



MEMBERSHIP REQUEST

CENTRAL AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Holland, Michigan

“I am not my own, but belong,
body and soul,
in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.”

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Belonging to Christ almost mean belonging to His body, the church. We are excited that you desire to be a part of Christ’s church and are eager for you to be part of the family of God here at Central Avenue. God desires for His people to gather together to encourage one another, to pray for one another and to serve and worship Him together. This *Membership Request Form* gives us some information to help fulfill this desire.

Typical process of becoming a member at Central Avenue (not necessarily in this order)

- Indicate your interest in joining by speaking to one of the pastors or an elder, who will help you decipher the membership process.
- Fill out the attached “Membership Request” form to provide some information and turn it in to a pastor or an elder or:

email to: elders@centralavecrc.org

mail to: Central Avenue CRC
259 Central Ave
Holland, MI 49423

- Write a letter to the church currently holding your membership (if applicable) requesting it to be transferred to Central Avenue. When the CACRC Council receives a letter from your church we may request a meeting with you, depending on the circumstances, and then will formally act upon the request (your attendance is not required at this meeting).
- Be welcomed at an up-coming worship service.
- Have a welcome call in your home by your Fellowship Group elder and deacon
- Attend a New Members’ Welcome Luncheon (held a couple time a year)
- Serving Christ by joining fully in the worship and life of God’s church here at Central Ave!



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Church Office use:
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No one form fits all people, please fill out to the best of your knowledge. Contact the church office with questions.

Names of those in your Household*	Family Relationship (husband, wife, son, daughter, etc)	Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)	Baptism (/Dedication) date (if known/ applicable)	Profession of Faith (/Believer Baptism) date (if known/applicable)

*Children over 18 who are professing members should make their own membership request.

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone(s): _____ Cell Phone(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail(s): _____

Occupation(s): _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Remarried

Wedding Date (if applicable): _____

Church previously attended *Name:* _____

(name of church & city/state): *Address:* _____

(if known) _____

Membership Status: Professing (or Adult Baptized) Member

Baptized (Infant/Child) Member

Regular Attendee

Below please have each professing member write a short paragraph describing your faith in Christ Jesus (feel free to use additional space on back or use separate paper if needed)

Name:

Name:

Name:

Name:

Name:

Please give us some thoughts on why you are leaving your current church (if applicable) and why you desire to join Central Ave CRC?

How familiar are you (all professing members) with Reformed biblical theology?

- Unfamiliar Somewhat Familiar Very Familiar

Do you each believe that the Reformed Confessions¹ faithfully reflect the revelation of God's Word, the Bible? Yes, I am in full agreement No (please describe below)

Have you each read through Central Avenue's *Statement of Conviction*² addressing specific items to clarify how the Council leads this congregation? Full agreement on every point is not a requirement for membership, but are certainly discussion points.

- Yes, I am in full agreement Yes, but have questions (please describe below) No

In what way(s) would you each desire to serve within the Central Avenue Church family?
(based on interests, abilities, spiritual gifts, and time)

Do you have other questions and/or particular needs or circumstances that would be helpful to mention?

Signatures of all professing members in the family:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<i>Print off and send to:</i> Central Avenue CRC 259 Central Ave, Holland, MI 49423 attn: Elders	Or save and email to: elders@centralavecrc.org	Copies to be distributed to: 1) Council Clerk, 2) Pastor(s), 3) Fellowship Group Elder, 4) Fellowship Group Deacon. Copy to kept with Elder's files A copy of just page 3 to be given to Church Office.
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¹ *Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort.* Copies may be found on the Central Avenue CRC website (www.centralavecrc.org/whatwebelieve.cfm) or retrieved from the church office.

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