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NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION LESSON 6

HOW DO I CONNECT?

We understand that Godly connections are important to God's plan for our lives. That's why we consider every person God sends to our church as important and valuable, and we cherish the opportunity to have meaningful connections. Let's talk about some of the precious connections we can share within the Full Counsel family.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL-LIVE

Sunday School LIVE is a special selection of online classes and subjects that are taught on Sunday mornings from 9:30AM – 10:15AM. Sunday School LIVE is an excellent way to stay connected to classes that will help you learn and grow by focusing on specific topics and explaining those topics with simplicity and clarity. To find you Sunday School LIVE Classes, simply visit the main Full Counsel Metro Church page on Facebook and search the groups. In the groups, you simply choose the FCM Sunday School LIVE class of your preference and join that class.

FC CONNECT GROUPS

At Full Counsel we try to make it easy for members to get connected and feel like they belong. That's why we've created FC Connect Groups. FC Connect Groups are special groups that allow Full Counsel members and their guests to connect and fellowship based on one of three areas of interests: **Home Bible Groups, Support Groups, or Activity Groups.**

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- **HOME BIBLE GROUPS:** Home Huddles are designed to allow any church members who live within a particular area gather once per month at the home of a designated church member who serves as the Host for that group.

  At this monthly informal gathering members and their families or guests can discuss points from the Pastor's recent sermons with the opportunity to ask questions or share uplifting testimonies relevant to the lesson. The discussion only lasts about an hour or less and is usually followed by a brief time of fellowship with tasty snacks and friendly conversation before dismissing.

- **SUPPORT GROUPS:** We believe in creating a culture in our church where those who may need help overcoming weak or vulnerable areas in their lives can draw moral strength and spiritual support from others who understand and who have already tasted victory for themselves. Our Support Groups are designed for that purpose.

  To lead these groups, we put together Support Teams comprised of mature trusted members who are qualified and able to offer guidance, encouragement, and wisdom for those who would like to participate in the group. Our Support Teams are committed to respecting the privacy and dignity of our members, and our goal is to help and nurture victorious living for all who desire to participate.

  EXAMPLE: The Comfort Zone – Loss & Grief Support - Led by Elder Debbie Alexander – Meets one Saturday per month.

- **ACTIVITY GROUPS** We believe that Christian life is abundant life and should not be void of occasional fun and enjoyment. Our Activity Groups encourage members and their families to gather on a relaxed occasion and enjoy exciting games, friendly competition, or interesting hobbies and skills they may have in common We strongly believe that our bonds as a church family are strengthened while we have fun together in the spirit of righteousness!

  EXAMPLES: Metro Strikers (bowling) | Chop-Chop Metro (cooking showcase)

Hosts and Captains of FC Connect Groups must be active members of the church in good standing, but attendance and participation in any of our groups is open to the public. This includes spouses, children, friends, neighbors, or co-workers. All are invited to attend any FC Connect Group gathering at any time.

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SHELBY NEXT MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

SHELBY NEXT is a new and innovative Membership Management System that allows Full Counsel church members to access and manage their own membership record right from the comfort of home. Members can receive their confidential login information by email and then log into the system using their home computer or mobile device.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS?

1. Members can view, manage, or update personal information at their own convenience. This includes updating their phone number, email address, occupation, or even uploading your own photo to your member profile. (All photos will require admin approval.)

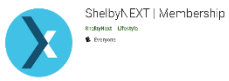
2. Members can easily identify their Elders and Deacons. The Elders and Deacons for you zip code are revealed in the public group list in the system.

3. Members can request to join groups or departments that interest them. The leaders of those groups will receive a notification that you would like to join that group or team, and they will personally follow up with you to get you connected.

4. As a member you can even access your own giving statement at any time, by simply logging in and navigating to your giving tab, where your free printable downloadable giving statement will always be current and available for your convenience. No more phone calls to make or having to wait for your statement to arrive by mail. It's all right there available to you in your Shelby Next account.

To access the Shelby Next website at home, just place www.fullcounsel.shelbynextchms.com in thee address bar. At the website, use your login credentials to access the system.

To download the Shelby Next Membership app for your phone, simply visit your mobile App store for Android or Apple and locate the App. Once you have it installed, enter "fullcounsel" in the domain line, followed by your login information, and you're all set!



NOTE: Anytime you log in to the system, you change your username or password to whatever you like by navigating to the ACCOUNT tab and saving the changes.