

## **RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP PROCESS:**

**1. MEET WITH PASTOR TO GO OVER MEMBERSHIP FORM AND COMPLETE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS PLAN & COVENANT**

**2. RECEIVE CONGREGATIONAL SPONSOR**

**3. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:**

**A. INDIVIDUALS TRANSFERRING IN FROM ANOTHER UMC OR AN APPROVED FULL COMMUNION PARTNER OR OTHER METHODIST DENOMINATION MUST SCHEDULE A ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE MAKING MEMBERSHIP VOWS TO DETERMINE IF MEMBERSHIP CLASSES ARE APPROPRIATE.**

**B. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT TRANSFERRING THEIR MEMBERSHIP FROM ANOTHER UMC ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS FOR MEMBERSHIP, BUT ARE ONLY REQUIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN MEMBERSHIP CLASSES.**

**4. COMPLETE PROFESSION OF FAITH AND MEMBERSHIP VOWS DURING WORSHIP WITH OTHER CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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