



Evangelical Christian Alliance

APPLICATION FOR CREDENTIALS

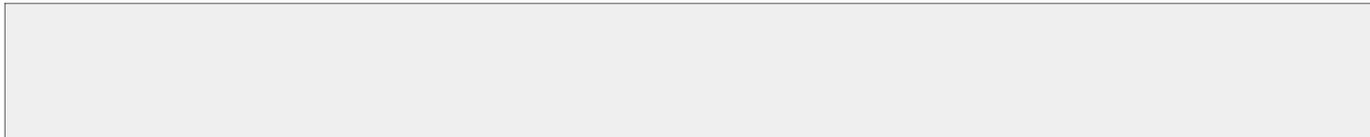
Evangelical Christian Alliance

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PREROGATIVE AND PRIVILEGES

1. THE APPLICANT

- A. Shall be chartered as, and remain, an autonomous body. It shall have the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, including the power to choose or call its pastor, elect its official board, and transact any and all business pertaining to its function as a church body.
- B. Shall have the right to use the name of Evangelical Christian Alliance and all registered trademarks associated therewith in publications, signs, advertisements, letterheads, and other places not named herein, but that will be mutually beneficial to the local church and to Evangelical Christian Alliance, as long as it shall remain in good standing with the Evangelical Christian Alliance.
- C. Shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property either through authorized representatives or in its corporate name as a self-governing body.
- D. Shall have the right to terminate the Fellowship Covenant, without cause, and agrees to notify Evangelical Christian Alliance, by certified letter, within seven (7) days of such decision by the church governing body.
- E. Shall have the right to representation and participation at all Evangelical Christian Alliance meetings and conventions.
- F. Agrees to be faithful to the sacred trust of the ministry by diligence, by uprightness in business matters, by ministerial ethics, by self-sacrifice, by purity, by avoiding the very appearance of evil, by cherishing the anointing of the Holy Spirit, even unto death.

2. EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE

- A. Shall have the right to terminate the Fellowship Covenant for cause, and agrees to notify the applicant, by certified letter, within seven (7) days of such decision by the Credentials Committee of Evangelical Christian Alliance.
- B. The Credentials Committee of the Evangelical Christian Alliance shall have the right to restrain the use of the Evangelical Christian Alliance name and associated trademarks in an action of law and in equity in the event the applicant at any time ceases to be a cooperative fellowship.
- C. Shall, while recognizing the sovereignty of the applicant church, retain authority relative to any and all ministerial credentials issued to pastors, associate pastors, evangelists and other members of the applicant church who are credential by Evangelical Christian Alliance, and such matters will be determined by the ecclesiastical process of the Evangelical Christian Alliance Credentials Committee and not by secular law and jurisprudence.
- D. Agrees to be faithful to the sacred trust of the ministry by diligence, by uprightness in business matters, by ministerial ethics, by self-sacrifice, by purity, by avoiding the very appearance of evil, by cherishing the anointing of the Holy Spirit, even unto death.

The statement contained in this application are true, and I, by my signature hereon, indicated that the governing body of this fellowship agrees to be bound by the terms of this application.

Signature

Printed name

Title:

Date:

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Return to:
Evangelical Christian Alliance
Credentials Committee

P.O. Box 45078
Baton Rouge, LA 70895-4078



Declaration Of Faith

The following excerpts are from the Constitution and Bylaws of Evangelical Christian Alliance. Please read this document thoroughly before proceeding with the application process.

This alliance accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God and the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and it adopts the following statement of fundamental truths, to wit:

1. The Scriptures Inspired. The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man; and they are the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (I Thess. 2:13; II Tim. 3:15-17; II Pet. 1:21)

2. The One True God. The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself eternally existent in three persons as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. (Deut. 6:4; Isa 43:10-11; Matt 28:19; Lu 3:22; 1Jo. 5:7).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His sacrificial death and resurrection and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father. (Matt. 1:18-25; I Pet. 2:21-22; Mk. 15:37; Mk 16:19)

4. The Fall of Man. Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (Gen 1:26-27; Gen 2:17; Gen 3:6; Rom 5:12-19).

5. The Salvation of Man. Man's only hope of being cleansed from sin is through repentance, and faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Act 2:38; Heb. 9:22; I Jo 5:7-9).

