

**ST. LOUIS METRO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION**

Date Application Submitted to Association: _____
Name of Church: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____
Name of Pastor: _____ Date Pastor Called: _____
Address of Pastor: _____
Pastor Phone: _____ Church office phone: _____
Date Pastor Ordained/Elder Installed: _____ Ordaining Church: _____
Sponsoring Church (if applicable): _____

First Meeting Date of Plant / Church: _____ Location: _____
Date Congregation Constituted: _____ Date Partnering Church Voted: _____
Church Membership: _____ Average Worship Attendance: _____
Average Small Group Attendance _____
Adopted a statement of faith? Yes No If Yes, what statement of faith? _____

We will be contributing a portion of our budget for missions to the Association.
Yes No We plan to give _____ % to the SLMBA

Please include a copy of the following with this application:

1. Bylaws
2. Copy of vision statement and/or mission statement

This application is authorized by:

- A decision of the elders
- Vote of the church

SIGNATURES (Please include name, address and phone number of following officers)

Lead Pastor _____

Staff / Elder _____

Staff / Elder _____

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS REPORT TO
SLMBA . 3859 Fee Fee Road . Bridgeton, MO 63044**

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GUIDELINES FOR ADMITTING CHURCHES INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE ST. LOUIS METRO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Congregations desiring to affiliate with the Association must submit a **PETITION TO AFFILIATE FORM to the** Executive Committee through the Executive Director at the Association address: 3859 Fee Fee Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044. The Executive Committee will be charged to investigate the doctrine and practices of the church. The Executive Committee may visit the church, or invite the Pastor and/or Officers of the church to meet with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will make a recommendation concerning any church desiring to affiliate with the Association to the Executive Board and the Executive Board, will then make the recommendation to the Association meeting in Annual Session.

The Executive Committee will give consideration under the following guidelines. Each petition will be considered on its merit and evidence of the church's good will toward the Association.

1. Consideration will be given to congregations that have constituted as a church and incorporated according to the laws and regulations of the State of Missouri.
2. Churches applying for fellowship into the Association will have adopted a constitution and bylaws and submitted a copy of the same with petitionary letter.
3. Churches applying for fellowship must submit a completed petitionary letter with supporting documents no later than June 1 of the year they desire to be considered.
4. Churches applying for fellowship must agree to cooperate on the basis of the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association,
5. The church should demonstrate its willingness to cooperate with the Association prior to being considered by attending meetings of the Association and contributing a portion of their budget income to the unified budget of the Association. (Voluntary contributions to the Association do not automatically mean the church will be admitted into Fellowship. All funds contributed will be used in the cooperative missionary endeavors of the Association and will not be returned to the church under any circumstances).
6. The church should give evidence that it is in essential doctrinal agreement with the Association in its understanding of the *Baptist Faith and Message 2000*.
7. Congregations that have been started as a plant of a church cooperating with the Association, or as a combined effort of the Association and other Southern Baptist churches, should seek endorsement of their petition by the sponsoring church.
8. The church is expected to be in good standing with other churches in the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association. If the church emerged from a conflict with one or more congregations, evidence should be given that every attempt has been made for sincere reconciliation with the offended or offending congregations. The Executive Committee reserves the right to evaluate the evidence and recommend approval or disapproval of the application for affiliation on that basis.

○ (please check when read) Sign _____ Date _____