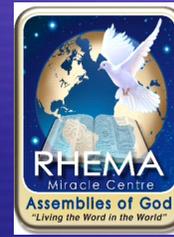


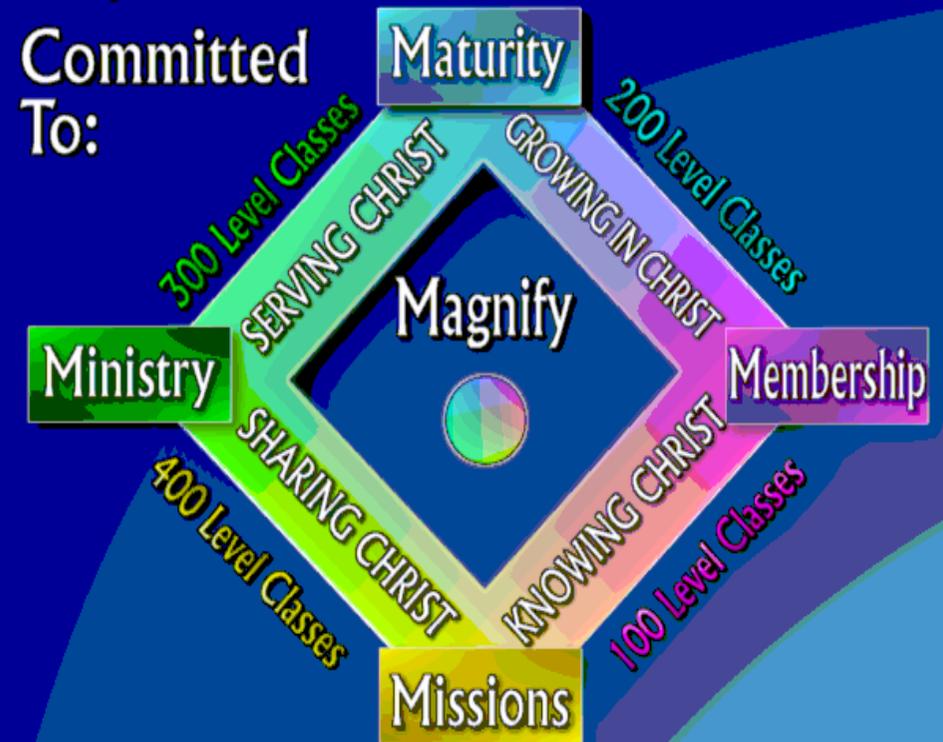
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Membership Covenant Course

This course is the basic introduction to our church family.
It is designed to explain our mission and vision.

Basic Principles

"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens (family) with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord..." - Eph. 2:19-21

Introduction

Everyone who attends RMC-AOG for more than three months and is regular (weekly) and considers it to be their home church is regarded as a member of the local church. They are then welcome to share in the life of the fellowship and its decision making processes. Every member is entitled to the benefit and support of the fellowship and its ministry.

They are however encouraged to sign up for membership in the ministry, support and promote its vision in a public way by completing this course on membership. We are delighted you have decided to take this course and are considering the membership status.

You are welcome and I pray God's blessings upon you through!

1. Key Truths

1. The church is a _____
2. God expects you to be _____ of a church family
3. A Christian without a church family is _____

2. The goal of this class

That I will commit myself to _____,

and to the _____

3. What makes this Church a family?

These four aspects unite us:

Our Salvation (What God has done for us)

Our Statements (Why we exist as a church)

Our Strategy (Vision)

Our Structure (When and how we fulfil our vision)

IV. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

...By attending faithfully

...By living a Godly life

...By giving regularly

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25

"Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."
Phil. 1:27

"Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time." 1 Cor. 16:2

From God's dealings with his people it is clear that he had ten percent in mind

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord." Lev. 27:30

Congratulations!

**You have completed our membership covenant
Now consider Maturity Covenant Course**

II. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

...By praying for its growth.

