

How To Become a Member

The process for becoming a member of All Saints Episcopal Church depends on a person's individual circumstances. It is actually not very difficult. The following is a description of how to become a member of this church and the different levels of membership established by the canons (church laws) of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Louisiana.

Persons who have never received the sacrament of baptism will first need to schedule a baptism with the Priest in Charge. For an explanation of baptism, click [Baptism at All Saints](#).

Persons who have already received the sacrament of baptism can become members of All Saints Episcopal Church in one of two ways. If they have previously been members of another Episcopal Church, they should request that their prior church initiate a transfer of membership to All Saints. The Priest in Charge can assist with this if necessary. If they have not previously been a member of another Episcopal Church they can simply fill out a short form and request that the date and place of their baptism be recorded in the Church Register. Simple as that. Baptisms done with water in the Name of the Trinity in any Christian denomination are recognized and not repeated in the Episcopal Church.

Once a member, a person remains a member until they die or transfer. Their status may be changed to inactive if and when they no longer attend church, but they remain a member nonetheless.

Adult members are members 16 years of age and over. It is expected that all adult members, after appropriate instruction, will eventually make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism, and will be confirmed or received by a bishop of the church. The Priest in Charge will arrange for instruction and schedule confirmations and receptions with a bishop. This will usually occur at the time of our diocesan bishop's visitation to All Saints. For a detailed explanation of confirmation and reception, click [Confirmation at All Saints](#).

Communicants are members of the church who have received Holy Communion at least 3 times in the preceding calendar year.

Communicants in good standing are communicants of the church who are faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

Qualified voters at an annual meeting of the Mission are communicants in good standing, at least 16 years of age, who have been contributors of record toward the operating budget of the Mission during the six months preceding the meeting.

A member is eligible to serve on the Mission Committee, the governing body of the church, if they are a confirmed communicant in good standing at least 18 years of age and are entitled to vote at the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Now that you know everything about how to become a member of the church, click [Why You Should Want to be a Member](#) and fully participate in the fellowship of the church.