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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	Village Community Church 75 Nipissing Road, Box 51075	
Church Mailing Address		
City Milton	State ON Canada	Zip L9T 1R3
Phone 905-876-4762	Email info@villagechurch.ca	
Meeting Place Galaxy Cinemas, Milton, ON	Web Site www.villagechurch.ca	
Pastor or principle leader	Rob Stanley	
Address	146 Panton Trail	
City Milton	State ON Canada	Zip L9T 6K2
Phone 905-876-1495	Email <u>rob@villagechurch.ca</u>	

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

Northeastern Ohio

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 adopted it when we were launched under Grace Brethren Canada and was built into our by-laws when we incorporated.

List the present responsible officers (or leaders) of the congregation with titles:
Rob Stanley, Lead Pastor
Mat Fugere, Associate Pastor
Gerald Tarcisius, Church Planter/Associate Pastor
Mitch VanRassel, Elder and President
Carlos Verdugo, Elder and Vice-President
Ted Adomanis, Elder and 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 connection to the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches is covered in our new comers' orientation class as well as spoken from the pulpit from time to time when we talk about church planting efforts in Canada. We also occasionally show our affiliation in our bulletin.

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

All of our baptisms are triune immersion. To support this, the pastoral leaders were re-baptized triune immersion before the launch of our church. We have not yet held a threefold communion service due to cultural reasons, however, our partners are allowed to practice foot washing in their house churches if they chose to do so.

To the best or 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? We have no unresolved problems with another Grace Brethren church.

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?

Yes.

How many people are presently members of this church? _______ (120 x 3.90 = \$468.00 USD)

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

A USD cheque will be mailed with the paper version of 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.

Our church was initially launched as Real Life Church in Mississauga, ON as a church-plant of Grace Community Church. After struggling for three years with no growth and never exceeding 50 people, a core group of 19 people committed to re-launching the church in the growing town of Milton, ON about 20 kms west of the current location. This meant many families sold their homes and moved into Milton. The church was launched 9 months later and had 353 people attend the Sunday launch of Village Community Church. Today, our church's average attendance is 120 with 71 committed partners. We became financially independent in 2009 and incorporated as a separate church from Grace Brethren Canada. Some pictures are attached to the email of this application. More are available upon request.



Matt Fugere and Carlos Verdugo



Rob Stanley and Family



Gerald Tarcisius and Mitch Van Rassel



Ted Adomanis