

**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 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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