...By inviting the unchurched to attend.

...By warmly welcoming those who visit.

"Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers" 1 Thess. 1:2

"Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.'" Luke 14:23

"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God." Rom. 15:7

III. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

...By discovering my gifts and talents.

...By being equipped to serve by my pastors and leaders.

...By developing a servant's heart.

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" Eph 4:11-12

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:" Philip 2:4-5

Seminar Outline

SESSION ONE: Our Salvation

What does it mean to be a Christian?
The symbols of Baptism & Communion

SESSION TWO: Our Statements

Our faith statement
Our purpose statement
Our mission statement
Key principle statements
Our core values

SESSION THREE: Our Strategy

The RMC-AoG Story
Who are the Assemblies of God?
Affiliated organisations
Who are we trying to reach?

SESSION FOUR: Our Structure

How our Church is structured?
What it means to be a member?
Membership Agreement

Session One: Our Salvation

“For you are all sons (children) of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one (family) in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:26-28

3. What is expected of me?

Commit to the RMC Membership Agreement

“I confirm that I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and have been baptized in water and the Holy Spirit. (or I am willing to be), I am in agreement with the RMC-AoG Statements, Strategy and Structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the RMC-AoG family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

i. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

...By refusing to gossip.

...By following the leaders.

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”
Rom. 12:16

“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,.”
Rom 15:5

“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,”
1 Peter 1:22

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...”
Eph. 4:29

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.”
Heb. 13:17

2. What it means to be a member

The difference between “*attendees*” and “*members*” can be summed up in one word: _____

At RMC-AoG we recognise the need for a spiritual oversight. We ask you to commit to membership for four reasons:

a. A BIBLICAL REASON: CHRIST IS COMMITTED TO THE CHURCH

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.” *Eph. 5:25*

b. A CULTURAL REASON: IT IS AN ANTIDOTE TO OUR SOCIETY

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage...our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of church shoppers and hoppers”. Membership swims against the current of our “consumer religion.” Commitment always builds character.

c. A PRACTICAL REASON: IT DEFINES WHO CAN BE COUNTED ON

Every team must have a roster. Every school: an enrollment. Every business: a payroll. Every army: an enlistment. Even our country takes census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

d. A PERSONAL REASON: IT PRODUCES SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you're not committed to any specific church family.

What it means to be a member

We never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect them to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do.

We ask a simple question

**“If every member was just like me
What kind of fellowship would our local church be?”**

Salvation

1. What does it mean to be a Christian?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing “WHY?” they exist year after year without any idea of why they exist or of God’s purpose for their lives.

The most basic question a person can ask is, “What is the meaning of life?”

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways:

...Some look for happiness by acquiring possessions.
...Some look for happiness by experiencing pleasure.
...Some look for happiness by gaining prestige & power.

Real happiness comes from understanding my

1. Why am I here?

1. God made me to _____ me.

God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love!” Jer. 31:3

“just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons (children) by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will (purpose).”

Eph. 1:4 - 5

2. We were created to _____ a personal relationship with God and to _____ all the rest of God's creation. This makes us special.

"So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
Gen. 1:27-28

"God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." 1 Tim. 6:17

Jesus said, "...I have come in order that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

1. Why Am I Here?

3. When we know and love God, and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits for us:

Clear Conscience Rom. 8:1

Life & Peace Rom. 8:6

Help with Weakness Rom. 8:26

Purpose Rom. 8:28

Confidence Rom. 8:31

Security Rom. 8:39

Power & Strength Phil. 4:13

Fulfillment Phil. 4:19

Freedom John 8:32,36

OUR STRUCTURE

The people are the _____

The Pastors/Deacons/Leaders are the _____

4. THE CHURCH IS A _____

(Jesus' favorite description of the church.)
John 10:1-30, Matt. 26:31, Matt. 25:33

Therefore, it is cared for and led by _____

"Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"
He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."
John 21:16

"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers...."
1 Pet. 5:1-2

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."
Acts 20:28
See also Titus 1:5-7, 1 Tim. 5:17

2. THE CHURCH IS A _____

“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.”

