



## DECORAH COVENANT CHURCH

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

### CONVERSION

Personal conversion to Christ is a requirement for membership in an Evangelical Covenant Church. (See related passages from Decorah Covenant Church Constitution and Bylaws on reverse side) To be converted is to know you have committed your life to Jesus Christ, trusting in him solely for forgiveness of your sins (Acts 3:19). Some Christians are able to trace their conversion to a point in time. Others testify that commitment to Christ occurred over a period of time. What is essential is to know that you have committed your life to Jesus Christ.

In which period of your life did your conversion to Christ occur?

☐ Child (0-12)

☐ Youth (13-18)

☐ Adult

If you are not sure you are converted, do you desire to commit your life to Christ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### PERSONAL TESTIMONY

In the following space, give a brief statement concerning your relationship to Jesus Christ. Include in it a brief description of how you were converted to Christ and what Jesus Christ means to you today.

### BAPTISM

Baptism is also a requirement for membership in an Evangelical Covenant church. We affirm the validity of infant, child, or adult baptism. Both sprinkling and immersion are practiced. We recognize baptisms performed in other Christian churches.

When were you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

### MARRIAGE/FAMILY

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names & Birthdates

## CHURCH BACKGROUND

Are you presently a member of another church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what is the name and location (city/state or province) of the church? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please request a letter of transfer from your previous church.*

How have you served in previous churches? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you envision serving in Decorah Covenant Church? \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFESSION OF FAITH/PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

- Do you believe the Bible to be the word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you intend to live a life that is morally and ethically consistent with the example and teachings of Jesus Christ? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you promise to devote yourself to the task of growing spiritually? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you promise to regularly worship in this church? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you intend to live among God's faithful people, to hear his word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you promise to give your time, talents and treasure for the work of the gospel as carried on by this church and the denomination to which it belongs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Acknowledging my commitment to Jesus Christ, & recognizing my need of fellowship & opportunities for service, I hereby make application for membership in the Decorah Covenant Church of Decorah, Iowa.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Related passages from the Decorah Covenant Church Constitution:

### Article V: **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership in this church is granted as provided in the Bylaws to those who through faith in God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, have been born anew to a living hope through the Holy Spirit, have been baptized according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to live a Christian life, promise to faithfully support the mission, ministries, and policies of this church, and to share in its fellowship and obligations.

From the Decorah Covenant Church Bylaws

### Article I: **MEMBERSHIP:**

#### **Section 1. *Becoming a Member***

a) Application for membership. A written application for membership shall be placed with a pastor or with any member of the Leadership Team. Applicants shall complete an inquirer's orientation to the church, after which they shall appear before the Leadership Team or its designees to give confession of their Christian faith, according to Article V of the Constitution. When the applications have been reviewed and applicants' testimonies favorably received, they shall be recommended at the next congregational business meeting for acceptance into membership.

b) Transfer of Membership. Applicants from other Christian churches shall submit with their written applications for membership letters of transfer when available or make a request to the pastor that such be sought. Action then continues according to the requirements of paragraph a) of this section.

c) Reception of New Members. Applicants who are voted into membership of the church shall be welcomed at a regularly scheduled worship service and make public confession of their Christian faith, as outlined in The Covenant Book of Worship.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Application received on \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of transfer received from \_\_\_\_\_ Church  
of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Membership recommended by the council on \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation approved by the congregation on \_\_\_\_\_

Received into membership on \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_