

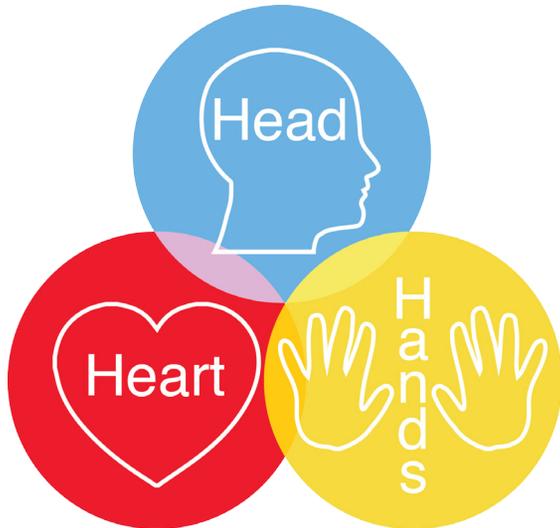
What is Membership at PB UMC?

Membership at Pacific Beach UMC - or any UMC or church - is an important decision, and it is something to be considered in great care and in thoughtful prayer.

Our United Methodist roots invite us to consider membership not as devotion to a particular denomination or congregation, but as a giving of oneself to God. In doing so, a member is supported by the ministries of the church and also supports the ministries of the church.

More specifically, the United Methodist Church invites members into covenant relationship (covenant meaning “promise”) and to support the ministries of the church with our *prayers*, our *presence*, our *gifts*, our *service*, and our *witness*.

At PB UMC, we try to understand this commitment in a practical way. We think about it as: *head*, *heart*, and *hands*.



What is Discipleship?

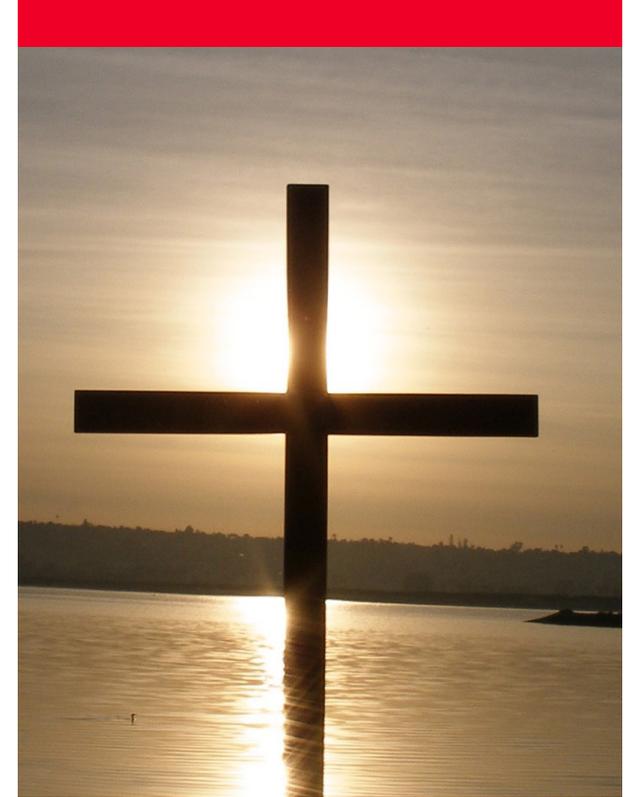
In Biblical times, those who followed Jesus of Nazareth were often called *Disciples*. It is important to note that this term is not limited only to the twelve chosen, but to all who followed the life and teachings of Jesus.

Today, we may agree that all who follow Christ’s teachings can be called Disciples. But *Discipleship* is not a noun, it is a verb. Discipleship is the journey on which we embark when we choose to be Disciples, and we may consider that it is a journey that does not end.

It is important to recognize that we United Methodists may understand discipleship a bit differently than persons from other denominations, and discipleship here at Pacific Beach UMC may look different than at UMCs in other parts of the country where cultures and demographics are strikingly different; and perhaps discipleship at PB UMC may even be somewhat different than nearby churches. These differences aren’t necessarily profound, but are simply a reflection of our uniqueness as a congregation and the gifts we bring together to this community of faith.

It is our hope that the information here may be a guide to all who journey.

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Membership & Discipleship at PB UMC

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Very often we think of our *head* as our intellectual center. It is important that we thoughtfully engage our faith to understand how God calls us to live.

Prayers:

Think about the contents and meaning of your communication with God.

Presence:

Discuss messages and teachings & listen to the ideas of others.

Gifts:

Give of what you know through teaching or mentoring and be thoughtful in stewardship.

Service:

Intentionally seek out opportunities to share the goodness and love given to you.

Witness:

Use wisdom and patience in speaking with others.



We usually think of our *heart* as our emotional center, and it is through the deepest sense of love that we come to know the living God.

Prayers:

Speak from your heart to God and listen and feel for God's response.

Presence:

Be in worship with others, and share both your joys and your challenges.

Gifts:

Look inward for gifts that can be shared, and look for ways to make a difference.

Service:

Make "loving your neighbor" your focus, and be inspired by God's love & strength.

Witness:

Be open to ways to speak of God's love and share the light of God's Spirit.



Our *hands* can be understood as a physical expression of our faith as we find ourselves compelled to serve our neighbors in service to our God.

Prayers:

Reach inward and outward as led by prayer, embracing self and others.

Presence:

Participate! Be available to others with your spirit and your gifts.

Gifts:

Do what you are led to do with both tangible and intangible gifts.

Service:

Let your actions speak loudly so that God may be seen in action.

Witness:

Be caring and live in a way that speaks of God's love. Every person is a gift from God!

Living God's love to change the world