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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 and send a file copy as an attachment to tomavey@fgbc.org. 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

Grasslands Church

Church Mailing Address

#151 – 97 Carry Drive SE

City

Medicine Hat

State

Alberta

Zip

T1B 3M6

Phone

403-487-4784

Email

info@grasslandschurch.com

Meeting Place

Galaxy Cinemas Medicine Hat

Web Site

grasslandschurch.com

Pastor or principle leader

Oliver Edwards

Address

52 Somerset Street SE

City

Medicine Hat

State

AB

Zip

T1B 0H4

Phone

403-487-1913

Email

oliver@grasslandschurch.com

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

Northwest District, November 2011

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.?

We have made it clear through our public communications (weekly Sunday bulletins) that we are affiliated with the FGBC and our website hosts the complete Statement of Faith as it is written on fgbc.org.

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

Oliver Edwards – Lead Pastor

Bart Blair – Associate Pastor

Russell Greenhow – Director of Children's Ministries

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

As mentioned above under how we have made clear we subscribe to the Statement of Faith, we clearly display FGBC affiliation on the back of every bulletin as well as stating it clearly on our church website.

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

Triune immersion includes the baptism of the believer with three immersions in one baptism. The person proceeds into the water and the baptizer then guides them through immersion in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit upon confession of faith.

Threefold communion is practiced twice annually as a church – once in the early Fall (late August/early September) and before Easter. It is also practiced monthly in the community group setting. The community group hosts a meal, then proceeds to share the bread and cup during the meal and before the meal is over, retires to separate rooms for men and women where they pair up and wash each other's feet.

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?

No.

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?

It is one of the greatest reasons for our membership. We celebrate the cooperation, encouragement and participation as a shared family of faith.

How many people are presently members of this church? _13_____

A check payable to FGBC based on the chart below for the current year membership fee should be included with this application. Use your church's average attendance multiplied by \$3.90

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

We were part of the leadership team at Community of Hope Church in Surrey BC, when God began calling us to plant a new church in Alberta. After moving out here, we were blessed to have teams from many different churches from around the FGBC travel to Medicine Hat to help us touch the community with God's love. We began outreach in February of 2011 and saw a family on the brink of divorce restored and the husband come to saving faith in Jesus before summer. We planted Grasslands Church on September 11, 2011 with 13 adults and 14 children on the launch team. Our launch was attended by 173 people at the Medicine Hat Galaxy Cineplex. Since that time we have solidified into a solid 70-80 weekly attenders. We held our first membership class October 23, attended by 25 adults, and held our first baptism service on October 30 for 5 people. With the number of people attending who are seeking to know the Lord, we expect to have more baptisms shortly after Christmas!