

# Christian Alliance for Orphans

*Thank you for considering membership with the Alliance! For churches, membership is an opportunity both to serve and to be served. Through the Alliance, churches give by strengthening each other in orphan ministry and by uniting in Alliance initiatives that stir God's people to action. Churches also receive as the Alliance makes available to them the combined resources, experts and services offered by its network of member organizations, individuals and church ministries. Together, we work to ignite and equip God's people for effective adoption, foster and global orphan care ministry.*

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Read Church Membership Criteria and Standards (available at [www.christianalliancefororphans.org](http://www.christianalliancefororphans.org)).
2. Complete and submit the follow forms:
  - One-page application
  - Signed Membership Agreement
  - Signed Alliance Statement of Faith –OR– Church's Published Statement of Faith)
3. Send forms to: Christian Alliance for Orphans 6723 Whittier Ave. Mclean, VA 22101 or email [info@christianalliancefororphans.org](mailto:info@christianalliancefororphans.org)
4. Upon receipt of the above mentioned items, applicants will be considered provisional members until officially approved by the membership committee.

## NO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Alliance exists to serve the Church, so there is no membership fee required of Regional Alliances or churches. However, churches that share the Alliance vision are invited to join in financial support of the ministry as they are able.

*This application applies to Church Ministries ONLY. If your church has created a separate 501 c)(3) organization, please complete an organization member application*

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<b>Orphan Ministry Information (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Name of Orphan Ministry:</b>	
<b>Type of Orphan Ministry (check all that apply):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> International Adoption Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Foster/Adopt Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> International Orphan Care Ministry
<b>Orphan Ministry's Mission Statement:</b>	
<b>List countries currently serving in:</b>	
<b>Briefly describe Church's orphan ministry:</b>	

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity and humanity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His present rule as Head of the Church and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, with equality across racial, gender, and class differences.

**\*Signer must have decision making authority for church or organization.**

**\*Church Member Applicants may submit your published church statement of faith in lieu of this form.**

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Print full name

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Signature

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Position, if applicable

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Date signed

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Name of Church/Organization

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Type of Membership:  
(Individual, Church or Organization)

Source: Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability (ECFA)

1. The undersigned hereby understands and affirms the following:
  - A. Alliance Vision: Every orphan experiencing God's unfailing love and knowing Jesus as Savior.
  - B. Alliance Mission: Motivate and unify the body of Christ to live out God's mandate to care for the orphan.
  - C. Alliance Objectives:
    - Motivate believers and the local church to care for the orphan.
    - Connect believers with resources to provide care for orphans.
    - Encourage orphan care providers and advocates toward unity, a biblical standard of integrity, accountability and transparency.
    - Proclaim with one voice God's mandate to care for the orphan.
  
2. Alliance Criteria and Standards: The undersigned has read, affirms and agrees with all Christian Alliance for Orphans criteria and standards as it pertains to the applicable membership category. The undersigned further agrees that it will maintain compliance with all such Alliance criteria and standards as a condition for continued membership in the Alliance.
  
3. Commitment to Promoting Unity and Biblical Conflict Resolution: A core part of the Alliance' mission is to encourage unity in the body of Christ as together we strive to see every orphan experiencing God's unfailing love and knowing Jesus as Savior. The undersigned believes the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church in conformity with the Biblical injunctions of Matthew 5:22-24; Matthew 18:15-20; and 1 Corinthians 6:1-8. Therefore, the undersigned commits to consistently promote and practice biblical principles of communication and conflict resolution as it relates to its relationship with the Alliance and its relationships with and among other members (and their respective clients or constituencies). The undersigned covenants and agrees that it shall strive to resolve and settle any dispute, controversy or claim arising between the undersigned and the Alliance or involving other members (and their respective clients or constituencies) according to Biblical principles governing conflict resolution, which may include Biblically-based Christian conciliation involving mediation or other forms of dispute resolution.

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