1 Peter 3: 8 Gal. 6:10, Heb. 2:10-12, 1 Peter 4:17

So we operate on the basis of _____ and _____

“Do not rebuke an older man, but *exhort him* as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity. Honour

True Widows.”

1 Tim. 5:1-2

“(An Elder) must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. If anyone does not know how to manage his family, how can he take care of God’s church?”

1 Tim. 3:4-5

3. THE CHURCH IS A _____

1 Cor. 12:27, Eph. 5:23, Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18, 2:19

We are a body — not a business!

We are an organism, not an organization

Therefore, we function on the basis of _____ and _____

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We each have different gifts according to the grace given us.”

Rom. 12:4-6

“For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...” Eph.4:12

2. What’s the Problem?

Man has a natural desire to be _____ and to ignore God’s principles for living.

“Look out for number One. Do your own thing.”

“If it feels good, do it - regardless of what God says about it.”

“It’s my life and I’ll do what I please!”

The Bible calls this attitude _____.

“We all, are like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way.” Isaiah 53:6

“If we claim that we’re free of sin, we’re only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense.” 1 John 1:8

Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2

“All have sinned and fall short of God’s glorious ideal.” Romans 3:23

When our relationship with God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every part of our lives — Marriage, Career, Relationships, Finances and many other areas.

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY OFTEN TRY MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING BEFORE TURNING TO GOD.

“There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end it leads to death.” Proverbs 16:25

Even when we know that our deepest need is God; we often try the wrong ways of getting to know Him:

“My mother & father are Christian so...”

“It doesn’t matter what you believe, just be sincere.”

“I’ll give up all my bad habits.”

“I’ll work really hard and earn it.”

“I’ll be religious and go to church.”

3. What's the Solution?

Jesus Christ said, "I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me!" John 14:6

God the Father sent His only Son to earth as a man – Jesus Christ – to die for us and bring us back to God. There was and is no other way.

JESUS IS THE WAY!

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN!!

"The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23

God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us". Rom. 5:8

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." 1Tim. 2:5,6

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to accept as individuals the salvation He has provided through the cross.

1. How our Church is structured?

The structure of the local church should not be determined by culture, business practices, or even denominational traditions.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH DETERMINES ITS STRUCTURE.

1. THE CHURCH IS A _____

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42

A top priority in a fellowship is _____

And

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3

"Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another." Rom. 14:19

ANY attitude that causes disunity is sin.

Col. 3:15, 1 Cor. 1:10, 2 Tim. 2:14, Pr. 17:14, 2 Cor. 13:11, Phil. 1:27, 2:1-3, Col. 2:2, Phil. 4:2, 1 Peter 3:8, 1 Cor. 14:33, John 13:34-35, 2 Tim. 2:23, Rom. 15:5-6, Rom. 12:16-18, Col. 3:13-14, Ps. 133:1

IMPLICATION: A GOOD STRUCTURE PROMOTES UNITY AND

DOWNPLAYS _____

Session four: Our Structure

“For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints”
1 Corinthians 14:33

He likes harmony.

4. What does God want me to do?

1. _____ that God has not had first place in your life and ask him to forgive your sins.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every wrong.” 1 John 1:9

2. _____ that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter, and is alive today.

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

3. _____ God’s free gift of Salvation. Don’t try to earn it!

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. “
Ephesians 2:8,9

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

4. _____ Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director.

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
John 1:12-13

“Jesus says, ‘Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with me’ Rev. 3:20

You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God:

“Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I’ve ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I’m sorry for all mine sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian.” Amen.

