

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Greetings in the Lord. Our congratulations to you on reaching your 20th year. In our culture, it is not as much of a milestone as your 18th or 21st birthday, but in biblical cultures, the age of twenty was highly significant. This was the age when the Israelite men could first be mustered for war ([Num. 1:45](#)), and it was the time when someone began paying the temple tax on their own ([Ex. 38:26](#)). In short, it is a good biblical marker for clarifying your membership status with us.

While we consider every baptized person in a member household an individual member, not all members have voting privileges in church elections. For those who grew up in the church, the distinction is quite simple: when you move out from your parents' home and are self-supporting, you are considered your own household and, therefore, have voting privileges in church elections and are invited to attend heads-of-household meetings. If these two requirements are unmet, it does not mean that you are any less a member. All it means is that in church elections, your vote is encompassed in your parents' household vote.

So, in an effort to clarify things, both for pastoral and governmental reasons, we'd like to explain the various scenarios regarding membership, particularly for those who grew up in the church.

**1. Full Household Membership**

As mentioned before, if you've moved out of your parents' home and you are self-supporting, you are considered a member household and have voting privileges in church elections.

**2. Non-voting Membership**

If you are receiving financial support from your parents, whether you live with them or not, you are considered a non-voting member. This means that your vote is your parents' vote.

**3. Transfer of Membership**

If you are moving away from the Treasure Valley for college or work, we recommend that you transfer your membership to another church in that town. You could also transfer your membership to another church in the Treasure Valley area if that is where you believe the Lord is leading you.

**4. No Membership**

The last option would be to do nothing for the next six months and be dropped from our rolls at the end of that time with our admonition to find a church. For obvious reasons, we do not recommend this.

*It would be very helpful to us if you would take a minute and contact the elders to inform us of your membership status based on the criteria above.* If there are some extenuating circumstances that preclude any of these options, we would be happy to work something out with you. Additionally, we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss any of these options further, or to answer any questions you might have.

Blessings,  
For the King's Congregation Session  
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### **Children of Members Protocol**

All members of the church in their twentieth year will receive a prompt from the elders to be intentional about their church membership. If they have left town for college or to pursue a career, they should be encouraged to consider transferring their membership to the church where they are then worshipping. If they have moved out of their house and are now financially independent from their parents, then they should move their membership out from under their parents and begin to act as their own HOH. If they are still dependent on their parents and living at home, the men should at least consider an independent, non-voting membership. If a child of a member household has left the church and not transferred their membership, then six months after having received their prompt, they will be removed from The King's Congregation membership. If it has been made clear to the elders that the child of a member household has repudiated the faith or has unrepentantly fallen into grievous sin, then the elders will begin church discipline.