MOUNT VERNON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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2025-2026 Association Membership Application/ Renewal Form

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Must be returned by December 1st, 2025

Application Process: If you are applying for membership, please complete this form and submit it to the MVCS office. Also, sign the top section of a Pastor's Reference Form and ask your pastor to complete it and send it to the MCVS office. The Association Committee will review your application after both forms have been received and make a recommendation to the MVCS Board.

Renewal Information: If you are a REGULAR member, your membership expires on June 30th. You will be placed on the current year's Association Member List (July 1 - June 30) after you submit this form to the MVCS office. If you are an HONORARY member, your membership will only be removed by your request or action of the Board.

Membership Fees: Honorary members, MVCS parents, and MVCS personnel do not pay a membership fee. All others pay a $25 yearly membership fee.

☐ FIRST-TIME Application ☐ RENEWAL Membership

A. Applicant Information NOTE: If you wish to be enrolled as TWO Voting Members, list the first names of BOTH husband and wife.

Name(s):	Phone:
Address:	
Email(s):	

B. Church Membership

Church:	Pastor:
Pastor's Address:	
Pastor's Email:	Pastor's Phone:

C. Declaration (Circle YES or NO for each question)

1.	Do you believe in the Bible as the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God?	YES	NO
2.	Do you believe in the Trinity of one God in three persons?	YES	NO
3.	Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God?	YES	NO
4.	Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?	YES	NO
5.	Do you believe in the endless lake of fire for the unsaved? (Rev. 20:11-15)	YES	NO
6.	Are you in agreement with the fundamental beliefs and aims of Mount Vernon Christian School, as stated in Articles 1 & 2 of the Bylaws? (See attached)	YES	NO
7.	Are you a member "in good standing" of an evangelical Protestant Christian Church as described in Article VII, Section 4 of the Bylaws? (See attached)	YES	NO
8.	If admitted as a Voting Member, do you pledge to participate in meetings and Other activities of the Mount Vernon Christian School Association?	YES	NO

D. Membership Status (Check the box of the status you are applying for)

Applying for Voting - Supporting

☐ Voting Member(s) ☐ Supporting Members

Applying as an Individual or Married Couple

☐ Individual Membership ☐ Husband & Wife Membership

Membership Fee

☐ MVCS Parent or Personnel (no membership fee) ☐ Not MVCS Parent or Personnel
$25 membership fee payable to MVCS is enclosed

E. Signature(s) (Both husband and wife must sign if applying for two memberships)

Signature:	Date:
Signature:	Date:

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Association Membership FAQ's

Do we have to be a member?

- Association Membership is entirely optional! You do not have to be a member to attend MVC.

What does the Association do?

- The Association approves the budget and any changes to bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors, board members, and large capital projects.
- Association Members receive annual reports and budgets.

Is the Association like a PTA?

- The Association is not a PTA.

Is the Association part of the Board?

- The Association is separate from the Board of Trustees.
    - Board nominees must be Association members.
    - The Association approves Board nominees.

What are the time commitments and responsibilities of an Association member?

- Generally, the Association meets yearly in the spring.
- A packet is sent out prior to the annual meeting. Voting members are responsible for reading and preparing to attend the annual meeting, being informed and ready to vote.
    - Supporting members also receive the same package and are welcome to attend the annual meeting, but will not be issued ballots.
- Occasionally, there are special meetings called for major things like a capital campaign, building, or land purchases.

Is there a cost?

- Association membership is free to current MVC families and employees.
- All other members pay a $25 fee.

Do you have to apply for Association membership every year?

- Yes. This is a yearly membership that must be applied for annually.
- You may apply for yourself or as a husband and wife. If applying as a voting member as a married couple, you will receive 2 ballots, and you must both sign the application.
- You can change your membership type from one year to the next.

Should I apply for Voting or Supporting Association membership?

- You should apply for a Supporting membership if you would like to be informed on things like annual reports and major projects, but you do not plan to attend the annual meeting.
- You should apply for a Supporting membership if you would like to be informed about things like annual reports and major projects, but you do not qualify to be a voting member.
- You should apply for a Voting membership if you would like to be informed on things like annual reports and major projects, and you plan to participate in the annual meeting.

