

Candidate for Baptism Form

Dear Candidate,

Here at [New Mt. Zion](#), we are ordinary people with diverse life experiences, problems, and issues. This may sound strange, but we actually believe that those experiences and issues are our greatest strength because it allows us to be able to relate to people with authenticity, humility, and candor.

We believe that when an individual for the first time publicly repents or apologizes for the wrong thoughts and actions that he or she has taken that seek to separate himself or herself from God, the individual is in the process of undergoing a transformation in their heart. This transformation causes an individual to desire more fully to know God through Christ Jesus and model His teachings. During this process an individual's entire ideological outlook is reoriented/surrendered to Christ, causing the person to be "born again." The symbol of this new birth is affirmed in the sacrament of baptism where an individual is either immersed in water, sprinkled with water, or has water poured on them.

This sacramental act dates back to water cleansing rituals found in the Ancient Near East and other parts of the globe. In some of these traditions as well as in ours, we believe the purification powers found in water and the importance of water as a natural resource indispensable to human life culminated in the production of a liturgical ritual that allows individuals to be cleansed of passed wrong thoughts and actions, and freed to live a new life.

On behalf of the members, pastoral team, the family and friends of [New Mt. Zion](#), we would like to share how excited and blessed we are as a church family that you have prayerfully decided to covenant with our community. Our mission is to be embody the teachings of Jesus Christ by being globally conscience and locally engaged in the lives of the members of our community and the communities where we fill called to serve.

Please complete information contained on the back of this form and a member of our pastoral team and/or church family will be in contact with you.

Thank You.

Yours in Christian Service,

The New Mt. Zion Steward Board



Contact Information

Section 1

Full Name of Candidate (Will Be Used on Certificate): _____

Is this individual a minor (18 years of age or younger)? Please Circle. Yes No

If Yes, Name of Guardian: _____

Has the Guardian accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior? Please Circle. Yes No

Church Membership of the Guardian? Please Circle. Yes No

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If this form is being completed by a guardian representing a minor regarding an infant/toddler's baptism, then please complete section using the legal guardian's information for the address and contact information.

Section 2

Preferred Name of Candidate to be Addressed by: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

What is your preferred method of contact? Home Phone Mobile Email

Number of Individuals in Household: _____

Candidate's Age: _____ Are you married? Please Circle. Yes No

If you answered yes, please provide the name and contact information of spouse.

Spouse's Name: _____

Contact Information if different than above: _____

Additional Comments:

Note: Your personal information is extremely important to **New Mt. Zion**. For this reason, any information you provide to New Mt. Zion AME Church is kept confidential and is only shared with the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church Office of the Bishop barring legal mandates upon the review of the Office of the General Counsel of the AME Church necessitate information sharing.