



**Baptism &  
Membership  
Course  
2010**

## Baptism

Baptism is the sacrament of initiation into the body of Christ, the Church, which joins the new member with Christians everywhere.

Under the guidance of the church, candidates carefully consider their motives for baptism and their willingness to accept the responsibilities of Christian life.

Under the guidance of disciplers/sponsors, candidates participate regularly in the life of the church, attend worship services, study the Bible and learn to follow Christ's teachings in daily life.

## Membership

When persons unite with a local Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son; and in the Holy Spirit. Thus, they make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are part of the order of confirmation and reception into the Church.

1. To confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and pledge their allegiance to his kingdom.
2. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.
3. To promise according to the grace given them to live a Christian life and always remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church,
4. And to be loyal to The Methodist Church and uphold it by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, and their service.

Criteria (refer to Requirements shown on back page)

Participants must have been attending Trinity Methodist Church for the past six months, and be 16 years of age and above.

Course includes :

- Class sessions
- Reading of various materials
- 1-to-1 sessions with various Disciplers
- Attend Small Group sessions
- Interviews

Programme Schedule

7 Mar - 18 Apr	Interviews & Meetings with Disciplers
25 Apr, 2-4 pm	Baptism Class # 1 - Our New Life in Christ
2 May, 2-4 pm	Baptism Class # 2 - The Bible
9 May, 2-4 pm	Baptism Class # 3 - Worship & Holy Communion
16 May, 2-4 pm	Baptism Class # 4 - Baptism
<b>22 May</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
23 May, 2-4 pm	Membership Class # 1 - The Holy Trinity
30 May, 2-4 pm	Membership Class # 2 - Church History & Methodism
6 Jun, 2-4 pm	Membership Class # 3 - Structure of The Methodist Church in Singapore & TMC
13 Jun, 2-4 pm	Membership Class # 4 - Small Groups, Accountability & Spiritual Gifts
<b>4 Jul</b>	<b>Reception of New Members during Church Services</b>

### Requirements for Baptism

- ✝ A profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour
- ✝ Complete the Baptism Course as follows :
  - ◆ Personal Reading
  - ◆ 8 meetings with Discipler
  - ◆ 4 small group sessions
  - ◆ 4 Baptism Classes
  - ◆ 2 Interviews with Pastor

### Requirements for Membership

- ✝ Candidate must be at least 16 years old upon completion
- ✝ Already baptised
- ✝ Have been worshipping at TMC regularly for at least six months
- ✝ Complete the Membership Course as follows :
  - ◆ 4 small group sessions
  - ◆ 4 Membership Classes
  - ◆ Meet with Sponsor
  - ◆ At least 2 interviews with Pastor

### Requirements for Transfer of Membership

- ✝ **From Non-Methodist Churches :**
  - ◆ Obtain a Letter of Transfer, confirming baptism & membership, and with blessings from the previous church to effect the transfer
  - ◆ Attend Baptism Class # 3 (Baptism) & # 4 (Worship & Holy Communion)
  - ◆ Fulfil all the requirements for Membership as stated above
- ✝ **From Methodist Churches :**
  - ◆ Obtain a Letter of Transfer, confirming baptism & membership, and with blessings from the previous church to effect the transfer
  - ◆ Attend Membership Class # 4 (Small Groups, Accountability & Spiritual Gifts)
  - ◆ Meet with Sponsor
  - ◆ 1 interview with Pastor