“For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” Rom. 10:13

Water Baptism

1. Why should I be baptised?

1. To follow the example set by _____

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan.” Mark 1:9

2. Because Christ _____ it.

“Jesus said, ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ‘teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.’ Amen
Matt. 28:19-20

3. It demonstrates that I really am a _____

“...many of the Corinthians who heard Him believed and were baptised.” Acts 18:8

“We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands.”
1 John 2:3

6. The strategy defined



7. The four covenants

- i) The Membership Covenant
- ii) The Maturity Covenant
- iii) The Ministry Covenant
- iv) The Missions Covenant



4. Who are we trying to reach?

We are trying to reach the mix of people from diverse cultural backgrounds that make up our community and the surrounding area.

It is estimated that in the Royal Borough of Greenwich we have over a quarter of a million people speaking about 140 different languages from some 40 different communities. RMC-AoG is situated in Eltham, only eight miles from the centre of London. In recognizing this unique situation God has placed us in, we seek to serve the community in many ways.

5. How are we trying to reach them?

Sunday Celebrations

Every Sunday we meet for lively worship and an opportunity to hear a relevant message from the Bible. We often have visitors and RMC-AoG works hard at making people feel welcomed. The congregation is very mixed in terms of age and cultural background. We also hold an weekday prayer meetings and evening services for refreshments and fellowship with the Lord.

Youth Ministry

At RMC-AoG, we recognize the youth as the strength of the local church and leaders of the community so they are supervised by the resident pastor but have a team of dedicated youth leaders.

Music Ministry

The music ministry is responsible for the praise and worship of the local church.

Children's Ministry

The children in the Church are well catered for on Sunday mornings, in our Sunday School called "Young Adventurers" and "Bible Explorers."

Men & Woman Ministries

There is separate ministry for both Men and Woman in the local church.

Prayer & Counseling

We have a special team of people who are available praying for the church, community and for 'urgent' requests at a moments notice.

Home Cell Fellowship

We have Home Cell Fellowships in the immediate and surrounding area that provide pastoral support and help provide a bridge for the community.

Missions & Evangelism

One form of evangelism we use is to distribute a Christian literature and house-2-house as well as traveling abroad.

2. What is the meaning of Baptism?

1. Baptism illustrates Christ's _____ and resurrection.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." 1 Cor 15:3-4

"Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." Col. 2:12

2. It illustrates my _____ as a Christian

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Cor. 5:17

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4

Baptism doesn't make you a believer — it shows that you already believe.
Baptism does not "save" you; only your faith in Christ does that.
Baptism is like a wedding ring — it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.....it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

3. Why be Baptised by immersion?

1. Because _____ was baptised that way

"As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went up out of the water." Matt 3:16

2. Every baptism in the _____ was by immersion.

"So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

Acts 8:38-39

3. The word "baptise" means to _____ water.
The word best symbolises a burial and resurrection!

4. Who should be Baptised?

Every person who has _____ in Christ.

“Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:41

“Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.” Acts 8:13

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News ...and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women.” Acts 8:12

At RMC-AoG we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptise them.

Some churches practice a *“baptism of confirmation”* for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed. This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible, which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose is to publicly confess your personal commitment to Christ.

At RMC-AoG we strongly recommend that conversion and Baptism happen together. Every member needs to be baptised the way Jesus demonstrated, even though we may have been dedicated as children.

5. When Should I be Baptised?

As soon as _____

“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptised?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him.” Acts 8:35-38

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptised. If you wait until you are “perfect”, you will never feel “good enough”

It also makes it the largest: it is larger than the sum total of the rest of Protestantism combined.

The Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland interacts with other national Assemblies of God and Pentecostal groups worldwide in the same way as it operates internally. Each national group maintains its autonomy and distinctiveness, whilst fostering cooperation in many tasks.

Our aim is to work together in harmony with all Christians everywhere who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and who seek to proclaim the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. We rejoice that within the churches, which once opposed the Pentecostal testimony, many are now enjoying a new freedom in the Spirit.

