



Introduction

This document is to help MBC members in the process of moving to another church, which we call transferring care, since the primary aim is to transfer the shepherding responsibility of MBC pastors to another pastor. Please follow the steps below closely with your shepherd leader to make the process as simple as possible.

Step Zero

Speak to your shepherd leader in advance of any big life decisions you are considering before the decisions are made. This is consistent with what MBC teaches about Church Membership and the proper ways to leave a church.

Step One

Once you have confirmed with your shepherd leader that you will be moving, begin the process of searching for a faithful church in that area. Use the tms.edu church finder and other church finders such as the Founder's Ministry church finder. If those do not supply anything, you will have to search manually on google. This process could take a long time so make sure you begin months beforehand and set aside the appropriate time.

Step Two

Once you have one or more churches selected, you must research and confirm that they preach and teach a biblical gospel. You can begin with statements of faith, but that is not sufficient, listen to 3 or more recent sermons, and if you are able to find the contact for the pastor or office, call them. Seek to question the pastor personally, or at least one of the elders.

Step Three

Present the church you wish to go to your shepherd leader with a brief summary of your research (preferably written or emailed). Follow-up with your shepherd leader to make sure they have looked everything over and presented it to the elders so that everything is squared away.

Step Four

On your final Sunday at MBC, speak with your shepherd leader to make sure they are planning to follow-up with you after you move and that they have the appropriate information to reach your new pastor. If you don't have the new pastor's contact information yet, make sure that you attain it upon arriving at the new church and send it to your shepherd leader.

Step Five

After moving, be sure not only to attend the church but make a point to introduce yourself to the pastor and/or elders in charge. Let them know you are considering their church for membership and that if you end up staying, they will be hearing from the leaders of MBC for transfer of care.

Step Six

Once you have confirmed this is your new church, let your MBC shepherd leader know and wait to hear back from him after he has contacted your new pastor. Once this final step is complete, you are now under the care of the new pastor and it is your responsibility to go through their membership process to become a member.

(Possible) Step 0.1

If the church you picked prior to moving turns out to be one you are not comfortable joining (this must be for objective, biblical reasons), then revisit step one and two of this guide. Seek help from your MBC shepherd leader if needed. Restart the process until you complete step six.