



**WILLOW CREEK CHURCH  
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Volunteer/Ministry Area \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Thank you for your willingness to volunteer and serve Willow Creek Church. Please READ and complete BOTH pages of WCC Volunteer Application form, SIGN and return to the ministry leader or church office.

- ▷ If you are volunteering to serve in an area overseeing children or youth you must also complete AUTHORIZATION & DISCLOSURE FORMS authorizing us to request and receive background report information. NOTE: SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS REQUIRED on form.
- ▷ If you will be driving children or youth for WCC events away from WCC facility, D/L # is required on AUTHORIZATION FORM.
- ▷ If you do not wish to provide your SSN and/or D/L # in writing, we can provide you with an e-link allowing you to enter this information directly to the background company (GIS). We will send you a request with email link giving you 5 days to respond.
  - CHECK HERE to receive e-link in lieu of completing AUTHORIZATION & DISCLOSURE FORM. Please include email below.

Full Name	SEX: M or F    DOB    AGE
Home Address (# & Street)	Hm Phone
City/ST/Zip	Cell Phone
Email	Other phone(s)

Emergency Contact Name(s)	Phone
---------------------------	-------

Are you a member of Willow Creek Church?  Yes  No                      How long have you attended Willow Creek Church: \_\_\_\_\_

If not, are you interested in pursuing membership?  Yes  No OR Would you meet with an Elder to discuss our vision & statement of faith?  Yes  No

Do you have any areas of question or concern?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not attend Willow Creek or have attended Willow Creek for less than one (1) year please provide previous church reference:

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

# years attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL REFERENCES:** Please list 3 persons, not related to you, that are qualified to evaluate your capabilities and character, that we may contact for personal references:

Name/Address	Telephone	Relationship	# years known

What specific qualities or talents or spiritual gifts do you feel you have and how would you like to use them at Willow Creek? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of your expectations from the ministry staff? \_\_\_\_\_

How long are you willing to commit to serve in this ministry area? \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: Some positions may require a one year commitment)

**MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**—Please list any ministry/church experience you have been involved with (use back of form or separate paper if necessary).

Date Started	Ministry/Activity	Date Ended	Reason Ended	Church

Please write a brief testimony about how and when you became a Christian (use separate paper if necessary).

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR VISION: "To help build a great city and region for all people through a gospel movement that brings *revival, renewal, and reformation* to every aspect of life and culture in Central Florida and, through it, the world."

### OUR BELIEFS:

Willow Creek, as a Christian church, affirms the orthodox, historic faith taught in the Scriptures and articulated in the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed.

As a twenty-first century expression of the Protestant Reformation, we also hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as a sound reflection of our beliefs, subordinate to the supreme standard of God's Word.

Beyond this, we sometimes use five descriptors to describe Willow Creek Church. Although not exhaustive, they provide a clear snapshot of our identity.

**Christians:** First and foremost, we are followers of Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords. We believe that he is God, the second person of the Trinity, and our only redeemer. This is our ultimate and essential identity: children of God by his grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. In this regard, we are united to all true believers throughout space and time, in heaven and on earth. Our denominational affiliation and convictions on secondary matters do not undermine or overshadow our fundamental unity with the universal church.

**Evangelicals:** We unashamedly and graciously preach of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news that salvation is by God's grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. We want to live and share the awe-inspiring message of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

**Missional:** We believe that to share the gospel in word and deed requires that we live as missionaries in our families, schools, workplaces, communities, and culture with a posture of grace and peace. We long for members to have vital and loving connections in their communities, sharing the light and love of Christ with their neighbors.

**Reformed:** We are striving to be thoroughly biblical in our understanding of and approach to discipleship. We affirm that Scripture, and Scripture alone, is the highest authority in faith and practice. Searching the Scriptures, we hold to the apostolic and biblical teachings concerning God, humanity, and redemption recovered during the Protestant Reformation.

**Presbyterian:** We believe that the Scriptures clearly teach a governing structure for the church, and we enthusiastically embrace it: Presbyterianism.

**Conclusion:** With that said, one of our preeminent ministry maxims is this:

*In the essentials, unity; in the non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.*

In other words, not all aspects of our identity or belief are equally important; some things are more important than others. We unite around what matters most, and do not break fellowship on secondary matters that – while important – are clearly not essential.

What unites us as members at Willow Creek Church is our shared affirmation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, that we are Christians. On secondary matters, we affirm a wonderful and godly diversity. And in everything, we strive toward grace and peace - together!

*For more about the PCA Church beliefs, Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechism go to [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org).*

**While ministering at or through Willow Creek Presbyterian Church, I will not teach or otherwise seek to advance views contrary to the church's vision and its doctrinal beliefs as outlined in the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WCC OFFICE USE: Instructions:** Ministry leader should review and verify application. For all areas where volunteers will be working with children, volunteers must COMPLETE AND SIGN the AUTHORIZATION & DISCLOSURE forms allowing us to complete a background check. If a volunteer will be DRIVING or TRANSPORTING children for WCC events away from WCC facility, they must include their D/L # where requested. Ministry leader should **sign below and forward ALL paperwork to church office** for completion of background. Staff will return volunteer application to ministry leader with background approval signature and date. Ministry leader files approved Volunteer Application.

**MINISTRY LEADER PLEASE CHECK HERE TO INDICATE IF D/L CHECK NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL** (only needed for those driving children/youth)

Ministry Leader Reviewed (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Background Completed (WCC staff signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

D/L Check Completed (WCC staff signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_