

Baptism and Membership



How Can We Help You?

Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ]

We recognize your time is valuable and your queries are important to you as they are to us. Therefore, to save your time and to help us serve you well, would you please take a moment to review our FAQ section before contacting us? The chances are good that you will see your question addressed here. Otherwise, do send us your question via email to Ms Yeo Hwee Lan (hweelan.yeo@ccmc.org.sg).

Baptism at CCMC

Q1 What is baptism?

A1 Water is used in this Christian rite to symbolically proclaim the person's belief in Jesus Christ as his/her personal Saviour and Lord and his/her new birth as a Christian. By baptism, the person is publicly united with Christians everywhere.

Q2 Why must I be baptised?

A2 In baptism, we follow after Christ's example and obey His command to do so.

Q3 What must I do before I can be baptised?

A3 To be baptised, you should have received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour.

Q4 I was baptised as a Catholic. Do I have to be baptised again?

A4 Baptism can be received only once; any Christian baptism carried out in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is recognized. No re-baptism is necessary.

Q5 What modes of baptism does CCMC offer?

A5 We practice baptism by sprinkling or pouring or immersion.

Q6 I was baptised as a child but along life's journey, I had deviated from my faith. I have come back to the Lord now. Can I be baptised again?

A6 In the Methodist church we do not re-baptise a person. However, we can help you make a public reaffirmation of your faith.

Infant/Child Baptism at CCMC

Q1 What are the criteria for Infant/Child baptism?

A1 At least 1 parent must be a practising Christian and a member of CCMC and committed to raise the child according to the Christian faith.

Q2 Do children and youths have to attend baptism classes?

A2 Those below 16 years old need not attend classes. Both parents however, have to attend a briefing by the pastor. Parental consent is required for youths below 16 years.

Q3 How can I help my child prepare for baptism? Does CCMC have any guide or study programme to prepare them?

A3 For those below 16, it is the parent's responsibility to guide them in the faith. The parents will be briefed by the pastor. We do not have a study programme to prepare children for baptism.

Membership at CCMC

Q1 Why should I take up membership in a church?

A1 The Christian life is a lifelong process of growth in Christ. Church Membership is our commitment to be part of a local church community where we journey with others in seeking and serving God as disciples.

Q2 Can church membership at CCMC help my child secure a place in MGS or other Methodist School?

A2 Much as we also desire for your child to be enrolled in MGS or any of our Methodist Schools, church membership in CCMC unfortunately does not automatically secure a place for your child. It will only qualify her for Phase 2B of the Primary school registration exercise.

Q3 What are my obligations to the church as a member?

A3 Our membership vows include our commitment to the church through our prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Q4 Do I automatically become a member of the church upon my baptism?

A4 No, you have to apply to be received into membership.

Q5 Can I be baptized but not take up church membership?

A5 Baptism is open to all individuals. Unless there are important reasons, all above 16 are encouraged to follow through their baptism with a membership commitment, receiving the ritual of Confirmation.

Q6 Is there a minimum age criterion for membership?

A6 Membership can be taken up on reaching 16 years of age.

Q7 How long must I be attending CCMC before I can apply to be a member?

A7 To apply for membership, you should have been attending our Sunday services regularly and actively participating in a Growth Group for at least **six months**.

Q8 How are you going to verify if I have attended CCMC for 6 months already?

A8 We will base this upon the honest declaration of the individual and verification from the Growth Group leader.

Q9 If I have fulfilled all membership requirements but due to an unforeseen circumstance, I could not be present on the membership reception day would I still be recorded as a member of the church?

A9 We will receive you into membership on the next membership reception day. As reception is into the community of believers, it should not take place on an individual basis.

Others

Q1 Will there be certificates for my baptism and/or membership?

A1 Certificates of Baptism and of Church Membership will be issued as tangible acknowledgement from the church of these significant milestones in your spiritual journey and of your commitment to Christian living.

Q2 How are the Baptism and Membership Certificates useful?

A2 The Baptism certificate is a valid legal document for purpose of name change (inclusion of Christian name for IC) and as a record of your declaration of faith. The Membership certificate is used in the event of official requirements, e.g. membership transfer, application for full-time ministry, etc.

Q3 I have lost my baptism certificate. What must I do to satisfy your request for a copy of same?

A3 A statement from your previous church confirming that you had undergone baptism there or held a membership with them before would suffice; failing which, please write in officially to CCMC to inform us that you have exhausted all means of obtaining documentary proof of your baptism.

Q4 If I missed some classes, is there make-up classes before the baptism or/and reception date?

A4 For any class missed, you will have to make-up the classes at the next subsequent run of the BAM course and then be baptized or/and received into membership at the subsequent reception.