



# Zion Fellowship, Inc.

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## Application For Church Affiliation

### Instructions:

1. Complete the application in its entirety by typing it or printing in ink. Application must be completed in order to be processed. Include with the Application the Church Affiliation Acknowledgment.
2. The application must be signed by the Senior Pastor of the Church and the Secretary of the Church Board Incorporation.
3. Enclose a copy of the following church documents: articles of incorporation; bylaws and/or church constitution, including statement of faith; official minutes showing the decision by church board of directors to apply for affiliation with Zion Fellowship; last year's financial report and/or audit, if any; state tax identification number; federal employer identification; and a document from the IRS showing that federal tax exempt status (501.c.3) has been secured for the church. If the church does not have any of these documents, please explain why in a letter and clearly delineate your plan to obtain these documents. For churches outside of the United States, please include the government documents that are required in your country for church/ministry incorporations.
4. Enclose a non-refundable, one-time application fee of \$100.00 in US funds. Payment should be made by check or money order, payable to Zion Fellowship.

*\* There will be no exceptions to the above requirements, unless a waiver is granted by the Board of Trustees of Zion Fellowship.*

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Name of Church Incorporation, if different than church name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

When was your church organized as a church? \_\_\_\_\_

When was your church incorporated? \_\_\_\_\_

When did your church receive federal tax-exempt status (501.c.3)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current membership? \_\_\_\_\_

How many paid employees does the church have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many members are on the church board of directors? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of the board of directors, their positions, and telephone numbers:

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Please describe the powers of each of the board of directors: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who has the power to appoint and remove the senior pastor; the members, the church board, or the pastor himself? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the members of your church have voting rights?      Yes       No

If yes, please explain their voting rights: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is your church currently affiliated with any other church or ministry organization?

Yes       No

If yes, please indicate the name of the organization, its address and telephone number:

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Has the church been affiliated with any other church or ministry organization in the past five years?      Yes     No

If yes, please indicate the name of the organization, its address and telephone number:

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### PASTORAL STAFF INFORMATION

How many pastors are on the church's pastoral staff? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all the pastors on the church's pastoral staff, their positions, and their telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the name of the Senior Pastor? \_\_\_\_\_

With what organization is the Senior Pastor Ordained or Licensed as a Minister? Include the name of the organization, address, and telephone number. \_\_\_\_\_

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From what Bible school or college did the Senior Pastor graduate and with what degree or diploma did he/she graduate, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have any of the Pastoral Staff had any previous marriages besides their current marriage?    Yes     No

If yes, please briefly explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have the spouses of any of the Pastoral Staff had any previous marriages besides his or her current marriage?    Yes     No

If yes, please briefly explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Have any of the church officers ever been accused of a crime involving sexual misconduct or impropriety? Yes  No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have any of the church officers ever been convicted of a felony of any kind?

Yes  No  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you grant Zion Fellowship permission to conduct a background check of the criminal records of the Senior Pastor, if Zion Fellowship should choose to do so? Yes  No

**CHURCH HISTORY AND VISION**

Please briefly describe the history of the church, including when and where it was founded, by whom it was founded, and the original vision of the church, if known. Include any and all information you feel is pertinent. \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you desire for your church to be affiliated with Zion Fellowship? Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

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Where do you see the church headed in the next twelve months? Use a separate piece of paper if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the vision of the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Yes  No  Do you believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is the Maker and Preserver of all things visible and invisible?

Yes  No  Do you believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; that Jesus existed eternally with the Father, became Man by the miracle of the incarnation, in no degree ceasing to be God? That He is co-Creator of the world and man, only Savior, and coming Judge?

Yes  No  Do you believe the whole canon of scripture (both Old and New Testaments) as originally given, to be the inspired and authoritative word of God, of supreme and final authority in all that it teaches and declares?

Yes  No  Do you believe that all men are lost apart from the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; that sin is cleansed only through personal repentance and faith in

the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; that water baptism by immersion should follow receiving Christ as Lord and Savior?

Yes  No

Do you believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the body as well as for the mind, soul, and spirit of man and that Christ has an answer for every problem man has, physical or spiritual?

Yes  No

Do you believe that miracles and all gifts of the Spirit are available to the Church today for the edifying and perfecting of its members?

Yes  No

Do you believe that God will visit His Church in unusual ways and bring many multitudes into the Kingdom, preparing us for Christ's second coming?

Yes  No

Do you believe that baptism of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4, is promised to all who desire it, ask for it, and obey God?

Yes  No

Do you believe that everyone will be resurrected (saved and unsaved) and give an account to the Great Judge, whose judgment is final and eternal?

Yes  No

Do you believe that divorce and remarriage to another person is contrary to Gods will and purposes?