The consequence of this historical development is that we belong to Assemblies of God for many good and important reasons.

3. Affiliated organizations

Assemblies of God has connections with several groups, a few of them are:

1. World Assemblies of God Fellowship

This is the Fellowship of AoG worldwide. It meets every 4 years in congress and co-operates wherever it can.

2. Pentecostal World Fellowship (WPF)

This Fellowship of Pentecostal churches meets every 4 years in conference.

3. Pentecostal Churches in the UK (PCUK)

This is an alliance of Pentecostal churches and denominations in the U.K.

4. Churches Together

This is churches in Britain and Ireland.

5. Pentecostal European Fellowship

6. Evangelical Alliance (EA)

An alliance of groups, fellowships and churches that represent the largest membership of evangelical Christians in the U.K.

7. Free Church Federal Council UK (FCFCUK)

An alliance of free churches that meets together to aid Christian endeavor.

8. Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)

A legal organization with expertise on child and vulnerable adults protection.

2. Assemblies of God

During the early years of the twentieth century, sincere Christians in many sections of the worldwide church were praying for a deep and widespread revival. Their prayers were answered by a spontaneous outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which occurred simultaneously in various parts of the world. The results of this remarkable outpouring included supernatural manifestations similar to those recorded in the New Testament.

Reactions to this among Christians and churches around the world varied from an acceptance and embracing of the new move of the Spirit, through indifference and bewilderment, to outright opposition. The early 'Pentecostals' who encountered such opposition were compelled to congregate apart from the traditional churches they belonged to. In time this gave rise to separate local Pentecostal churches and the development of the Pentecostal movement around the world.

Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland were founded in 1924. The motivating factor for its formation was the need for practical fellowship among emerging Pentecostal groups in the British Isles. This fellowship combined a desire for inter-church support and cooperation with a responsibility of each local assembly to govern its own affairs.

The doctrinal basis for fellowship, which our pioneers developed, differs very little from the *Statement of Faith* we hold today. The *Statement* reflects an intense loyalty to the doctrines of Trinity, Incarnation and Atonement held by all evangelical believers. At the same time it stresses the importance of being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the Scriptural initial evidence of speaking in tongues. Such an initiation leads to the important expectation that *charismata* will be present in ministry.

The Assemblies of God across the world is an evangelical fellowship of churches, which places a distinct emphasis on the need for the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily worship, work and witness. This emphasis, in both doctrine and practice, has caused the growth of the movement in this country and in most countries of the world.

Current estimates of the worldwide strength of the Pentecostal movement are in the region of 500 million members, which makes Pentecostals the fastest growing part of the Christian church.

The Communion Service

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called "ordinances") as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and The Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

1. What is the Communion Service (Lord's Supper)?

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

1. It is a _____.

"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, *took bread...*" (vs. 23)

2. It is a _____.

"...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; eat it *in remembrance of me.*'" (vs. 24)

3. It is a _____.

"In the same way, He took the cup, saying, '*This cup* is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me.'" (vs. 25)

4. It is a _____.

"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, *you proclaim the Lord's death* until He comes back." (vs. 26)

2. Who should take Communion?

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY _____.

Mark 14:22 - 26

3. How do I prepare myself for Communion?

“For anyone who eats and drinks *without recognising the body of the Lord* eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” 2 Cor. 11:29

“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord *in an unworthy manner* will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. *A person ought to examine himself before he eats* of the bread and drinks of the cup.”
1 Cor. 11:27-28

By...

1. Self Examination
1 Cor 11:27
2. Confessing My Sins
1 John 1:9
3. Recommitment
Rom 12:1
4. Restoring Relationships
Matt 5:23-24

4. When / how often should I take communion?

Jesus did not say when or how often believers should observe The Lord's Supper. In the words of ordination He said “*as often as you drink it*” which suggests it should be frequent. We normally partake of communion every first Sunday of the month.

