

The Living Hope Church Student Membership

Perhaps you have resonated with Living Hope Church and its commitment to passionate worship, relevant teaching, authentic community, and dynamic partnership. Perhaps you have discovered Living Hope Church to be a church home while away from home. Perhaps you are looking to develop a deeper relationship with Christ and his Church. If one or more of those is the case, you may want to consider “Student Membership.”

“Student Membership” is one of three forms of membership practiced by Living Hope Church. We refer to the other two as “In Fellowship” and “In Covenant.” While different, each membership form affirms God’s expectations for authentic community as a congregation. God’s Word encourages every follower of Jesus to:

Participate in a congregation’s weekly gathering (Hebrews 10:25),
Prioritize its fellowship (Acts 2:42-47),
Provide or volunteer for its ministries (I Peter 4:8,10),
Practice personal, planned and proportionate giving (I Cor 16:2),
Protect its unity (Eph 4:3,29),
Promote its life by matching one’s walk and talk (Eph 4:1), and
Pray for the Lord’s unimaginable blessing upon one’s congregation (Eph 3:20-21).

For college students, those biblical expectations are fulfilled within the context of a student’s involvement with both a college community and home church. We understand, for example, that a student will have the opportunity to gather, from time to time, with other Christian congregations in the community. We understand, moreover, that a student will not have as much free time or income to contribute to the ministry of Living Hope Church.

Still, we affirm the importance of affiliation with a local congregation while in college. Many have testified that such a relationship has been a source of significant spiritual growth during their years in college. In addition, Student Membership includes several practical benefits:

- Student Members retain membership in their home church while in fellowship with Living Hope Church.
- Student Members receive the prayer and personal support of this congregation and its ministry team while temporarily residing in the community.

- Student Members are plugged into the “Members Only” flow of information.
- Student Members receive opportunities to grow through participation in the ministry of the congregation.

If you would like to apply for student membership, please print the next page, fill it out, and return to Dan Lugo or Lauren Anders. The Pastors will review your application. Shortly thereafter, you will be welcomed during a Sunday morning weekly gathering. In addition, we will joyfully inform your home congregation of your active participation with Living Hope Church.

Grace and peace to you! May the Lord continue to bless you as you follow God’s call (your vocation) to be a college student.

Pastor Sam Hamstra, Jr.

Application for Student Membership

Student Members are those believers temporarily residing in the ministry area of Living Hope Church while attending a local college or university. They become temporary members of the congregation without ceasing to be members of their home congregations. Membership is granted per academic year and is renewable.

I, _____ hereby apply for student membership. I am a student at _____.

My home church is _____.

It is located in _____ (city), _____ (state).

My cell phone number is _____.

My email address is _____.

My birthday is _____.