



Defenders

of the Christian Faith Movement, Inc.

P.O. Box 33 * Northfield, MN 55057 *

AFFILIATION CHURCH APPLICATION

(Please fill in all blanks type or print)

Date _____

Church/Organization Name

Mailing Address

City, State, and Zip Code)

Physical Address (If same as mailing, enter "same")

City, State, and Zip Code)

(_____) _____
Church Phone Number

Church Website (If any)

Senior Pastor's Name

(_____) _____
Cell Phone Number

(_____) _____
Home Phone Number

Email Address

Senior Pastor's Spouse's Name

(_____) _____
Spouse's Cell Phone Number

Current Church Membership: _____ Average Weekly Attendance: _____

Does your spouse hold a position within the church?: _____

If so, explain: _____

Please list any other person holding a pastoral position in church and their title:

Please list all church officials with their titles (Church Board):

Has the church ever been affiliated to an organization: _____ If so, which?:

Name of organization

Mailing Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Contact

(____) _____
Phone Number(s)

Email Address

Do you hold or have you ever held credentials from an organization?: Yes ____ No ____

Name of the organization

Address

City, State and Zip code

Contact Person

(____) _____
Cell phone number

E-mail

Type of credential issued: _____

Date when you left the above organization: _____

Reason for leaving previous affiliation (use additional paper, if needed):

Why are you seeking affiliation with Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement Inc.?:

What is the nature of your ministry? (e.g., church, mission, school, music ministry, etc.):

Describe your standards/guidelines for:

Church Membership

Leadership Positions in your Church

Do you receive a salary or compensation from the church? Yes _____ No _____

Are you considered lawfully employed by the church? Yes _____ No _____

Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement Inc. was founded as an inter-denominational organization and as such, we do not pretend to rule over the daily functions of the congregation, much less the pastoral vision for the church, but there are biblical principles that we abide by and hold our churches, layworkers, pastors and ministers accountable when it comes to the fulfillment of them.

- We believe that there is one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in three manifestations: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
- He died on the cross, the complete and final sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures.
- Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
- We also believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and during this age, to convict men of sin, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- We believe the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ by faith are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God.
- We strongly believe the True Church is composed of all such persons, who through saving faith in Jesus Christ, has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the head.
- Although this society insists in telling us otherwise, we also believe that marriage was the first institution provided to man by God that it is a sacred relationship to be held between a man and a woman.

These principles, we will never abandon and by submitting this application, you and the congregation certifies to us that you also believe and abide by them.

Every affiliated church and credentialed person with our organization holds a financial responsibility towards the organization and the position within depends on the faithful fulfillment of such. It is important that you understand what they are.

Is your church/ministry willing to fulfill its financial responsibility towards the Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement Inc.?: ☐yes ☐no

- Affiliated Churches/Ministries – 10% of their tithes or income, if ministries
- Senior Pastor – 30% of his/her tithes (Paid to the International Offices)
- Ordained Ministers (not pasturing) – 20% of his/her tithes (Paid to the International Offices)
- Credential Annual Fee

Provide three ministerial references with names and phone numbers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I hereby certify all information contained in this application to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Senior Pastor

Date: _____

DEFENDERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH'S APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out application completely (*please print clearly or type*). Use additional paper when needed or attach documents.

Please answer all questions sincerely and honestly. Though you may have questions or differences of opinion, it is important that you be forthright on this application.

2. Submit a written expression of the church/organization's desire to affiliate with Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement and a brief history of your church or ministry (no more than two pages in length).
3. Submit the enclosed Declaration of Commitment signed by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of your church/organization.
4. If you were not a member of a Defender's church at least 12-months prior to planting this church, submit three typewritten letters of recommendation from other ministers familiar with your church or ministry. (If unable to obtain 3 letters, please explain. In some cases, governmental or social agents may be acceptable as references.)
5. Any organization with legal entity that wishes to affiliate will have to go through the following process of affiliation:
 - a. submit in writing its desire to affiliate, including member signatures and a copy of its Constitution and Bylaws;
 - b. hold a membership meeting under the supervision of the Ministerial Committee and be approved by the Board of Directors (Constitution, Article VII) and receive a Certificate of Affiliation by the International Board of Directors.
6. Please enclose a copy of your Articles of Incorporation and Statement of Faith. Mail all of the above to the following address:

**Pastor Raquel Sommers
c/o Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement
P.O. Box 33
Northfield, MN 55057**

7. Include a check or money order in the amount of \$500.00 with this application. This is a non-refundable application fee. Make check payable to: **Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement.**

For additional information, you can contact our Executive Secretary at: sommersr@defendersofthechristianfaith.org or by phone at: (651) 263-0876

DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

We the members of _____
Name of Church/Organization

have made the official decision to affiliate our church/organization with Defenders of the Christian Faith Movement.

Signature of Members:

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