1. The Story of Rhema Miracle Centre

Miracle Centre Assemblies of God Church, is one of the first Ghanaian Assemblies of God churches in United Kingdom which was planted by Rev. Alex Donkor and the wife Rev. Mrs. Pauline Donkor in 2000.

The vision from the Lord was strong on the couple in early 1996 and they spent time praying and seeking the face of the Lord for His manifestation. As faithful as He is, the Lord led the couple to take a step of faith and on Sunday, January 2nd 2000, the vision and/or dream became a reality with the first church service that saw a total congregation of nine (9) in it's first premises at Dalston.

Indeed the foundation of RMC-AoG is firmly established on the Lord with emphasis on the Word of God and the Name of Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father. Therefore as a Pentecostal church, we thrive on the leadership of the Holy Spirit and believe the Lord has just begun with us.

The vision is to propagate the Gospel throughout the whole world, baptising the saved in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Also assembling believers together to worship the Lord as we walk in faith and victory. This we have done by planting churches in and around the UK. Currently, we have branches in Watford, Liverpool, Swindon, Tottenham, Coventry and Southeast London. As the Lord lives, more branches will be planted to His glory.

RMC-AoG-Southeast London started as a Home Cell Fellowship at 90 Eltham Green Road, led by Nana Afia Sarpong Baffour, brother Osei Poku Brempong under the supervision of pastor Eric Otoo. Through prayer and the study of the scriptures, the Lord led them to established a branch. The first service was July 2008 with a congregation of eight (8) adults and children that met in The Amar Hall in Dartford, Kent.

At RMC-AOG-Southeast London, we endeavours to maintain a fresh, lively and enthusiastic approach to worshipping God and living the Christian life to the full glorifying the Lord. Our vibrant worship is unique as it is designed to give members opportunity to celebrate Christ. While we reflect many nations of the world we represent one family in Christ and your membership is if fulfilment of the broader vision. Therefore the resident pastor: Pastor Eric Otoo values you presence and commitment.

Session Three: Our Strategy

“To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel’s sake, that I may be partaker of it with *you*.”

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

Session two: Our statements

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

1. Statement of Faith

This Statement of Faith is not intended as a creed for the Church, but as a basis of unity for Assemblies of God ministers and churches. 1 Cor:1:10
(The phraseology in the statement is not claimed to be either inspired or covering all Biblical truth, serving simply to show that these are considered the essential doctrines upon which we unite in fellowship.)

1. We Believe that the Bible (i.e. the Old and New Testaments excluding the Apocrypha) is the inspired Word of God, the infallible, all-sufficient rule for faith and practice.

(2 Tim.3: 15-16; 2 Pet.1: 21)

2. We Believe in the unity of the one true and living God Who is the eternal, self-existent 'I AM', Who has also revealed Himself as one Being existing in three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Deut.6: 4; Mark 12:29; Matt.28:19; 2 Cor.3:14)

3. We Believe in the virgin birth, sinless life, miraculous ministry, substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension and abiding intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His premillennial second advent as the blessed hope set before all believers.

(Isa.7: 14; Matt.1: 23; Heb.7: 26; 1 Pet.2: 22; Acts 2:22, 10:38, 2 Cor.5: 21; Heb. 9:12; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor.15: 4; Acts 1:9; Eph.4: 8-10; Rom.8: 34; Heb.7: 25; 1 Cor. 15:22-24,51-57; 1Thess.4: 13-18; Rev.20: 1-6)

4. We believe in the fall of man, who was created pure and upright, but fell by voluntary transgression.

(Gen.1: 26-31; 3:1-7; Rom.5: 12- 21)

5. We Believe in salvation through faith in Christ, Who, according to the Scriptures, died for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day, and that through His blood we have redemption.