Yes  No

Do you agree not to perform any remarriages of divorced individuals? The only exception is if they choose to remarry their first spouse without any marriages to someone else in between the remarriage to their first spouse.

Yes  No

Do you believe that man should live according to the moral standards set forth in scripture, including living a holy life; being full of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance and faith (Gal. 5:22-23), and that therefore Christians may not participate in or approve acts of adultery, fornication, uncleanness (including sodomy, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, pornography, and other forms of moral impurity), lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders (including abortion and euthanasia), drunkenness, and revellings (Gal. 5:19-2 1; II Tim. 3:1-6)?

Yes  No

Do you believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions (the home, the Church, and the state); that every person is subject to these authorities; and that all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word?

Yes  No

Do you believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially; that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the Church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel; and that a person has no right to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift has been given?

**Please carefully read the following statement before signing.**

As officers of the church, we acknowledge that we agree with the teachings of Zion Fellowship, Inc. (“the Ministry”), including the aforementioned Statement of Faith. We agree to uphold Zion’s tenants of faith and to teach them in our church.

We hereby state our willingness to submit to the authority and guidelines of the Ministry. If at any time we feel we can no longer agree with the beliefs and practices of this organization, or it is requested by those in authority, we will forfeit and return the certificate of church affiliation to the Ministry. We further understand that our church affiliation certificate must also be returned if the church ceases to function as a church.

We acknowledge and agree that the church affiliation status with Zion Fellowship may be revoked at any time by the Ministry at the Ministry’s sole discretion and that in the event that the Ministry chooses to revoke our church’s affiliation status, we shall immediately cease to hold the church out to the public or to any person as an affiliated church of Zion Fellowship.

We acknowledge and agree that all of our statements provided on this application are true and complete, and we hereby authorize the Ministry to conduct a background check of the Senior Pastor’s criminal records, if the Ministry chooses to do so, and to conduct any necessary inquiries to verify the truth and completeness of our statements.

We agree that the church is responsible for its own actions as an affiliated church, and we agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Ministry from and against any liability which may be assessed against it as a direct or indirect result of (1) our actions as an affiliated church or (2) the Ministry’s decision to give our church affiliation status.

We acknowledge and agree that we have presented to the church board and the church members our desire to pursue affiliation with Zion Fellowship and we acknowledge and agree that the board of directors of the church have voted to apply for affiliation with Zion Fellowship. Enclosed with this application are the minutes from the church board meeting indicating the board of directors’ decision to apply for affiliation.

We assign to Zion Fellowship the legal power and authority to appoint and/or remove the senior pastor of the church. Finally, we agree that we have thoroughly read this application, as well as the Zion Fellowship Ministerial Credentials & Church Affiliation Handbook and agree to abide by its requirements.

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*Senior Pastor’s Signature*

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*Date*

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*Secretary of the Church Board’s Signature*

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*Date*

# ZION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH AFFILIATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Church Representative's Name), \_\_\_\_\_

(Position in the Church), Of \_\_\_\_\_

("Church"), hereby agree and acknowledge as follows:

1. Church has decided to affiliate with Zion Fellowship, Inc.
2. Church's status as an affiliated church of Zion Fellowship, Inc. represents a spiritual union, but not a legal partnership or contractual relationship.
3. Church's status as an affiliated church of Zion Fellowship, Inc. does not confer tax exemption upon your Church in the United States or Church's home country. If church desires such exemption, Church will consult a local attorney or tax specialist.
4. Church's status as an affiliated church of Zion Fellowship, Inc. does not imply or create an employment relationship between Church and Zion Fellowship, Inc. Zion Fellowship, Inc. is not an employer of anyone associated with Church, has not solicited goods or services of anyone associated with Church, and will not pay any compensation to any person or organization for any goods sold to or services performed on behalf of or for the benefit of Church.
5. Church's status as an affiliated church of Zion Fellowship, Inc. does not enable Church to bind Zion Fellowship, Inc. contractually in any way or to require Zion Fellowship, Inc. to pay for any goods or services of any kind unless Church first obtains the written consent of Zion Fellowship, Inc.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[Place Church/Ministry Seal Here – If Any]



## ***Application for Church Affiliation Checklist***

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Before sending in the application, please make sure that you have included the following items or copies of the following items:

*[Check off each document as it is prepared]*

- The completed affiliation application
- Check or money order for \$100.00
- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws and/or Church Constitution, including Statement of Faith
- Official Minutes showing the decision by the church board of directors to apply for affiliation with Zion Fellowship
- Last year's financial report and/or audit, if any
- State tax identification number
- Federal employer identification
- A document from the IRS showing that federal tax exempt status (501.c.3) has been secured for the church

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You should receive a formal, written response to your application within 30 days, under normal circumstances. If we need any more information from you, we will contact you.