International Baptist Church Cologne Church Membership Roll Update

In an attempt to bring our official Church Membership Roll up to date with correct information, we need your help. The church now has an official policy on how to join the church and how one's membership may be transferred to another congregation. Keeping accurate and up-to-date records is an obligation the church -- and church members -- has to God. Additionally, the assessment of funds owed to the German Baptist Union, which provides us our legal standing in Germany as a church, is based upon our official membership roll. In the reorganization process underway in the church, we are attempting to put our house in order with our record keeping so that everything is done properly and within required guidelines of scripture, the denominational guidelines of the IBC and the German Baptist Union, and our own church constitution, as well as that required by governmental laws and regulations for churches.

Consequently, we are beginning a process of updating the official Church Membership Roll. Once everyone, whose name we have currently, has been contacted, a recommended Church Membership Roll will be compiled for presentation first to the Church Leadership Team and then to the church membership for official validation. This can hopefully be accomplished before the end of July 2010.

Please help us by completing the appropriate fields in the form below. Returen the form to the Church Leadership Team. *Each individual family member who is a member of the church should fill out a separate form. The information you provide is confidential*.

Personal Information: (First Name) (Middle Name) (Family Name) ____, ____Post Zahl Street, Number City , Mobil Phone:_____, Email:____ Gender: _____/ _____/ Year (31/10/1935) Female : ______; Birthday___/____; Gender: _____/ ____; First Name, Middle Name, Family Name Day Month Year (31/10/1935) Female Male Child: : ______; Birthday___/__/___; Gender: _____/ _____ First Name, Middle Name, Family Name Day Month Year (31/10/1935) Female Male Child: ; Birthday___/__/; Gender: ____/ First Name, Middle Name, Family Name Day Month Year (31/10/1935) Female Male ; Birthday___/___/ ; Gender: ____/ ___; First Name, Middle Name, Family Name Day Month Year (31/10/1935) Female Male Child: **IBC** Church information: Month Year (31/10/1999) You joined the church as a ______Regular Member or a _____Covenant Member. You joined the church by means of: (check one) ______Baptism²; ______ Transfer of Letter³; ______ Statement of Faith & Baptism Thank you for taking the time to help us be better stewards of God's blessings and more accurate in our record keeping. For those seeking to join the church for the first time, the form on the reverse side should be completed and submitted to the Church Leadership Team, rather than the above form on this side. ¹"Officially" means the church took offical action by vote to accept your membership application. ²The IBC church Cologne recognizes only as biblical baptism, believer's baptism by immersion in water. Baptism as taught in scripture is the public profession of faith by one committing himself/herself to Christ as Lord. Baptism is a symbolic identification of the believer with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Full church membership is based upon the individual's baptism as a believer as accepted by vote of the congregation. ³Please indicate the approximate date and church where you were baptized by immersion based upon your

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profession of faith in Christ: Church:

Date:

Application for Membership in the International Baptist Church Cologne

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With this appl	ication I pledg	e myself to be a fai	ithful member	of the church:	
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¹Regular Membership (as defined in the church constitution):

Individuals are received as a Regular member in one of the following ways:

- 1. By profession of faith in Jesus Christ followed by believer's baptism;
- 2. By transfer of membership from another Baptist Church;
- 3. By affirming that one has personally accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized by immersion as a believing Christian.

Those who wish to transfer from churches which do not observe believer's baptism will be offered instruction in the meaning of this baptism. Those who feel that to receive believer's baptism would imply a refutation of their former experience with Jesus Christ may join IBC as Covenant Members on the basis of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

²Covenant Membership (as defined in the church constitution):

Covenant members enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of Regular Members with the exception of voting concerning the dissolution of the church or concerning changes in the Constitution and Bye-Laws. One may become a Covenant Member by declaring his/her intent to participate in the support of this church and its activities without severing relations with another church.

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