

# Leohtsawend Guild: Membership Requirements

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The goal of this Guild is to create a community that loves to serve each other, others, and especially God.

Members must:

1. Be at least 18 or older.
2. Actively pursuing at least one of the following arts as a career or hobby:

Writing, visual arts (drawing, photography, & animation), editing, music, composing, publishing, producing, directing, acting, dancing, sound design, theatre, filmmaking, or some subset or technical branch of these arts not listed here.

3. Want to use their chosen arts to glorify God as an image bearer reflecting the Creator.
4. Most importantly: Confess to be a Christian and actively seeking to honour and serve God.

To define this, members must hold to the following doctrinal statements. Members must also be able to agree with the Nicene Creed (attached at the end of this document) as well as regularly attending a Church.

- Reformed doctrine summarized by the five solas<sup>1</sup>:
  - Sola Scriptura, or Scripture alone. All of scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching. Scripture is our infallible authority, not traditions or men.
  - Sola Christus, or Christ alone. We can only be saved through the death of Jesus Christ.
  - Sola Fide, or Faith alone. We are saved through Christ by faith, not by works.
  - Sola Gratia, or Grace alone. We are saved by God's grace.
  - Soli Deo gloria, or glory to God alone. Because God alone saves us and we cannot, God deserves all of the glory.
- God created everything in six literal days as written in Genesis 1.
- God created man and woman in his image for his glory, and gave mankind dominion over the earth. As the Westminster Shorter Catechism<sup>2</sup> words it: "What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."<sup>3</sup> & "How

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<sup>1</sup>This article may be helpful in defining these terms further: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-five-solas/>

<sup>2</sup>The Westminster shorter catechism can be found here: <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/westminster-shorter-catechism> and also gives many good definitions of biblically sound doctrine.

did God create man? God created man male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures”.

- Marriage is defined and instituted by God, and as such is between one man and one woman.
- Affirm the gospel summarized as the following:
  - In the beginning God created the world, it was good<sup>4</sup>. He made Man in His own image and gave him dominion over the earth<sup>5</sup>. But Man disobeyed God and through that act Sin was brought into the whole world.<sup>6</sup> All humans have sinned and deserve the wrath of God and death.<sup>7</sup> But God so loved the world that He sent His Only Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life and die in our place on a cross.<sup>8</sup> Three days later Christ rose from the dead, defeating sin and death.<sup>9</sup> He ascended to heaven and stands by His Father to intercede for us.<sup>10</sup> One day Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead.<sup>11</sup> If we believe in Christ we will be saved and receive eternal life.<sup>12</sup> This salvation is a free gift of God, we cannot earn it.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Genesis 1:1, 1:31

<sup>5</sup> Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>6</sup> Genesis 3, Romans 5:12

<sup>7</sup> Romans 3:23

<sup>8</sup> Romans 6:23, 5:7-9, John 3:16

<sup>9</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

<sup>10</sup> Acts 1:9-11, Romans 8:34

<sup>11</sup> Acts 10:42, 2 Timothy 4:1

<sup>12</sup> Romans 10:9-11

<sup>13</sup> Ephesians 2:8-9

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic<sup>14</sup> and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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<sup>14</sup> The word “catholic” refers to the universal church.