Mount Vernon Christian Association - Excerpts from Selected Bylaws

ARTICLE I: Basis (Revised 5/12/97)

MOUNT VERNON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS:

1. We believe in one God, eternal in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the only living and true God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth.
2. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the only inspired, infallible, and inerrant written revelation of God to man, and that these Scriptures are the supreme authority in all matters of life and faith.
3. We believe in the universal sovereignty of God over all that he has created and maintains.
4. We believe in the providence of God, whereby He sustains the universe, governs the world, supplies the needs of His people, and brings His will to pass.
5. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, to have dominion over the earth, and to do all things to the glory of God.
6. We believe in man's universal fall into sin through Adam's transgression and in his subsequent disobedience, guilt, condemnation, and judgment before God.
7. We believe that God by His grace, and according to His good pleasure, restores to Himself and to His service, all who in true faith call on, and confess, the name of Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in one holy and universal church which Christ the Lord and Head, chooses, gathers, preserves, and defends for Himself by His Spirit and Word, out of the whole human race.
9. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father, that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, crucified as a ransom for many, died and was buried, was raised from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.
10. We believe in the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to apply the benefits of Christ's redemption to individual sinners, working in them regeneration, faith, repentance, sanctification, and glorification. (For complete statement, see the Constitution and Bylaws)

ARTICLE II: Purpose (Revised 5/12/97)

The purpose of the Association is to provide for and give to our covenant youth that weekday instruction which is in agreement with Article I and which is necessary if they as children of God are to occupy their places worthily in society, church, and state. Instruction and education within the contemplation of these Bylaws includes and extends from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve which is further defined as preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school education. (For complete statement, see the Constitution and Bylaws)

ARTICLE VIII Elections, Voting Rights, and Qualification for Membership

Section 1 - Voting

At each meeting of the members, each member of this corporation shall be entitled to vote in person, by proxy or if a matter is approved by the Board of Directors for such vote by absentee ballot, then by absentee ballot as provided for herein. *(Adopted 3/24/97)*

Section 2 - Proxies and Absentee Ballots

All proxies and absentee ballots must be in writing, executed by the member, and delivered to the school secretary to be turned over to the Corporation Secretary or directly to the Corporation Secretary at or prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken. The Board of Directors, in setting the agenda for any meeting of the members, shall have the power to determine which matters may be submitted to the members for vote by absentee ballot and determine the form thereof *(Adopted 3/24/97)*. Only Voting Members of the Association in attendance at the meeting may vote a proxy ballot. Each Voting Member is limited to no more than three proxy ballots (Adopted 2/16/98).

Section 3 - Change of Time and Place of Meeting and Notice Thereof.

The time and place of the holding of the members' meeting for the election of directors shall not be changed within thirty (30) days next before the day on which the election is to be held, and notice of such change shall be given to each member fifteen (l5) days before the election is held, in person or by letter mailed to his last known post office address.

Section 4 (a) - Voting Membership in the MVCS Association (Revised 10/20/97)

(i) Persons qualified to be Voting Members in the Mount Vernon Christian School Association are those who:

– are in agreement with the fundamental beliefs and aims of the Mount Vernon Christian School Association and its school as stated in Articles 1 and 2 of these Bylaws and demonstrate these beliefs and aims in walk and life,

– affirm that they believe:

- in the Bible as the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God,
- in the Trinity of one God in three persons,
- in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God and that they know Him as their personal Savior, and
- in the endless lake of fire for the unsaved,

– are members in good standing of an evangelical Protestant Christian church,

– are at least 18 years of age.

Persons meeting the above-mentioned qualifications may be admitted as Voting Members upon applying in writing and after being approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Voting members are entitled to receive all information and agendas pertaining to activities of the Association and of the school, and they are entitled to vote at Association Meetings and to become members of the Board of Directors.

(ii) The term “inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God” as used in these Bylaws is defined to mean that the Bible in its entirety is God’s written word to man, and that its divine inspiration has rendered it “infallible” (incapable of teaching deception) and “inerrant” (not liable to prove false or mistaken).

