

# Locust Grove Mennonite Church

## Membership Understandings

### **Theological Statements**

The Locust Grove Mennonite Church is a member congregation of the Conservative Mennonite Conference. Our church's theological understandings are expressed in the *Conservative Mennonite Statement of Theology* and our understanding of how to live the Christian life is expressed in the *Conservative Mennonite Statement of Practice*.

These two statements reflect the teaching positions of this congregation and serve as theological points of accountability for all pastors with credentials in our conference. However, individual attendees and members of our church family share differing views on how to apply the teachings of the Bible in their own lives. New members are asked to respect the statements and the members who hold to them even though they may not agree with them in every detail.

### **Membership Commitment**

The membership covenant listed below describes a quality of relationship between members of this church family. It is not a promise made to God, but the expression of the goal for relationships between members.

“I promise to accept the fellowship and discipline of this body of believers, to share open and loving relationships with other members, to be open to give and to receive counsel with them, to respect and support the leaders, and to use my gifts and abilities to serve others in this church family.”

### **Membership Qualifications**

People may become a member of this congregation if they have confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, have been baptized as a meaningful expression of their own faith in Jesus, and are willing to affirm their membership commitment to the congregation.

### **Becoming a Member**

Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to share that desire with a pastor or elder. Many people choose to become a member when they are baptized. Others who were baptized before beginning to attend Locust Grove are invited to affirm their membership commitment with the congregation during a morning worship service. If they previously have been a member of another congregation they are encouraged to contact the pastor or lay leader of that church to request a letter of transfer of membership.