

As we seek to be a multicultural church in Christ, Village is dedicated to seeing all people feel welcomed and encouraged in their journey of faith. One of our desires is to connect with visitors when they first visit a worship service. This desire led us to discontinue our monthly Discover Village class and begin a Weekly Welcome after each service. Membership Director, Gary Ewer and others have been in the lobby after each service and connected with over 20 new individuals and families since we began in November, as compared to the 54 individuals who attended a Discover Village class this year. We're also looking forward to implementing a new class that helps folks understand who Village is and how we are structured.

Many visitors share that they visit Village because of our sign on Murray Blvd, while others found us while searching on the internet and still more have been invited by Villagers. However new people find Village, our prayer is that they feel welcomed into our community and encouraged in their faith journey. Gary met a new couple and their parents after the second service this fall and they are now attending regularly, connected with the Indian Fellowship and have enrolled their young son in Village Preschool! Another family visited within their first week of moving to Portland and had been praying for a church to be part of - they are now involved in Korean Fellowship, cafe and ESOL. Finally, Jen met a young family in early November. They have visited all our services, checked out a life group and even participated in Be the Gift!

No matter what brings people to Village, we are grateful for the community that is our church. In our formal membership process we have seen 30 individuals become members of Village. This brings our total membership to 761.

If you have questions about church membership or would like to work with us to connect with visitors, please contact Jen Spickelmier (Director of Hospitality).