(iii) The term “member in good standing” as used in these Bylaws is defined to mean one whose name is on the formal membership roll, who is not being disciplined, and is not in any other way out of fellowship with his or her church or other congregation, as verified in writing by the minister or pastor, or in the absence of such, by a responsible member of the church or other congregation. If the church of congregation does not have a formal membership roll, then there must be a verification in writing from the minister, pastor, or other responsible member that the applicant is in regular fellowship as a member.

(iv) The term “evangelical Protestant Christian church” as used in these Bylaws is defined to mean a church, congregation or assembly which promotes belief in the Bible as the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God; in the Trinity of one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; in the Lord Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God and as the believer’s personal Savior; and in the endless lake of fire for the unsaved. Members of religious groups, cults, and sects holding contrary beliefs are not considered eligible for membership in the Mount Vernon Christian School Association. Some such religious groups, cults, and sects recognize the written work of human authors as inspired in the same sense in which the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Others cast doubt on the deity of Christ or on His position as Savior. Others deny the endless lake of fire for the unsaved. Religious groups whose members are not eligible for voting membership status in the Mount Vernon Christian School Association include Christian Scientists, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, Roman Catholics, Seventh-Day Adventists, Spiritualists, Unitarians, Universalists, and groups promoting “New Age” and other pantheistic doctrines.

Section 4 (b) - Supporting Membership in the MVCS Association

Persons who are at least 18 years of age and wish to support and promote the school and its program, may apply for membership in the Mount Vernon Christian School Association as Supporting Members. Supporting members are entitled to receive all information and agendas pertaining to the Association and the school, but they are not entitled to vote at Association meetings nor may they become members of the Board of Directors. *(Revised 10/22/97)*

Section 4 (c) - Honorary Membership in the MVCS Association

The Board of Directors may at its discretion confer special “Honorary Member” status on persons who have contributed significantly to the affairs of the Mount Vernon Christian School Association and of the school. Honorary members are assigned either voting or supporting status by the Board, and they are exempt from payment of membership fees. *(Adopted 10/22/97)*

Section 5 - Approval or Rejection of Applications for Membership

As necessary, the Board of Directors, at a time and place designated by them, shall meet and pass upon membership applications and renewals. Within its discretion, the Board may approve or reject any and all membership applications and renewals. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. *(Revised 10/18/99)*

Section 6 - Membership Fees, Membership Renewals, and Membership Lists

All employees of Mount Vernon Christian School and current parents who are admitted by the Board of Directors as Voting or Supporting members of the Association are exempt from payment of any membership fees. All others who qualify for voting or supporting membership are charged an annual membership fee of $25.00, payable upon applying or when renewing membership. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, waive payment of the annual membership fee in lieu of financial or other contributions made to the Mount Vernon Christian School Association and to its school. During the month of June each year, all current voting and supporting members shall receive notice that their voting and supporting membership in the Association is to be renewed by completion of the renewal notice and, where applicable, payment of the annual membership fee. A membership list shall be issued with each Association Meeting Agenda containing all names of voting members and supporting members received and approved by the Board prior to the date on which the Agenda is mailed. Only persons whose names are included in the membership list as mailed will be permitted to vote at meetings of the Mount Vernon Christian School Association. *(Adopted 3/24/97; Revised 10/22/97)*

Section 7 - Voting Rights

Every person whose application for, or renewal of, voting membership shall have been approved by the Board of Directors as herein provided, shall have his or her name listed in the minutes of the Corporation and on the membership list as members thereof and shall have the absolute right to vote at any membership meeting, either regular or special, of this corporation. *(Adopted 3/24/97; Revised 10/22/97)*

Section 8 - Suspension of Membership.

Any member of the corporation who shall by his or her conduct, bring disfavor upon this corporation or who shall fail to pursue the purposes and policies of this corporation or who shall fail to comply with the By-Laws, may have his or her membership suspended or revoked pursuant to action by the Board of Directors.

Section 9 - Membership Personal.

Membership in this corporation shall be personal and shall not be capable of being assigned either voluntarily or by operation of law. Upon termination of membership all rights of said member shall cease and terminate, for whatever reason said membership is terminated. *(Revised 10/18/99)*