



Pumpkin Patch Day Care
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Pumpkin Patch Day Care Membership Information

In 2020, the membership of Pumpkin Patch Not-for-profit Day Care expanded its membership beyond Mount Hamilton Baptist Church partners to include parents of children attending the Day Care. ALL members of the organization (see below – Who is a Voting Member) need to sign a Pumpkin Patch Membership Agreement if they wish to vote at the Annual General Meeting or Business Meetings. If you wish to vote at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on November 28th, 2021, please read the information carefully and submit your membership agreement to the Day Care by NOVEMBER 1st, 2021.

What is a non-profit organization?

- 🎃 A non-profit corporation is a legal entity separate from its members and directors formed for purposes other than generating a profit. While a non-profit corporation can earn a profit, the profit must be used to further the goals of the corporation rather than to pay dividends to its membership.

Who is a voting member?

- 🎃 The membership of the corporation is made up of church partners and parents and/or legal guardians of children currently attending Pumpkin Patch Day Care. To qualify as a voting member you must be at least sixteen years of age and you have to sign a Pumpkin Patch membership agreement every year.
- 🎃 All members who have signed a current Pumpkin Patch membership agreement are only entitled to one vote. There shall only be **two votes per family** of a child or children attending the Day Care.
- 🎃 Membership in the corporation is not transferable and automatically terminates if the Pumpkin Patch Day Care member ceases to be a church partner or leaves the Day Care.

What are the benefits of becoming a voting member?

- 🎃 As a voting member you can actively contribute to the decision-making process of Pumpkin Patch Day Care by voting on business at the Annual General Meeting and Business Meetings on such things as selecting directors, approving changes to the organization, financial statements and the accountant/auditor's report.

How do I register to become a voting member?

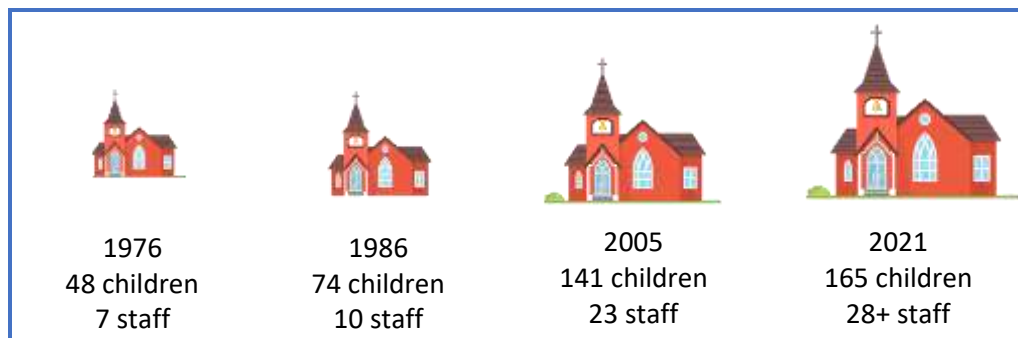
To become a voting member you will need to sign a Pumpkin Patch membership agreement each year. You can obtain a copy of the membership agreement several ways:

- 👉 If you have an email registered at the Church or the Day Care, a copy of the Pumpkin Patch membership agreement has been emailed to you. If you have not received the email, please email the day care at: info@pumpkinpatchdaycare.ca;
- 👉 Call (905-388-2882) or email (info@pumpkinpatchdaycare.ca) Pumpkin Patch Day Care to have a paper copy of the Pumpkin Patch membership agreement mailed to you;
- 👉 Pick up a paper copy of the Pumpkin Patch Membership Agreement at Mount Hamilton Baptist Church located at 626 Upper Wentworth St., Hamilton following Sunday Service; or,
- 👉 Ask for a paper copy of the Pumpkin Patch membership agreement when checking your child in or when picking them up from the Day Care.

IMPORTANT: The Covid-19 pandemic has delayed our preparation for this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will now be held virtually at 2:00 PM, Sunday November 28, 2021. If you would like to vote at the AGM, please sign and return your Pumpkin Patch Membership Agreement to Pumpkin Patch Day Care by November 1st, 2021. ALL members must complete and return the agreement if they wish to vote at the AGM.

Why are parents of children at Pumpkin Patch Day Care being included in the membership now?

- 👉 Pumpkin Patch Day Care has grown considerably since it was started in 1976. In 2020, the membership voted to include parents to give them the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process so we can continue to grow a healthy organization in the Hamilton community.



- 👉 We have filled the parent positions on the Board for 2021/22 but if you are interested in putting your name forward for future years please send a statement indicating your interest to: info@pumpkinpatchdaycare.ca.

I still have questions. Where can I get more information?

- 👉 You can call the Day Care at 905-388-2882; or
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