

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP





SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PACK

This is an introduction letter for potential society members of Christian Youth Camps Waihola, providing key information to aid you in deciding on society membership.

Becoming a society member is just a physical way of saying you believe in the importance of what CYC Waihola is doing, and you want to take some ownership in this vital ministry.

what is membership?

CYC Waihola is an incorporated society owned and managed by its society members, similar to sports clubs. Despite ownership, it is a charitable organisation, so profits cannot be distributed to these members. The society's vision is driven by members who empower a management body to achieve objectives in a grassroots approach, unlike trusts.

Each year, society members elect a Council of Management to oversee society affairs, similar to a church's eldership elected by a congregation. The council is responsible and accountable for all decisions made.



why join?

- Membership in our society is vital for CYC's survival. With no members, we cannot legally function.
- The ability for us to serve and minister in the future can only be done through a strong and broad membership base.
- You will be kept up to date with what is happening at CYC Waihola, and provided with opportunities to serve
- Not just local: we have members throughout NZ partnering with us in prayer and by sending leaders and campers.



your contribution

Members of Society agree to partner with us in the following:

- Actively praying for the ministry of CYC Waihola.
- Fervently encourage others to both volunteer and spread the word. This could be; sharing upcoming camps, sponsoring children, leading, speaking, cooking, directing, joining sub-committees, cleaning or maintenance.
- **Paying an annual fee of \$10 per person.**
- **Remaining in agreement with our Statement of Faith.**

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Then he said to his disciples,
"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37 - 38

STATEMENT OF FAITH

S2.1 Of the Word of God

S2.1.1 We believe that the Holy Spirit has inspired the Scriptures (the Old and New Testaments), and that they are the fully inspired and wholly trustworthy and infallible Word and Revelation of God. They are our final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

S2.2 Of God

S2.2.1 We believe that God in the Trinity of His sacred person, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternally existent, is the only living and true God.

S2.3 Of the Lord Jesus Christ

S2.3.1 We believe in and confess that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, came to earth to be the Saviour of the world. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, he is the complete revelation of God in human form, being both fully God and fully human. Living amongst us on this earth, He fulfilled the will of God, spoke the Word of God, and did the works of God.

S2.3.2 For our redemption and salvation, although himself sinless, Jesus was crucified by sinful men and became a sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. He was raised to life again by the power of God, was resurrected on the third day, and that in His glorified body then ascended into heaven and is now at the right hand of God as the mediator, priest and advocate of His people; and that God has given him a name that is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; and that at a moment unknown to us, He will return as He said in power and great glory, thus fulfilling the blessed hope of His Church, all those who profess belief in Him.

S2.4 Of the Holy Spirit

S2.4.1 We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, who came to earth on the day of Pentecost to indwell believers, and who now indwells anyone who receives the gift of salvation. The Holy Spirit is eternal and divine, reveals Jesus Christ, God's Son to us, convicts us of sin and empowers us to live victorious Christian lives.

S2.5 Of Mankind and Sin

S2.5.1 We believe that mankind was created in the image of God, in a state of sinlessness, but that when tempted by Satan, man sinned against God and thereby came under the power of sin, and that fallen sinful nature has been passed on to all humanity. All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. The penalty of sin is death in all its forms, from which mankind can only be delivered by the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. We believe that the Word of God teaches that all people must be "born again" of the Holy Spirit and have faith in Christ Jesus, or be lost forever.

S2.6 Of the Devil

S2.6.1 Evil is real. Satan, the enemy of God, is active in this world to spoil and disrupt the Kingdom of God. We believe there is a hell, as well as a heaven, but Satan, sin and death have been overcome by Jesus Christ, God's Son, through His death and resurrection.

S2.7 Of the Church

S2.7.1 We believe that the Church (invisible) is the company of all who have been born again professing their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and have been formed by His Spirit into one living body of which Christ is the head; and that the Church (visible) has been commissioned to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, with access to God in prayer and worship solely on the grounds of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

S2.8 Of the Resurrection

S2.8.1 The salvation God has planned for His people is not yet complete. We believe in the eventual glorious return of Christ Jesus, God's Son, accompanied by the resurrection of all people, those who are alive and also those who have passed away, both the just and the unjust; those who have been born of God to eternal joy, and the unrepentant to eternal sorrow. Creation will be renewed and there will be a new heaven and a new earth, in which all creatures will sing God's praise.



NEW SOCIETY MEMBER - DECLARATION

I make the following declaration of faith and commitment to the ministry of Christian Youth Camps Waihola Incorporated (CYC Waihola):

- I have a living faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, a love and devotion to serve Him.
- I have prayerfully considered being a part of the ministry of CYC Waihola.
- I am in full accordance with the CYC Waihola Statement of Faith.
- I acknowledge that CYC waihola is inter-denominational, and I will make no attempt to influence children or other workers to accept doctrines peculiar to my own denomination.
- I understand taht should there arise at any time any proof that there has been a breach of this understanding. or if the Council of Management or any Camp Director deem it desirable for me to relinquish my part in this work, I agree to comply gracefully.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NEW SOCIETY MEMBER - NOMINATION

This is a nomination form for **2 current society members** to **nominate** a person who has read the Information Pack and Statement of Faith, wishes to become a Society Member, and is in agreement with CYC Waihola's Statement of Faith.

**To: The Secretary of Council of Management
Christian Youth Camps Waihola Incorporated
PO Box 15061
Waihola 9243**

In accordance with the Society Rule #4 (*New members shall be admitted upon election by a simple majority of the members present at a meeting of Council of the Society provided that such new member has been nominated in writing by two members of the Society*) we the undersigned nominate for the following person to take up membership of the Society.

New Member Name and Signature: _____

1st Nominator Name and Signature: _____

2nd Nominator Name and Signature: _____

Date: _____