6. Spiritual Renewing. Renewing by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.(Jo. 3:3-5; Tit. 3:5)

7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost. All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts, and the uses of



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gifts in the work of the ministry (Lu 24:49; Act 1:4,8; ! Cor 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the New Birth (Acts 8:12-17, 10:44-46, 11:14-16, 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost comes such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (Jo 7:37-39; Act 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Act 2:43; Heb 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Act 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word, and for the lost (Mk 16:20).

8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Act 2:4).

9. The Church. The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of its great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of "the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven" (Heb. 12:23; Eph 1:22-23, 2:22).

10. Divine Healing. The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the physical body in answer to believing prayer. (Isa. 53:5; I Pet. 2:24).

11. The Blessed Hope. The Second Coming of Christ the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope (Tit. 2:13; I Thes. 4:16-17), followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zech. 14:5; Matt 24:27-30; Rev. 1:7, 19:11-14, 20:1-6). This Millennial Reign will bring the salvation of Israel (Ezek. 37:21-22; Zeph. 3:19-20; Rom 11:26-27) and the establishment of universal peace (Psa. 72:3-8; Isa. 11:6-9; Mic. 4:3-4).

12. The Resurrection of the Saved. We believe in the resurrection of the saved to everlasting life and the unsaved to everlasting damnation. (Jo 5:28-29; Act 24:15)

13. The Final Judgment. There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels and the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

14. The New Heavens and the New Earth. "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Pet 3:13; Rev 21 and 22).

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APPLICATION FOR CHURCH AFFILIATION

Application Instructions: This form is to be completed ONLY by applicants for Church Affiliation Certificates. The first year fee of \$150 is required, and must accompany this application for Church Affiliation. Associated Churches shall be expected to contribute \$100 for each year thereafter.

CHURCH DATA

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS.

CHURCH NAME

STREET ADDRESS

Street and number City or town State Zip

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from street address)

Street and number City or town State Zip

TELEPHONE

Church Office

Pastor or other officer

DATE CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED

Month Day Year

Average Sunday School Attendance

Average Church Attendance

PLEASE CHECK ONE

Applicant is a Chartered Church Fellowship Other

If other please explain.

CHECK WHERE APPLICABLE

Applicant is chartered as a not-for-profit religious corporation of the state where it is located.

Applicant has received recognition from the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit religious organization.

PLEASE COMPLETE ANY INFORMATION THAT APPLIES.

AFFILIATION INFORMATION

Applicant is presently a member of, or affiliated with, the following group, fellowship, or denomination: , with headquarters in

Applicant was formerly a member of, or associated with, the following group or denomination: , with headquarters in

To the Pastor,

Please provide: (1) Brief Biography of self, (2) Copy of Bylaws and Articles of incorporation, (3) Explain your form of church government.



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Have you been baptized in water according to Matthew 28:19? Yes No

When were you baptized? _____
month Day Year

CHURCH DATA

Of what church are you a member?

What is your special calling? Apostle Prophet Pastor
 Evangelist Teacher Other

What leads you to believe God has called you into the ministry?

What is your vision for ministry? Now and Future, use a separate sheet if needed.

In what ministries are you presently engaged? _____

How much time do you devote to these ministries? _____
Number of hours per week

Do you have any other occupation? Yes No
If so, what type? _____

How many hours per week do you work in this occupation? _____

If you are a pastor, give name and location of your church. _____

Church name _____

Church Address _____

Check one Licensed Ordained

If so, give date and name of group _____

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Why do you wish to be affiliated with the Evangelical Christian Alliance?

Do you **FULLY** subscribe to the "Declaration of Faith" of the Evangelical Christian Alliance?

Yes No

If no, please explain.

EDUCATIONAL DATA

List your formal education.

Elementary _____
Name of school

High School _____
Name of school

College _____
Name of school

Bible School _____
Name of school

REFERENCES

List the names and complete addresses (including zip codes) of your current Pastor and two other ministers who can be contacted by the Credentials Committee for a personal reference on your character and ministry. Do not include members of your immediate family.

Pastor _____ Address _____
City State Zip Telephone

Name, title _____ Address _____
City State Zip Telephone

Name, title _____ Address _____
City State Zip Telephone