

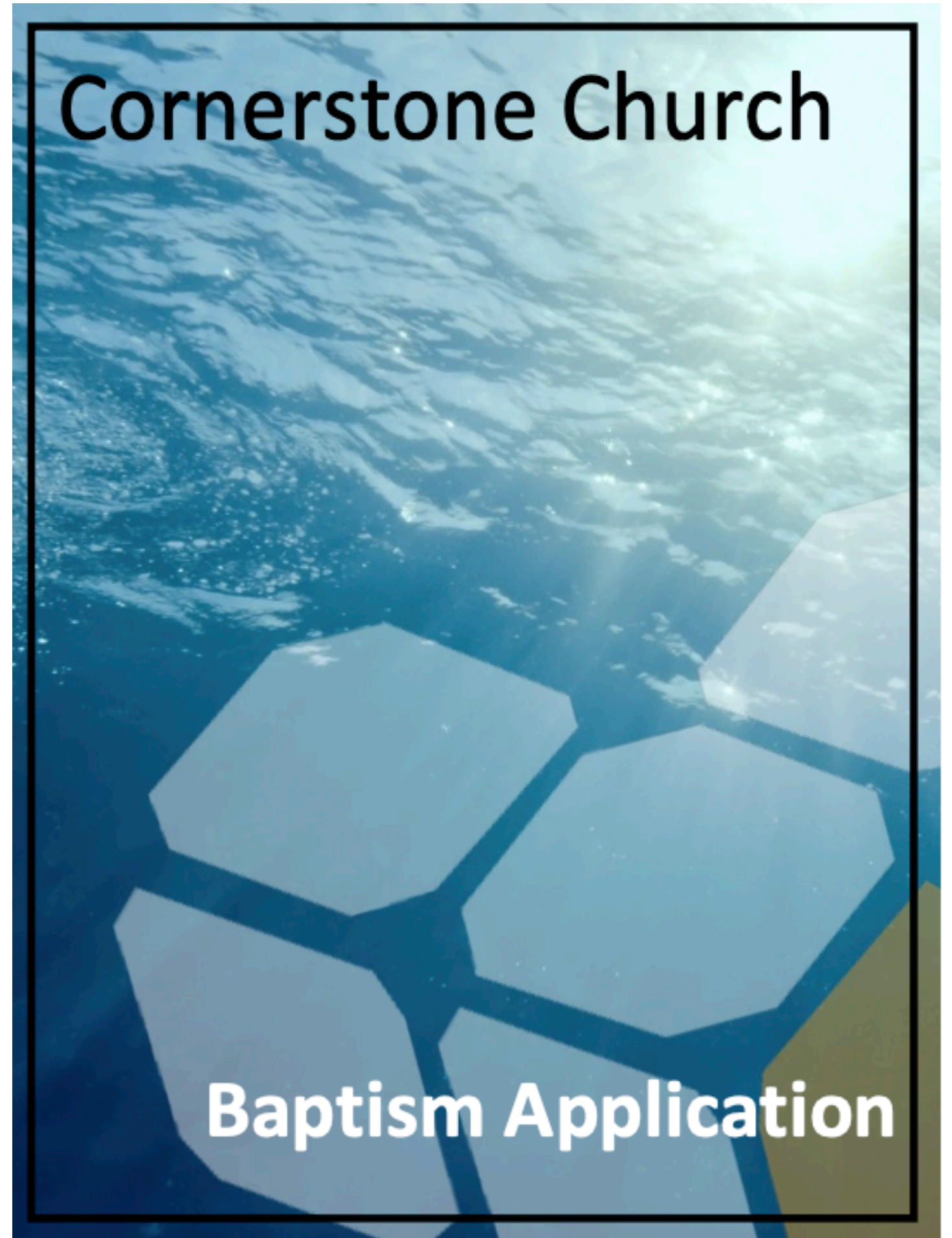
Testimony Worksheet

As part of the application process, the Spiritual Care Team and the congregation will want to hear the story of how Jesus has been working in your life. Please take time to write out a first draft on the next page. This isn't just a formality - it's a good exercise because, as followers of Jesus, being able to tell others how Jesus has changed our lives is one of the best ways of telling others how Jesus can change their lives. Peter went so far as to tell us to, "*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have*" (1 Peter 3:15).