(Titus 2: 11; 3: 5-7; Rom.10: 8-15, 1 Cor. 15: 3-4)

This experience is also known as the new birth, and is an instantaneous and complete operation of the Holy Spirit upon initial faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(John 3: 5-6; James 1: 18; 1 Pet.1: 23; 1 John 5: 1)

6. We Believe that all who have truly repented and believed in Christ as Lord and Savior are commanded to be baptized by immersion in water.

(Matt.28: 19; Acts 10: 47-48; Acts 2: 38-39)

Tithing

“A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.”
Lev. 27:30

At RMC-AoG we practice tithing for the support of Christ's body, the church, as God commands. We recognise that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of Tithing.

Immersion

“buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”
Col. 2:12

We practice baptism by immersion. — the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands.

Spirit-led Living

"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."
John 15:5

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right. Phil. 2:13, Eph. 5:18

Telling Others About Christ

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”
1 Peter 3:15

It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good News with those with whom God brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.

6. Lifestyle Statement

Core values are not worth much unless they are translated into actions. Based on what the Bible teaches, we feel very strongly about the following seven practices:

Bible As Our Final Authority

“All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”
2 Tim. 3:16

Since God’s Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is “What does the Bible say?” We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorisation. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

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Christ is the head of every local church and not any individual or groups of individuals and He is the final authority of the church. We however, believe in leadership as part of God’s way of leading a church. At RMC-AoG, the under-shepherd or senior servant is the head pastor who is supported by other pastors, ministers and deacons. However as an Assemblies of God church, we submit to the hierarchy of AoG England & Wales and also have strong and constant fellowship with MCAG (our parent church), A/G Ghana and sister nations.

Priesthood of Every Believer

“and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
Rev. 1:6

“But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;”
1 Pet. 2:9

The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to “full time” Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. Every believer has direct access to God through prayer and Bible reading.

Statement of Faith - continued

7. We Believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the initial evidence of which is the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.
(Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 11:14-16, 19:6; Isa.8: 18)

8. We Believe in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of Christ in the Church today.
(1Cor.12:4-11, 28; Eph. 4:7-16)

9. We Believe in holiness of life and conduct in obedience to the command of God.
(1 Pet.1:14-16; Heb.12:14; 1 Thess.5:23; 1 John 2:6)

10. We Believe that deliverance from sickness, by divine healing, is provided for in the atonement.
(Isa.53:4-5; Matt.8:16-17; James 5:13-16)

11. We Believe that all who have truly repented and believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour should regularly participate in Breaking of Bread.
(Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-34)

12. We Believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the everlasting conscious bliss of all who truly believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and the everlasting conscious punishment of all whose names are not written in the book of life.
(Dan. 12:2-3; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:22-24; Matt.25: 46; 2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 20:10-15)

2. Purpose Statement

Rhema Miracle Centre Assemblies of God (RMC-AoG)
Is an Assemblies of God Church with spiritual mandate of:
“Living the Word in the World”

3. Mission Statement

“Living the Word in the World”

Our mission is to empower believers to live the Word in the world. Thus we are a fellowship that:

1. _____ many nations
2. _____ one family in Christ
3. _____ out to the community with the gospel
4. _____ people into ministry

RMC-AoG is built on five key principles!

4. Key Principle Statements

1. _____ : is to Love God with all your heart
2. _____ : is to become a part of the church family
3. _____ : is to learn how to become Christ - like
4. _____ : is to find and fulfill your role in the church
5. _____ : is to reach out to the community and world in which we live with the gospel

**These principles are important
Because we grow:**

1. _____ : through Worship
2. _____ : through Fellowship
3. _____ : through Discipleship
4. _____ : through Ministry
5. _____ : through Evangelism

5. Our Core Values

1. Biblical integrity
2. Pentecostal in experience
3. Holiness of life
4. Unity of purpose
5. Passionate in worship and prayer
6. Leadership by example
7. Healthy relationships
8. Emphasising the priesthood of all believers
9. Encouraging missions
10. Assisting others in need