

Renewal

Guidelines: For those who are not part of Renewal wishing to be part of a Renewal Group

This question often comes up. This is a set of guidelines to help group leaders navigate this scenario.

Sometimes there are people who are not currently part of Renewal who wish to become a part of a Renewal group. There are three different responses:

1. Those who do not know Jesus, or who have not engaged with any other church

Yes, Yes, Yes. We exist to lift up the name of Jesus and go from one to many. We expect, welcome and roll out the red carpet for those who don't know Jesus or aren't actively involved in another church.

What do we do?

- When you post your group attendance, make a note of the name of your new guest in the notes box. After they have attended regularly and expressed a desire to become part of the group, go to the next point:
- Ask the person if they have been in touch with Renewal about becoming part of a group. If the answer is no, just let them know that if they continue to attend and want to be a part of the Renewal family officially, that Renewal would really like to be able to look after them and include them and that involves us having their details on our database. Give the advantages of being part of Renewal. With their permission, we ask the Group leader to take some personal details (name, DOB, email address, phone number, address) to send to hello@renewalcc.com. The admin team will add this to ChurchSuite and send MyChurchSuite log in details to new person.

2. Those who belong to another church, and have never been a part of Renewal.

Sometimes there are groups that it would be appropriate for people who are not part of Renewal to attend, for example our interest groups. We would welcome people from other churches who have not been a part of Renewal to attend interest groups - but we will need their details on ChurchSuite for our insurance purposes.

If people from other churches want to attend a Life or Support group this will need pastoral approval so that we ensure we can work with their home church on clarifying pastoral responsibilities.

What do we do?

- Interest group guest attendance: Take the details of anyone who will be attending your interest group and email them to hello@renewalcc.com telling the team which group the person will be joining. They will be added to ChurchSuite.
- Life or Support group attendance: Take some details from them and submit these to hello@renewalcc.com with the name of your group and ask for pastoral approval for the new person to be able to become a part of your group, explaining that they are already part of another church. One of the pastoral team will be in touch with them and then communicate with you afterwards.

3. Those who have left Renewal to join another church

We understand that for many reasons people who have been part of Renewal will move on to pastures new. When people leave well, we celebrate with them that God is still planting and using them somewhere else in his great Kingdom. However, if people have left Renewal but still wish to be part of Renewal groups - this will need pastoral approval.

We want to ensure that all our groups are environments that represent Jesus well, and also fully believe that if God has called people to a church, they should serve that church wholeheartedly, be it Renewal or another church. Our normal procedure would be to ask for a 12 month cooling off period where they don't attend any Renewal groups - to allow them to build strong relationships in their new church, and allow Renewal groups to continue to be focussed on Renewal mission.

What do we do?

- Send an email to hello@renewalcc.com letting us know which people in your group have left Renewal. We will then be in touch with them. This is essential, as it means we are able to stay up to date.