

**HOW YOUR CHURCH MAY AFFILIATE WITH THE MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION**

**Step 1: Complete the Resolution for Affiliation**

* It’s a simple three-page document
* Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the MBC Constitution; pay particular attention to Article II – Composition
* Email the completed form to [newaffiliations@mobaptist.org](mailto:newaffiliations@mobaptist.org) or mail to:

New Church Affiliation

c/o The Missouri Baptist Convention

400 E. High Street

Jefferson City, MO 65101

**Step 2: Meet with a regional MBC multiplying churches missionary**

* The missionary contacts you to schedule an appointment
* This is a good time to ask questions and clarify issues
* Although it is not required, the missionary may request an endorsement from the Director of Missions for your local Missouri Baptist association

**Step 3: Engage with the Cooperative Program**

* Submit an initial contribution to the Missouri Baptist Convention with the completed Resolution for Affiliation
* Determine your ongoing contribution to the Cooperative Program. This is a percentage (or amount) of undesignated receipts sent to the MBC for cooperative missions throughout the state and around the world (learn more about the Cooperative Program at [www.mobaptist.org/cp](http://www.mobaptist.org/cp))
* Your church, as an autonomous local body of believers, determines the percentage or amount you give to cooperative missions through the Cooperative Program

**Step 4: Receive a welcome packet and begin regular contributions to the Cooperative Program**

* The welcome packet includes a letter from the MBC’s Executive Director. Once you receive the letter, your church is considered an MBC-affiliated church.
* A supply of pre-printed remittance forms featuring your church’s unique Cooperative Program tracking number is included in your welcome packet; these forms are to accompany your future contributions to the Cooperative Program.
* A sample remittance form is attached for your information.

**Step 6: Be inducted into the Missouri Baptist Convention**

* Missouri Baptists will formally induct you into the MBC at their Annual Meeting, normally held in late October.

**Step 7: Remain in good standing with the Missouri Baptist Convention**

* Contribute to the Cooperative Program on at least an annual basis
* Do not contribute to any other national convention of churches or organization that acts as a national convention, and do not send representative(s) or Messenger(s) to such a convention (Any organization that independently sends and ordains ministers to the United States military services is considered a national convention)
* Do not contribute financially to the work of any other state convention or organization that acts as a state convention in Missouri.



**Resolution for Affiliation**

Name of Church

Church EIN (Employer Identification Number)

Address

Pastor’s Name

Attached is a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Missouri Baptist Convention. These are the documents that define our beliefs, relationships, and practices. **Pay particular attention in the Constitution to “Article II-Composition” as it speaks to the matters of “Single Alignment”.**

1. Do you agree to enter into and abide by this covenant relationship with the Missouri Baptist Convention? *Understand that this includes the issue of “Single Alignment” with other denominational-type networks in Missouri.*  Yes  No
2. Will you agree to participate in our Acts 1:8 vision of cooperative missions by giving regularly to and promoting the Cooperative Program through the Missouri Baptist Convention?

Yes  No

1. How, why, and when did your church come into existence?

\*If you have answered “no” to any of these questions, please explain:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position at church:  Pastor  Moderator  Clerk

**Resolution for Affiliation / documentation**

In a business meeting on , **20**,

(Church or Mission Name)

voted to affiliate with the Missouri Baptist Convention in its program of single alignment with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Check one:  Church  Mission

Church Targeted Demographic (indicate only one as the majority):

White Non-Hispanic

Black (African-American)

Hispanic

Native American

Korean

Chinese

Other Asian

Haitian

Other:

If you are a mission, who is your sponsoring church or organization?:

Number of members on date of the vote to affiliate:

Date of first service: , **20**.

If a member of a Baptist association, what association will you be affiliated with?:

Mailing address for the applying church/mission (person receiving mail):

Name:

Address (PO Box or Street):

City  State:  ZIP:

Present Meeting Address:

Name:

Address (PO Box or Street):

City  State:  ZIP:

Church Phone: ()

Email:  Web address:

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**Pastor Information**:

Name:  Email:

Address (PO Box or Street):

City:  State:  ZIP:

Home phone: ()  Work phone: : ()  Cell phone: : ()

**Church Secretary Information**:

Name:  Email:

Address (PO Box or Street):

City:  State:  ZIP:

Home phone: ()  Work phone: : ()  Cell phone: : ()

**Church Treasurer Information**: (person who signs the checks)

Name:  Email:

Address (PO Box or Street):

City:  State:  ZIP:

Home phone: ()  Work phone: : ()  Cell phone: : ()

**Church Clerk Information**: (person who keeps records of the membership)

Name:  Email:

Address (PO Box or Street):

City:  State:  ZIP:

Home phone: ()  Work phone: : ()  Cell phone: : ()

I hereby state that the above information is accurate.

**Signed:**

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CHURCH CLERK (or other leadership representative) MODERATOR OR PASTOR

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