



Be it known that this church,

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Web site \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

desires to apply for recognition in the Evangelical Association of Reformed & Congregational Christian Churches. We affirm the core convictions and doctrinal truths contained in the following statements without reservation:

Apostle's Creed (Church officer please initial here \_\_\_\_\_)

I (We) believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I (We) believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Nicene Creed (Church officer please initial here \_\_\_\_\_)

I (We) believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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 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 sitteth on 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 I (we) believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I (we) believe in one holy universal and apostolic church; I (we) acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I (we) look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Evangelical Association Statement of Faith (Church officer please initial here \_\_\_\_\_)

We affirm the following:

- 1. The Trinitarian name of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. God has revealed Himself fully and decisively as attested in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. The Scriptures are the guide of faith and life.
3. There is only one way to salvation: through Jesus Christ.
4. The sanctity of human life at every stage based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom.
5. The Biblical guidelines for human sexuality: marriage as the union of one man and one woman, fidelity and holiness in marriage and chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
6. The mission of the Church is to spread the good news of the Gospel of salvation in every word and deed. We are sent by Christ into all the world to proclaim the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship and submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

OPTIONAL - Additional Statements of Faith, Creeds, Confessions, Affirmations, etc. that are important to your church and that you wish to have on the record as part of your application may be attached to this document.

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**Furthermore, we are in agreement with the purpose and organizational structure of the Evangelical Association as expressed in the following statements:**

**Evangelical Association Purpose Statement (Church officer please initial here\_\_\_\_\_)**

The Evangelical Association is organized and operates exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, and to carry out the purposes of uniting churches of the Evangelical, Reformed, Congregational and Christian heritage, as well as supporting the ministry of the local church, the clergy, and the mission of its members. We are a voluntary association of churches, ministers and believers networking together to further the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Evangelical Association Statement of Organizational Structure (Church officer please initial here\_\_\_\_\_)**

We are an association of local churches, each of which governs itself according to the Bible. We transcend denominational/association lines as ecumenically we network together to strengthen the Church and each other. We are united as the family of God with Christ as our Lord and Savior. We hold fast to the belief that Jesus Christ is the head of His Body, the Church, and of each local church. We hold fast to the belief that Christ exercises His authority in each local church by the Holy Spirit and through the Holy Scriptures. We hold fast to the belief that each local church is in itself a complete church, and is therefore autonomous and possesses all the rights and responsibilities of the Church as bestowed upon it by the Holy Spirit and set forth in God's Word.

Officer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Other items (not required) which we hope you will provide along with this application:**

- A copy of your church's Constitution and By-laws.
- A brief written history of your church

**Support Enclosed (please make checks payable to "Evangelical Association"), or go to our website to contribute by credit/debit card**

\_\_\_\_\_ Church Dues (suggested minimum \$3 per member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional support for General Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional support for National Minister Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you **DO NOT** want your church to be listed in any directory or on the web site of the EARCCC

Thanks so much for your interest in the Evangelical Association. If you have questions, please contact:

**Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister at 314-347-9994 or [natmin@evangelicalassociation.org](mailto:natmin@evangelicalassociation.org)**

Please return application to:

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