

PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING COMMUNICANT CHURCH MEMBERS

4.5 Applicants received by a profession of faith into church membership shall be examined by the Session in private with regard to a knowledge of their spiritual need, their faith in Jesus Christ, and their intention to be obedient to Him.

A. The applicants shall give assent to the following or equivalent questions, by which they enter a solemn covenant with God and His Church:

(1) Do you confess that you are a sinner in the sight of God; that you deserve His punishment; that you are unable to save yourself; and that you are without hope of salvation except for God's love and mercy?

(2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation?

(3) Do you accept the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God; and

that it is the only perfect rule of faith and how to live?

(4) Do you promise to trust in the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit so that you can live all of life as a Christian, following the example set by Jesus Christ?

(5) Do you promise to exercise faithful stewardship of God's resources entrusted to you for the furtherance of God's Kingdom and purposes?

(6) Do you accept that the doctrines and principles of the Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church are founded upon the Scriptures?

(7) In loving obedience, do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this congregation as long as you are a member of it?

- B. Upon affirmative action by the Session, applicants shall then be received into communicant membership. The Session shall not impose additional conditions for membership.
- C. The Session shall enter into its record all pertinent information, including the names of minor or dependent children.
- D. Applicants who have not been baptized previously shall become communicant members and receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism shall be administered in