

Procedure for admission of visitors to the Lord's Table at Bethel United Reformed Church of Woodstock, Ontario adopted in Consistory March 19, 2014.

1. Educate the congregation regarding the principles and procedures of supervising the table
2. Announce the dates for the Lord's Supper well in advance, including a bulletin announcement one week prior to the administration of the sacrament
3. If members of the congregation are aware of potential visitors to the table of the Lord, they are encouraged to direct (or better still: accompany) the visitors to meet with at least two of the elders during the week prior to the celebration.
4. At least two elders should be available in the library prior to the service for those who desire and are prepared to join the congregation.
5. Visitors who have that desire and have not yet met with the elders during the previous week are invited by an announcement in the bulletin on the morning the sacrament is to be administered to seek out the elders in the library.
6. Visitors are asked to make their request to partake and a declaration of their faith according to the statements outlined in the attached form.
7. At 15 minutes prior to the service, the elders will take these requests to the consistory for their consideration and, if appropriate, their approval.
8. Prior to the administration of the sacrament, only those visitors whose requests have been approved by the consistory will be publicly welcomed from the pulpit to join the congregation at the table.
9. The entirety of the forms that have been signed by the visitors will be sent to their home consistories which are responsible for their doctrine and lives.