

THE OLIVE BRANCH  **Ministry Partnership**
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Thank you for considering Ministry Partnership at The Olive Branch!

The term “Ministry Partner” was chosen very carefully. We avoided using the term “Member” because we want to develop a Team of people who want much more than to belong to a club. We want a Team of people who are ready to engage in the mission at hand. People who are committed to growing spiritually, to serving wholeheartedly, and to devoting their time and resources to the most important cause this world has ever seen. People who will embrace the Core Values and reflect the DNA of The Olive Branch.

In this package you will find a clear statement of our Vision, Mission and Core Values, as well as our Statement of Faith, and the By-laws pertaining to Ministry Partnership. Please read through these documents carefully. Then fill out the attached application form and find a Ministry Partner you know well to sponsor you and sign your form. This last step is important, because as a growing church, the Governing Board cannot always get to know each person well. Your sponsor represents you to the Board, and assures them of your commitment to Christ and to the mission of TOB.

Again, thanks so much for your interest in Ministry Partnership and commitment to helping The Olive Branch be all it can be! We look forward to building God’s Kingdom together with you.

God bless you,

Ken Davis
Lead Pastor

1. We believe that the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments is the only divinely inspired and infallible revelation of God. It is our only written guide and final authority in matters pertaining to faith and life.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His conception by the Holy Spirit, His birth by the Virgin Mary, His real but sinless humanity, His voluntary humiliation in life as the Man of Sorrows culminating in His substitutionary and atoning death as a sacrifice for sin, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into Heaven as the only and eternal mediator between God and man and His coming again in power and glory.
4. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit through Whom man is born again to saving repentance and faith, and by Whom the saints are sanctified and enabled to live a godly life.
5. We believe that the salvation of man is solely by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, that the saved partake of eternal life now and will share in that glorious resurrection which is to come.
6. We believe that man in consequence of the fall is utterly sinful and therefore lost, and the unsaved will be raised for final judgment.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of all who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, that is, the only Holy Universal Church, which is the body of Christ.

The Olive Branch Vision:

To see each person in our world become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

The Olive Branch Mission:

To build a community of people transformed by the good news of Jesus and committed to having a transforming impact in our world

The Olive Branch Core Values:

We will look to the Bible for our foundation and authority.

We will open our hearts to the leading of the Holy Spirit and have the courage to act in faith.

We will be good stewards of all our resources.

We will be culturally relevant.

We will treat everyone with respect, care and love.

We will serve others, and we will remember it is not about us.

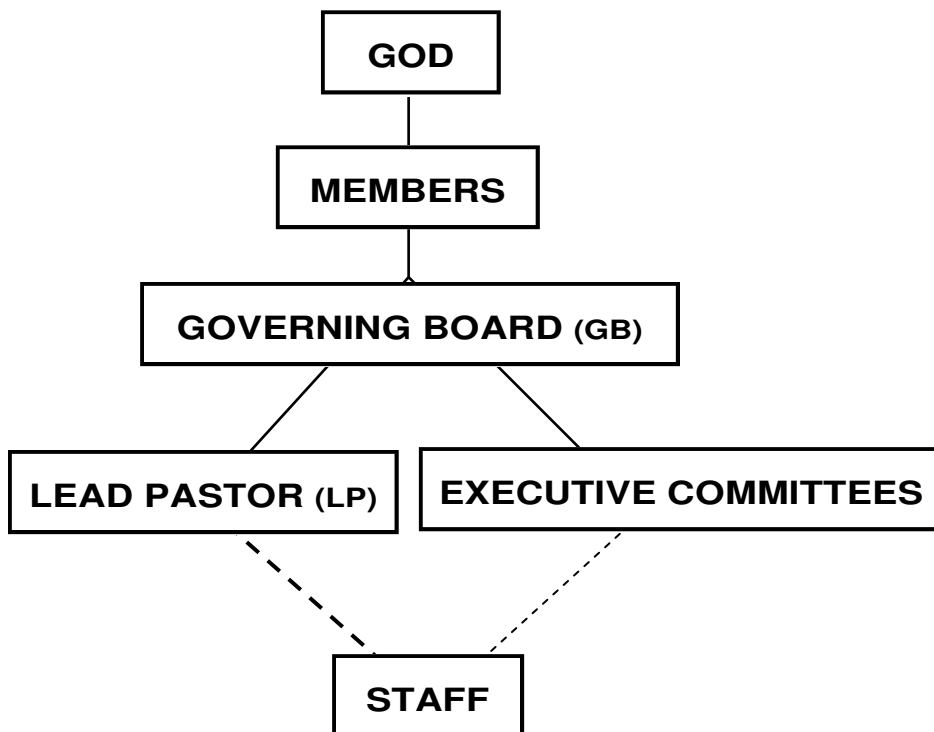
We will be transparent, honest and authentic.

We will do everything with joy.

The Olive Branch Governance Structure

This church exists to serve God and do His will in our community. We are here to fulfill the Great Commission *“to seek and save the lost”* and the great commandment *“to love God completely and love others sacrificially”*. The church is an organization, a gathering designed to equip its ministry partners and attendees to do that with excellence, integrity, compassion, love, and full devotion.

