REQUIREMENTS FOR WELLSPRING MEMBERSHIP

Like most churches, there is a process and series of requirements that must be met for one to become a member of Wellspring Church. Since church membership is an important privilege and responsibility, we have set up a process at Wellspring which allows adequate time for both prospective members as well as our elders to discern whether or not membership is the best next step.

To become an official member of Wellspring Church, an individual must:

- Attend Wellspring Sunday worship services for six consecutive months.¹
- Attend a Discover Wellspring Membership Class within the last year.²
- Complete and submit the Membership Information Form to the church office or connect@wellspringcc.org.
- Read the Membership Covenant carefully. Copies will be available to sign at your elder interview.
- Interview with two elders.³ Depending upon the circumstances, it is possible that a follow-up meeting with the elders will be requested.
- Receive approval from the two elders the prospective member interviewed with.

After one is approved by the elders, he or she is officially recognized via email as a new member of Wellspring Church, beginning on the date of elder approval. He or she can expect to be recognized on an upcoming Sunday morning worship service. We hold new member recognition times during Sunday morning worship services at least bi-annually.

¹ Those who are watching Wellspring Sunday worship services virtually and desire membership must meet with a pastor to discuss their desire for membership and planned involvement with Wellspring. These individuals must at least be attending in person onsite for a minimum of two months. That is, four months of virtual attendance can be counted toward the six month requirement.

² An individual <u>does not</u> have to attend consecutively for six months *before* attending Discover Wellspring. They may attend at any time.

³ Unless extenuating circumstances require otherwise, we do not allow for membership interviews to take place until after an individual has both attended Discover Wellspring and submitted the Membership Information Form.