

# TRINITY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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Membership class given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Class Overview

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*Thank you for having considered making La Trinidad Church your home church. We are privileged to know that out of the many options there are to choose from, you have chosen to become a member of La Trinidad Church.*

## 1. Our Church History

Trinity Church was founded in 1926 by Pastors Robert and Dolores Espinoza. Pastor Robert and Dolores Espinoza came to San Fernando from Los Angeles and immediately began personal work, winning souls for Christ. In the early days, Pastor Robert and Dolores Espinoza rented buildings and met in homes until in the 1940's when they built what is now our Praise Chapel.

The Main Sanctuary was built in the 1960's and served as a meeting place for a growing and hungry congregation. The Main Sanctuary was destroyed in 1994 by the Northridge Earthquake and it took 2 years to completely rebuild the Sanctuary where we now meet today. At La Trinidad Church, we host both an English-speaking congregation (Trinity Church) as well as a Spanish-speaking congregation (Iglesia La Trinidad), all which enjoy services under one Lord, one Senior Pastor, and one mission: To Exalt the Name of Jesus, to Edify one another, and to Evangelize and share the love of God with a lost and hurting world. There are many opportunities to minister to others and to be ministered to.

Our founding Pastor Robert Espinoza had a vision for missions and we continue his legacy today. We believe in reaching the world as well as our local community for Christ. We believe in intimate and life-changing worship as well as dynamic and powerful preachings. Trinity Church has undergone many positive changes over the years, however, there are some things that will not change. We believe that Jesus saves, heals, fills with the power of the Holy Spirit, and is coming soon!

## 2. Meet Our Pastors

La Trinidad Church currently has 3 Pastors serving on Staff:

Lead Pastor David Espinoza Jr.  
& Pastor Mona Espinoza

Pastor Israel Velasco  
& Pastor Veronica Velasco

Pastor Enrique Flores  
& Pastor Dianne Flores

### 3. What We Believe

#### *The Inspired Scriptures*

We believe the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:16)

#### *God in Three Persons*

We believe the one true God has revealed himself as being the eternally self-existent Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed himself as a Trinity, that is, one being existing in three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16-17)

#### *The Lord Jesus Christ*

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, as revealed in the Scriptures, by His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead and His position at the right hand of God. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

#### *Creation and Fall of Man*

We believe that man was created good and upright. However, man willfully sinned and thereby was subjected not only to physical death but also to spiritual death, which is separation from God. (Genesis 3)

#### *Salvation*

We believe man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:7)

#### *The Ordinances*

Water baptism: We believe the ordinance of baptism by immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is commanded of all who repent and believe in Christ as Savior. It represents having died with Christ and being raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

Communion: We believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's suffering and death and a prophecy of His second coming. It is commanded of all believers "until he comes". (Romans 6:4/1 Cor. 11:23-26)

#### *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*

We believe all Christians are entitled to and should seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit with one of the initial physical signs of speaking with other tongues according to Acts 2:4. This experience gives a Christian power to witness by his/her life and words. (Acts 2:4)

## *What We Believe (Continued)*

### *Sanctification*

We believe sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God. (Phil. 2:12-15)

### *The Church and its Mission*

We believe the Church is the body of Christ with a divinely called ministry. Its purpose is to evangelize the world, worship God and encourage believers to grow in the likeness of Christ. (Mark 16:15)

### *Divine Healing*

We believe deliverance from sickness is provided for in the Atonement and is the privilege of all believers. (Exodus 15:26)

### *The Rapture of the Church*

We believe the blessed hope of the Church is Christ's return from heaven to reunite the Christians who have died, together with those who are alive, to be with Him forever. (1 Thes. 4:15- 5:2)

### *End-time Events*

We believe Christ will return with His saints to establish a 1,000 – year reign of peace. After this will come the final judgment of the wicked, and then a new heaven and a new earth. (Rev. 19 – 21)

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## **4. Membership Requirements**

We, at La Trinidad Church, believe that church membership is of great importance and should be taken very serious, as not only is it a commitment made to the church, but also a commitment made unto God. We ask every member of La Trinidad Church to be faithful in their giving of time, money, prayer, and talent.

We ask that you faithfully and consistently attend our Sunday Worship Services along with any other mid-week bible study, home group session, or prayer gathering. We know growth is important in the life of a believer and therefore do our best to offer a convenient time for worship, the study of God's word, and fellowship with other believers throughout the week.

We ask that you faithfully and consistently tithe, give offering, and support our Missions effort and any other special projects we may have. It is because of faithful giving that our ministries and church can exist and press forward.

We believe in the power of intercession and that God honors the prayer for others by his people. This is why we ask that, as you regularly seek the Lord in prayer, you may lift-up our church and its ministries, leaders, congregation, and Pastors in prayer.

Finally, we ask that you get involved in our various groups and ministries (for a complete list of ministries, see section 6 –Our Ministries). We are in constant need of help and assistance in our ministries and programs from talented and passionate individuals. Previous experience is not required in order to participate in a ministry in which God is calling you to; just a willing heart. If you feel that we are lacking a certain ministry or program in which you could be a part of, please let us know and we will gladly consider it.

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## 5. Membership Benefits

There are certain benefits and privileges that members are entitled to at La Trinidad Church. Members can vote on church related matters whenever voting is held. Members can become leaders and teachers of our ministries and programs upon the Pastor's discretion. Members can also meet with any of our pastors and request home visitations and/or hospital visits. Members are also entitled to use of the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Social Hall to celebrate their own wedding or funeral service.

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## 6. Our Ministries

La Trinidad Church is made up of a diverse group of people with unique talents and abilities, all which are used and cultivated for the furthering of God's word through various ministries. Below is a list of ministries which currently exist at La Trinidad Church.

### Men's Ministry

### Women's Ministries

*J.E.W.E.L Ministry (Jesus Empowered Women Embracing Life)*

*Single Mom's Ministry*

### O.A.S.I.S Ministry (Older Adults Still In Service)

### Youth and Young Adult Ministries

*T.O.R (Tower of Refuge Youth)*

*AMP {Jesus Amplified}*

### Children's Ministries

*Kings Kids*

*Royal Rangers*

*Missionettes*

*Nursery*

## Marriage and Family Ministries

*Married Couples*

## Worship and Music Ministry

### M3 Media Ministry

*Sound*

*Video and Lighting*

## Kitchen Ministry

## Overcomer's Outreach Recovery Ministry

## Maintenance and Cleaning Ministry

## Security Ministry

## Heart For Our City (Food Distribution Ministry)

## Information Ministry

*Website*

*Social Media*

*Bulletins*

## Compassion, Evangelism, and Prayer Ministry

## Saturday Nite Church

## Home groups

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## 7. New Membership Reception – Things You Should Know

We are very excited to welcome you into our congregation and receive you as a member of La Trinidad Church. We would like to publicly acknowledge your decision to become a member of our church. During our next Sunday Worship Service you will be asked by name to proceed to the altar along with any other new members. The designated Pastor will address the new members followed by prayer. Finally, you will be introduced to the congregation as official members of La Trinidad Church.

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## 8. Tour of the Facilities

Your Leader or Pastor will now give you a tour of our facilities.

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