TOB Organizational Chart





2.01 Definition of Ministry Partners

The first Directors of the Church shall be the initial Ministry Partners of the Church. Thereafter, the Ministry Partners of the Church as a Corporation shall consist only of those Persons who:

- (a) profess faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord;
- (b) have evidenced agreement with the Statement of Faith in writing;
- (c) have committed themselves in writing to live in obedience to Scripture and are willing to be subject to the authority of the Church as expressed in the Church Constitution; and
- (d) have been admitted as Ministry Partners in accordance with the Church Constitution.

2.02 Qualification to be a Ministry Partner

A Person, who is sixteen (16) years of age or older, shall qualify to be a Ministry Partner of the Church if in the unanimous opinion of the Board, such Person meets all of the following qualifications:

- (a) the Person fulfills the definition of a Ministry Partner as set out in Section 2.01 herein;
- (b) the Person, if a Ministry Partner, would not be under the Discipline of the Church as set out in Section 2.10; and
- (c) the Person has completed the procedure for admission as a Ministry Partner set out in Section 2.03.

2.03 Admission as a Ministry Partner

Application to be a Ministry Partner in the Church may be initiated by either oral or written request to the Lead Pastor or his or her designate or through any Governing Board Member or his or her designate.

- (a) The Governing Board shall make available to the applicant a copy of the Ministry Partner application form and the Church Constitution, or alternatively direct the applicant to the Church's Web site to obtain a copy of such documents.
- (b) The applicant shall be required to sign a written application for to be a Ministry Partner (hereinafter known as a "Ministry Partner Application Form") wherein he or she shall confirm his or her understanding and agreement with the Constitution of the Church, together with his or her commitment to adhere to and be subject to the Constitution.
- (c) Provided that the applicant has fulfilled the qualifications of a Ministry Partner set out in Section 2.02 above and has been approved by a Resolution of the Governing Board, the applicant shall thereafter become a Ministry Partner of the Church.

After the Person is accepted as a Ministry Partner in the Church by the Board, then such Person shall immediately be deemed to have become a Ministry Partner with recognition to be made thereof at the next appropriate worship service of the Church.

2.04 Privileges, Rights and Duties of Ministry Partners

A Ministry Partner in the Church shall have the following duties, privileges and rights as defined in the Ministry Partner Application Form, as well as:

- a) the duty to respect and submit to the spiritual authority, provisions and procedures of the Church as expressed in the Church Constitution;
- b) the privilege to attend all public worship services of the Church;
- c) the privilege to participate in the ordinances administered by the Church;
- d) the right to attend, speak and participate at all Meetings of Ministry Partners; and
- e) the right to a single vote either in person or by proxy at all Meetings of Ministry Partners.

1. Personal Statement of Faith:

I have put my full trust in Jesus Christ, God's Son, and the price He paid for my sin on the cross to make it possible for me to have a personal relationship with God. I understand that eternal life cannot be earned through my past, present or future performance. This relationship I have with God is transforming my life because of His Spirit who now lives in me. Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord, and I have chosen to follow Him daily.

Name (please print) _____

Signature

Date

2. I have read, understand and agree with the TOB Statement of Faith:

Yes: _____ **Not Sure:** _____

*Questions I would like to have answered; concerns I have:

3. I will follow the Bible as my moral guide for how I live out my life and faith and will be accountable to the same:

Yes: _____ **Not Sure:** _____

*Questions I would like to have answered; concerns I have:

4. I have read, understand and agree with TOB's Governance Structure and recognize my role as a responsible participant in the decisions made at TOB.

Yes: _____ **Not Sure:** _____

*Questions I would like to have answered; concerns I have:

5. I have read, understand and agree with TOB's Vision and will do my best to see this Vision become reality.

Yes: _____ **Not Sure:** _____

*Questions I would like to have answered; concerns I have:

***6. I recognize that my active decision to follow Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord is the only real requirement for salvation. But as a Ministry Partner at The Olive Branch, I will make my personal spiritual development and help with the Mission of the church a priority by:**

- *Living out the grace and forgiveness I've received from God through Christ - and helping the undecided people around me experience the same.*
- *Taking the time and effort necessary for my ongoing spiritual growth and development.*
- *Actively engaging in a Roots Group or ministry team to actively participate in the lives of others and benefit from their love and support - and the accountability those relationships bring.*
- *Coming to an understanding of how I've been equipped by God to serve, and then actively engaging in serving in this gathering of believers and living out my calling.*
- *Generously investing my time, energy and resources into what God is doing through the Church.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Sponsor's Name: (please print) _____

****Sponsor's Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

***According to the Laws of Ontario, you must be 16 years of age or older to become a Ministry Partner at The Olive Branch Community Church**

****A sponsor is a Ministry Partner at TOB who knows you and knows of your personal faith in Jesus Christ.**

THE OLIVE BRANCH  **Ministry Partnership
Information Form**
COMMUNITY CHURCH

1. Personal Information/Contact Information (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred method of contact:

Phone: O _____ H _____ C _____

Email: _____

2. Personal History:

Age range (circle one):

16-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; Over 70

Single Married (circle one)

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's name(s) and year(s) of birth :

_____ Put me in the TOB Directory

_____ Put me on the TOB E-mail List

_____ You may use my photo (internally & externally) for TOB promotions

3. Religious Background:

Did you attend another church before coming to TOB?

Did you serve there in a position you enjoyed?

What is it about TOB that most makes you want to join its mission?

Do you have any thoughts on where you might want to engage and help us accomplish our mission and vision at TOB?
