

Membership at Hosanna

Membership at Hosanna is grounded in baptism. God's promise in baptism is that we are made members of his church and of the body of Christ. No one can take away that promise. Thus God ultimately is the one who judges membership of a church and not any individual or group.

Our membership is founded on the grace of God. At no time do we believe that a baptized child of God is outside of God's grace and love. God's promises never fail. We are not members because of our good works or achievements but solely because of the work of the Holy Spirit.

Membership at Hosanna does not mean the granting of privileges. It is not a status symbol or the granter of special rights. Rather, membership is a calling to contribute one's time, talents and resources to the work of the body of Christ.

The member of Hosanna seeks to be a *Disciple* of Christ. We follow his teaching and bear his redeeming love to the world

The member of Hosanna seeks a *Spiritual Life*. We center our lives on the presence of God and God's unconditional acceptance.

The member of Hosanna seeks to be a good *Steward* of all of Gods gifts. We manage our environment, possessions, finances, abilities and bodies as gifts from God.

The member of Hosanna seeks to *Care* for others. We love others with the love of Christ, full of compassion for the hurting and needy.