

How Do I Become a Member

Baptized Communicant Members

Baptized Members are those who receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism at Bruton Parish, or those who transfer their baptismal record from another Episcopal parish or another denomination. These members are expected to become active regular participants in parish ministries, programs, and worship (receiving Holy Communion at least three times a year).

These members are also expected to make a pledge as a "contributor of record" supporting the mission and ministry of Bruton Parish. These members are eligible to serve on parish committees. These members may become confirmed communicants by making their adult profession of faith in the presence of the Bishop through the rite of Confirmation, or – having already made an adult profession of faith in another denomination – by being received into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop through the rite of Reception.

Confirmed Communicant Members

Confirmed Communicant Members are: 1) those who already confirmed communicant members of another Episcopal parish and to transfer their membership; 2) those who are baptized members of another Episcopal parish or another denomination and make their adult profession of faith in the presence of the Bishop through the rite of confirmation; or 3) those who are baptized members of another denomination, have already made their adult profession of faith, and are received into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop through the rite of Reception. If you wish to transfer either from a church of another denomination or another Episcopal Church, the Membership Coordinator will prepare the necessary paperwork to request your transfer to Bruton Parish. You will be notified by the Rector when your transfer has become effective. People transferring from another denomination are required to attend *The Inquirers Series* classes (see page 5) prior to becoming a Communicant Member of the Parish.

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Associates

Associates are those who desire to donate monetary gifts and/or receive Bruton's mailings, attend regularly when in the area, participate in our activities, help support our ministry and mission and are eligible to serve on parish committees. These associates often include temporary residents, college students, owners of timeshares, regular visitors, etc.

Friends of Bruton: Our Worldwide Congregation

Friends of Bruton is an extension of our parish family with membership open to all whether here in Virginia or across the country — indeed throughout the world.

There are numerous connections that may lead to a desire to establish and maintain a relationship with our parish church. Some attachments may be the result of frequent visits; others may be former members who have moved from Williamsburg, still others because of a fondness for the area that developed when assigned here while in the military, or as a result of visits with family when they were youngsters. William & Mary graduates, especially former members of the Canterbury Association, might welcome the opportunity for a continuing relationship with Bruton. *Friends of Bruton* will provide these and others the opportunity to have a lasting association with Bruton Parish Church as members of our worldwide congregation.

If you know of someone who might be interested in this type of relationship with Bruton Parish Church, please feel free to have them contact the program's chairperson, Jim Morford (757-258-2578) or Hilary Cooley, Communications Director (757-345-2252 or hcooley@brutonparish.org).