

Joining the Congregation

Messiah Tabernacle Fellowship *Congregational Membership*

Discover the biblical importance of membership with the local Messianic Israelite Assembly

Messiah Tabernacle recognizes all believers in the Messiah as Messianic Israelites and embraces them as part of the family of Elohim. We recognize the local assembly as a microcosm of the whole House of Israel in the Messiah. We believe that the local assembly has been ordained by YHWH to bring the saints into the unity of the faith and lead to the restoration of the House of Israel through the Messiah Yahshua. Also, we believe that the local assembly serves the following purposes.

1. From the local assembly the believer is nurtured and developed to reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah.
2. From the local assembly the government of YHWH is administered through ministry leadership.
3. From the local assembly the believer is sent forth to perform the service of Messiah.

4. If a believer is coming from another congregation to join MTFC, then if possible provide a letter of transfer of membership or recommendation from the previous congregation.
(Romans 16:1-2)

How Do I Join the Congregation?

Joining the congregation is based upon the following requirements according to the Scriptures:

1. A person must be saved by doing the following:

- Performing repentance (teshuvah)

- Have faith in Yahshua being the Messiah of Israel and his redemptive work.

- Water Immersion

(Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38)

2. Make a commitment to follow all of the commandments of the Messiah Yahshua (Matthew 28:20). This composes the commandments of Elohim in the Torah (Matthew 5:17-19) and the commandment that the Messiah Yahshua gave during his earthly ministry (John 13:34).

3. Make a commitment to follow the leadership of the Shepherd/Pastor of the congregation by accepting the Congregational Covenant. (Jeremiah 3:15, Hebrews 13:7 & 17)

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

“They shall ask the way to Tzion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to El YHWH in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten” (Jeremiah 50:5).

I pledge to accept and follow the Scriptures that have been accepted by our Messianic Israelite fathers of the 1st century. Also to accept the declaration of Yahshua our Messiah “That man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Elohim”.

I pledge to embrace all believers and recognize our union in the Messiah as Messianic Israelites based upon the scriptural revelation that since we are in the Messiah we are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.

I pledge to submit to the guidance of the congregational shepherd as he or she serves according to the Messiah’s mandate. I recognize that the shepherd oversees the congregation and has been given by YHWH to watch for the souls of the saints and bring them to maturity in the Messiah.

I pledge to serve Messiah through the congregation and seek to preserve the unity of the faith in the bond of peace.