

FAQs for Membership in TPMC from 2025

Q1. What are the requirements for membership into TPMC?

- Aged 16 years and above by the date of the Membership Reception Service.
- Baptised believer
- Worshipping in TPMC for at least 6 months.
- Actively serving in a ministry in TPMC for at least 1 year with sponsorship from your ministry leader.
- Active member of a Connect Group in TPMC for at least 1 year with sponsorship from your Connect Group Leader.
- Completed registration form and all required documents.
- Completed all sessions of Step Up Course, the SHAPE Course, and the Retreat.
- Attendance at the Membership Reception Service.

Q2. Why it is a requirement to be in a Connect Group as a prerequisite for membership?

- Discipleship and accountability through a small Christian community is part of the Methodist heritage. John Wesley emphasised that small groups (known as Class Meetings back then) were essential to facilitate enduring faith and spiritual growth. Therefore, to be a Methodist, is to be part of a Connect Group.
- Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35) It is in Connect Groups that we can exercise love for one another in authentic Christian relationships.
- It is by being in a Connect Group and serving one another that we as members of TPMC live out the vision of Encounter to Love.

Q3. Why is it a requirement to serve in a ministry as a prerequisite for membership?

- Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) As disciples of Christ, we serve because Christ first came to serve, and we are compelled by His love and example to do the same.
- Paul exhorted Christians and us today, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13) Therefore, serving one another is a way we exercise love for one another as the Body of Christ.
- It is by being in a Connect Group and serving one another that we as members of TPMC live out the vision of Encounter to Love.



Q4. What if I'm a member of another Methodist church in Singapore and would like to transfer membership to TPMC?

- The requirements listed in Q1 are applicable to you. However, you would only need to attend the last class of Step Up. You will still need to attend Module 2 (SHAPE) and Module 3 (Retreat) for successful membership.
- Once you have completed the requirements for membership, inform your church of your intention to transfer membership. Transfer of membership will be processed upon receipt of the Certificate of Transfer from your church.

Q5. What if I'm a member of another church (non-Methodist) and would like to transfer my membership to TPMC?

 The requirements listed in Q1 are applicable to you. Once you have completed the requirements for membership, inform your church, in writing, of your intention to transfer membership, with a duplicate of the letter/email submitted to TPMC.

Q5. What if I am unable to join a Connect Group or Serve to fulfil the prerequisite?

• Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis by the pastor-in-charge in TPMC.

Q6. Where can I obtain the relevant application forms?

- Registration is via an online form from the link provided above during the application period. Hardcopy forms (for seniors if needed) can be obtained from our Information Counter on Sundays after services.
- We will announce the application period during the Family News in services.