

The Evangelical Association
of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches
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Annual commitment (based on calendar year, prorated as needed)

- Individual (lay person) \$30
- Ordained or licensed minister \$60
- Seminarian/Bible college student \$60
Institution name: _____
- Church
of members _____ X \$2.00 = \$ _____
- Additional donation (appreciated!) \$ _____

I/We affirm the Evangelical Association's Purpose, Organization and Statement of Faith and the validity of the Apostles' and Nicene creeds.

Signature _____ Date _____

Purpose

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 to support the ministry of the local church, the ministry of 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.

I/We affirm the Purpose of the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches, as stated immediately above.

Signature: _____

Organization

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.

- 1. We hold fast to the belief that Jesus Christ is the head of His Body, the Church, and of each local church.*
- 2. We hold fast to the belief that Christ exercises His authority in each local church by the Holy Spirit and through the Holy Scriptures.*
- 3. 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.*

I/We affirm the Organization of the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches, as stated immediately above.

Signature: _____

Statement of Faith

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: chastity outside of marriage, lifelong fidelity and holiness in marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.*

6. *That 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 bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship and submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.*

I/We affirm the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches, as stated immediately above.

Signature: _____

Apostles' Creed

I 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; 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 quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

I/We hold fast to the Christian faith as expressed by the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, stated immediately above. I also connect with other historic creeds of the Reformed Protestant Christian heritage, such as _____ (optional)

Signature: _____

To be completed by an ordained or licensed minister:

The Biblical standards of a minister as found in I Timothy 3-5, and throughout the Bible, serve as the rule and guide for my conduct as a pastor, teacher, and minister in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the best of my human abilities, counting on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the forgiving grace of God the Father.

Signature: _____

I consciously connect with other clergy in my area for the purposes of fellowship, accountability, and encouragement, and will conscientiously continue to do so.

Signature: _____

I am a duly ordained or licensed minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Please attach copy of certificate or credential.*

Signature: _____

For church memberships:

Please include a copy of your church Constitution and By-Laws.

Also, include a written history of your church if one is available.