

# Becoming a Member of St. Paul's

**We are very happy that you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. To become a member, please complete this form and return it to the church office, 661 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 259-3013.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Head(s) of Household First and Last Names \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you would like to be listed in the Parish Directory: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the chart below for each member of your household who will be a member of the church.

First Name	Date of Birth mm/dd/yy*	M/F	Baptised Denomination, When & Where (Church, City, ST)	Confirmed Denomination, When & Where (Church, City, ST)

*\* Be sure to include year as our computer cannot take dates without year.*

1. If you are coming to St. Paul's from another church, please give the name and address of that church:

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1a. If you were a member of that church, do you want your membership to be officially transferred to St. Paul's? Yes / No

1b. If you or a member of your household has never been baptised or confirmed, would you like to receive information about those sacraments? Yes / No If yes, which sacrament(s) and for whom?

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1c. If you are transferring from another denomination, would you like to receive information about being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Yes /No If yes, for whom?

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2. Christians who receive communion regularly at St. Paul's and have their baptism recorded here are *members* of the parish. *Voting members* are those who further honor their Christian duty to be faithful stewards of their God-given resources by making identifiable financial contributions to the parish and by working for the spread of the Gospel of Christ. Voting members may vote in parish business meetings and hold office in the parish.

Knowing that everyone is truly blessed with gifts from God, and knowing from our own experience what a blessing it is to give back to God a portion of what God has given us, once a year we invite all members to make a non-binding financial pledge to St. Paul's. Often, new members ask for a guideline, and we invite you to begin your giving at 2% of your annual household income. Of course, not every household can afford that level, and others may well be able to contribute more, perhaps up to or even beyond the Biblical standard of 10%. Every contribution will be gratefully received and wisely used to further St. Paul's mission, to show forth Jesus Christ. We invite you to return the pledge card with this new member form.

3. Another way of sharing the Gospel of Christ is by participating in parish activities. We know from experience that newer members feel a deeper sense of belonging in the church by getting involved. Please take a few minutes to look over the accompanying "Avenues to Ministry at St. Paul's" and either return that form or indicate below any church activities that you are interested in learning more about. Please note which person is interested in which activity.

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4. If applicable, please provide us with your Wedding Anniversary date including year: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please let us know if you are homebound or having difficulty getting around. Yes / No

6. Please indicate any special skill, interest, or hobbies that you or anyone in your household may have. Be sure to note which individual.

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7. Please list any special need(s) that you or any member of your household may have that St. Paul's could address (e.g. snow shoveling, companionship, mentor).

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8. Please note interests you have that St. Paul's might help you pursue (e.g. Bible study, spiritual direction, support and fellowship groups). \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What are the occupations of members of your household:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Other information you would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

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***We are delighted that you are joining St. Paul's Episcopal Church.  
We look forward to continuing our Christian journey together. God bless and keep you.***