indigenous believers who are compassionately serving lost and needy people.

## BECOMING A MEMBER

The only requirement to become a member of your local church is to be saved, to believe on Jesus as your Savior (Acts 16:30, 31). To prepare you for taking the next step toward church membership your local church invites you to participate in **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**, a five-session course that guides you in building meaningful relationships with other believers and using your unique abilities and spiritual gifts to serve in the ministries of the local church.

The lessons in the **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** course include—

- New Life in Christ
- Why Membership Matters
- Our Local Church
- It's Bigger than We Are
- What Now?

Membership does matter. Make a choice to join your local church. For more information on **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** talk with your pastor and visit [www.iddcogop.org](http://www.iddcogop.org).