

Baptism

Responsible Committee:		Worship Committee, Clerk of the Roll			
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POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to describe Peninsula United Church's expectations regarding Baptism. In addition to the UCC policies (see references), it is the policy of Peninsula United Church that:

1. Persons seeking baptism for themselves or their children are aware of the meaning of baptism and the expectation that the baptized person will continue to seek growth in Christian faith.
2. Peninsula will baptize children from other communities who have a connection to Peninsula United Church (e.g. grandparents) with the approval and participation of the parent(s) or guardian(s). See related procedure #7 below.
3. The United Church of Canada accepts as valid those baptisms into the Christian faith performed by other denominations, using water and in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
4. At the request of a child or young adult, exceptions to the UCC Manual Sec. 3.2.1(b) (which requires that at least one parent of a child be a full member in good standing) can be made by the Strategic Leadership Committee, provided a sponsor is named from the congregation who has been baptized and confirmed and is a member in good standing. The church Strategic Leadership Council (SLC), as elders of the church, will seek through the means of grace to bring the parents and child/children into full, active communion with the United Church.
5. There shall be no charge for the performance of baptism.