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Application for Membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches:

General Instructions: Fill out this application form and send it with your membership fee to the FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, P.O. Box 384, WINONA LAKE, IN 46590. The deadline for application is January 1st in order to be considered in the following annual conference. If you wish to request an extension of this deadline, include a letter of reference from a cooperating district missions board, a sponsoring church that is already a member of the FGBC, or Grace Brethren Missions.

Official Name of Church
Elk Creek Church

Church Mailing Address
P.O. Box 236

City	State	Zip
West Grove	PA	19390

Phone	Email
484-667-4111	info@elkcreekonline.com

Meeting Place	Web Site
122 East Ruddy Duck Circle, Oxford, PA 19363	

Pastor or principle leader
Mike Silliman

Address
122 East Ruddy Duck Circle

City	State	Zip
Oxford	PA	19363

Phone	Email
610-383-0184	mike@elkcreekonline.com

Has your church joined a cooperating district? If so, which one and when?

The application was filled out to join the North Atlantic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and will be reviewed at the next annual District Conference.

Please review the Constitution and Manual of Procedure for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Note carefully ARTICLE III and ARTICLE IV of the Constitution and ARTICLE I of the Manual of Procedure that deal with the membership requirements new FGBC churches are to meet.

How did your local church take official action to subscribe to the Covenant and Statement of Faith as found in Article III of the Constitution of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc.?

Our church is in the process of filing articles of incorporation with an attorney. Our founding documents contain the Statement of Faith as found in Articles III of the constitution of the FGBC. In addition to this, our affiliation with FGBC as well as FGBC along with the statement of faith will be explained in detail in our membership classes. Our church desires to play an active role in the NAF of GBC.

List the present responsible officers (or leaders) of the congregation with titles:

Mike Silliman – Pastor/President
Vice President – TBD
Monica Frank – Secretary/Treasurer

How will you identify your affiliation with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches? (ie: on a church sign, letterhead, church bulletin, etc).

Our affiliation with the FGBC will be listed under the "Who We Are" section of our website. Our affiliation with FGBC will also be identified on our printed material explaining information about our church. Our affiliation will also be explained in detail during our membership classes.

Describe your practice of Triune Immersion and the Threefold Communion Service.

Our church firmly holds to these two vital ordinances and teaches the importance of each ordinance. We regularly schedule both Triune Immersion Baptism as well as Threefold Communion Services. The Triune Immersion consists of immersing the believer in the water three separate times and in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as found in Matthew 28:19. Our practice of the three fold communion service consists of foot washing, a love feast, and the bread and the cup representing the past, present, and future elements of our salvation.

To the best of your knowledge, does your church or any leadership of your church have unresolved problems with another Grace Brethren church, leader, district or cooperating organization? If so, who can we contact for clarification?

There are no unresolved problems with another GBC, leader, district, or cooperating organization to my knowledge.

In seeking membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, does your church recognize the obligation of mutual encouragement and cooperation with other congregations and agree to fulfill the membership requirements as stated in the Constitution and Manual of Procedure?

We look forward to cooperating with and encouraging our fellow congregations. We agree to fulfill all of the membership requirements as set forth in the Constitution and Manual of Procedure.

How many people are presently members of this church? ____8____

A check payable to FGBC for \$5.50 per member for the current year membership fee should be included with this application.

Attach or give a brief history or testimony about your churches ministry, including pictures of the church or church leadership that we can use to introduce your church to the FGBC family.

Elk Creek Church is a church planting effort in Southern Chester County, PA. My wife and I moved to Oxford, PA in April of 2006 and began developing relationships with people in the community. Our launch team consists of four couples that have joined us from our sponsoring church, Gateway Grace in Coatesville, PA. The vision of Elk Creek Church is to be a catalyst for life change, in an ever-changing world, with the unchanging message of Jesus Christ! We desire to be an outward focused church making a radical difference in Christ's name all across Southern Chester County by meeting basic needs through acts of kindness, love and mercy. My wife and I were officially commissioned on August 1st of 2006 to missionary service by the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in cooperation with GBNAM.

Thank you for your consideration of our membership into the FGBC. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to serve the Lord together and see many people come to Christ. If you should require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 610-383-0184.

Mike Silliman

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