

## WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?

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Before joining any Church, it is wise to discover as much as possible about the vision of that Church and examine why church membership is important.

If you are open to discovering more about membership of Hamilton Road Baptist Church, do request information about the next Church membership enquiry class. You will be most welcome to come, ask your questions and decide for yourself.

### Five reasons to join a Church

#### Membership says:

- 1. "I belong here" and God says that "believers belong together". (Hebrews 10:23-25).**  
You sense that God wants you here with the people at Hamilton Baptist Church at this time in your Christian life, and you want to make a public declaration that you are committed to God's work through this Church.
- 2. "We share the same ministry goals", and God says that "believers are to be committed to one another for the sake of spiritual impact" (Ephesians 4:16).**  
You believe that Jesus has work to do in Bangor and around the world and you are willing to join with others to see that it is done.
- 3. "I accept my responsibility for a group of fellow believers in the family of God", and that is God's plan as well. (Galatians 6:1-2, 10).**  
You want to be part of a caring network of people, sharing one another's joys, sorrows and helping each other through worship, Bible study and fellowship.
- 4. "I am accountable to other Christians for my work with God", and God warns against spiritual autonomy. (Hebrews 13:17; Matthew 18: 15-20).**  
You do not want to go it alone in standing for Jesus Christ, and want to receive the guidance, equipping and assistance necessary to remain on target.
- 5. "I accept Responsibility for how things are done here", and God says "that is how it should be". (1 Corinthians 12:20-27).**  
Members elect Elders, Deacons and other Church officers, approve the annual ministry budget, as well as call Pastors to serve as spiritual leaders. Every member has the opportunity to shape our Church's direction and goals.