



Becoming a Member Congregation of Lyngblomsten: An Overview

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Lyngblomsten is a Christian nonprofit social ministry organization that provides healthcare, housing, and services to older adults in the East Metro of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. The organization was founded in 1906 and has been operating for 11 decades from its campus near Como Park. Beyond its campus, Lyngblomsten serves older adults still living in their own homes, providing wellness education, support for caregivers and enrichment for those living with memory loss, and resources for churches older adult ministry programs.

In 1960, Lyngblomsten was reincorporated and area congregations were invited to become its members. Today about two dozen congregations are members of Lyngblomsten.

Now as Lyngblomsten prepares to open a new campus in Lino Lakes, the organization is looking to add representation to its congregational membership from Lino Lakes area churches who value ministry to, with, and for older adults.

This overview introduces you to the role of Member Congregations and gives you the next steps if your congregation would like to pursue membership.

ABOUT MEMBER CONGREGATIONS	
Why become a Member of Lyngblomsten?	<p>Congregations who join Lyngblomsten are those who share a love and concern for quality of life for the older adults in their congregation and the surrounding community. They believe that we can do more by working together. For some congregations, membership publicly affirms their commitment and concern for older adults. Others view their membership as an extension of their ministry. Membership is also a way to influence senior care resources in your community.</p> <p>Through partnering with Lyngblomsten, congregations can expand and enrich their senior ministries and provide assistance in addressing issues on aging, including health concerns and seniors' desires to live in their own homes and continue participating in their congregations.</p>
Why does Lyngblomsten partner with churches?	<p>At the most basic level, Lyngblomsten's bylaws define the Members of the organization as area Christian congregations. More importantly, Lyngblomsten desires to partner with churches because our organizational roots are Christian and we, too, believe we can do more together than we can do separately.</p> <p>Member congregations have entered into a formal covenant relationship with Lyngblomsten. Other congregations partner informally with Lyngblomsten such as to collaborate on a program or share resources.</p>

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<p>What are the requirements for being a Member Congregation?</p>	<p>A member congregation is one that has signed a Covenant with Lyngblomsten, has appointed the required numbers of delegates (minimum of 2 and maximum of 5 lay delegates plus a pastoral delegate), and attends the annual meeting to elect the Lyngblomsten Board of Directors.</p> <p>NOTE: There is no fee to be a Member Congregation. Donations to the Lyngblomsten Foundation are greatly appreciated as is serving as volunteers.</p>
<p>What does a Delegate do?</p>	<p>Delegates serve as the liaison between their congregation and Lyngblomsten—sharing news, resources, and needs. Delegates attend the Lyngblomsten Corporate Annual Meeting in the spring and elect the Lyngblomsten Board of Directors as well as attend an informational update meeting in the fall.</p>

<p>THE PROCESS</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule a meeting with Lyngblomsten to learn more about being a Member Congregation 2. Submit the Statement of Interest * 3. Receive formal invitation from the Lyngblomsten Board of Directors 4. Sign the Covenant 5. Appoint delegates 6. Attend orientation <p>*a form will be provided</p>
<p>THE TIMELINE</p>	
	<p>August–September 15: Meetings to learn more</p> <p>October 3: Statement of Interest due to Lyngblomsten</p> <p>November: Our hope is to have new congregations committed by mid-November 2022; however, we will work with your congregation on a timeline that works for you.</p>
<p>CONTACT</p>	
	<p>QUESTIONS? Contact: Gayle Anderson at ganderson@lyngblomsten.org or (651) 632-5321.</p> <p>Lyngblomsten Church Relations Team: Gayle Anderson, Executive Administrative Assistant Julie Pfab, Director of Community Services Tim Overweg, Lyngblomsten Foundation Executive Director Rev. Ruth Sorenson, Director of Spiritual Care</p>

Influenced by Christ, Lyngblomsten provides a ministry of compassionate care and innovative services to older adults in order to preserve and enhance their quality of life.