In your testimony consider sharing these main points: a bit about yourself, when did you decide to follow Jesus? What were the main/key reasons you chose to follow him? Who were/are the people who have encouraged you to grow in your relationship with Jesus?

We know that there are lots of different ways to share how Jesus became more in your life... here are some suggested questions to consider as you write your testimony; How did a relationship with Jesus become significant and personal to you? When did being a disciple become part of your life and what that has meant; some of the significant times of growth in your walk; As Christians we understand that Jesus has saved us from our sin, how has that changed your life? What Jesus has been doing in your life lately; and why do you want to be baptized.

Once you have done that and filled out the form it may be handed in to the church office, a pastor, or emailed to info@cornerstoneye.ca.



What is Baptism?

We believe that when people receive Jesus' gift of salvation, they are to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Baptism is an outward sign of having been cleansed from sin. It is a covenant with the church to walk in the way of Christ through the power of the Spirit.

Baptism by water is a public sign that a person has repented of sins, received forgiveness of sins, died with Christ to sin, been raised to newness of life and received the Holy Spirit. Baptism is a sign of the believer's incorporation into the body of Christ as expressed in the local church. Baptism is also a pledge to serve Christ according to the gifts given to each person.

Baptism is for those who confess Jesus Christ a Lord and Saviour and commit themselves to following Jesus in obedience as members of the local church. Baptism is for those who understand its meaning, are able to be accountable to Jesus and the church, and who voluntarily request it on the basis of their faith response to Jesus.

We practice water baptism by immersion and invite you to follow Jesus in this act of faith and confession.

How Do I Become baptized?

The first step in starting the process is to let one of our pastors know that you are interested in being baptized. Once the pastors are aware of interest, we will plan a baptismal service. This usually happens twice a year and we will make sure those interested in following Jesus in this next step of baptism will be made aware of when the service is scheduled.

For the next step in the process, we ask that you read and fill out this application, including the telling of your faith story (testimony). After that, we will get you further information and provide a time of discussion, either in a group or individual setting, with the intent of ensuring you understand baptism and, if applicable, church membership. We will then invite you to share your story with our Spiritual Care Ministry Team who will support and encourage you in the days leading up to baptism. At the baptismal service, you will be asked to make a public statement of your faith (either pre-recorded or live) and after that, in the baptismal tank, you will be asked to make a confession of faith and then you will be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The act of getting baptized is fairly simple. Following Jesus and being a disciple is harder. Part of our baptism process includes you selecting a mentor from the congregation to walk with you in the following months - someone to pray and encourage you as you continue that walk. If you do not have someone that you are prepared to ask, our pastoral staff and our Spiritual Care Team, are happy to come alongside and offer suggestions and help you find a mentor.

Statements of Faith

This is an essential statement of faith that all followers of Jesus would uphold -
"We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."
(The Apostle's Creed)

Application for Baptism

Name:

Birthdate:

Email Address:

Street Address:

City & Postal Code:

Phone & Email

Membership at Cornerstone?

If you are getting baptized, and consider Cornerstone your home church, you may want to consider becoming a member at the same time. In order to become a member you must:

- Confess personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and gives evidence of Christian character.
- Have been baptized upon their confession of faith.
- Have been committed to living a consistent Christian life.
- Be in agreement with the Confession of Faith and Conduct.

You will also need to review the Membership Commitments as well as other important documents. You can find all of these documents in the Membership Application in the main lobby, on our website or you can ask a staff member to give you a copy. There will also be an opportunity, either in a group or individual setting, to ask questions, walk through the documents, etc. You will be made aware of when these times will be available.