

Mailing Address:

Adoration URC c/o Clerk B-3327 Menno St Vineland, ON LOR 2CO

Place of Worship:

Vineland United Mennonite Church 3327 Menno Street Vineland, ON LOR 2C0 Sundays 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM

On behalf of the Adoration congregation, we welcome your desire to become a member of this local church! We would ask you to please help us ensure an orderly transfer of membership:

Request Membership in the Adoration Congregation

In a letter or email addressed to the Clerk of Consistory (<u>clerk@adorationurc.ca</u>), please provide answers to the following questions:

- 1) What church are you a currently a member of?
- 2) What are your main reasons for transferring to Adoration?
- 3) What is your name and contact info? If applicable, please include the names of your spouse and children and your current address, phone number and email.

When we receive your letter/email, we will arrange a time to meet with you and discuss your interest in becoming a member of our congregation. We will also discuss your request at our next consistory meeting and follow up with you with any questions.

We desire to know you more and we take our responsibility to love and care for the congregation very seriously. We encourage regular visitors to become members after a time of getting to know us as a part of the visible church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Vineland.

Notify Your Current Elders

We would ask you to contact your current elders and notify them that you are preparing to transfer your membership to Adoration. This contact can take the form of a personal visit, a letter or an email and it is a great opportunity to provide words of encouragement and appreciation to the office bearers of the church that you are leaving.

We hope that your membership transfer is taking place in a spirit of good will and we desire that you address any wrongs that may exist between you and members of your current church. We ask you to contact your current elders so that they are aware of your plans and so that they can transfer your membership with prayer and thanksgiving for the time you spent in their midst.

Request Transfer of Membership Papers

If your current church keeps formal records of membership, please ask that your "membership papers" be sent to the Clerk of Adoration's Consistory (<u>clerk@adorationurc.ca</u>). Ordinarily, these records should include the date of birth, date of baptism, date of profession of faith (if applicable), and date of marriage (if applicable) for each person whose membership is being transferred to Adoration.

We ask for this information from your current church out of a respect for their service to you and a desire to keep track of these basic details for all our members.

Receive our Formal Welcome as a Member of Adoration

After the consistory has met with you, addressed any concerns, and received you into membership in our congregation, we will formally welcome you into membership in our congregation during a Sunday worship service. The pastor will ask you to rise and he will address you with words of encouragement. We also make a point of including your contact information in the church bulletin and church directory so that we can get in touch with each other.

We do this to promote unity and love within the congregation. We want to know each other and share in each