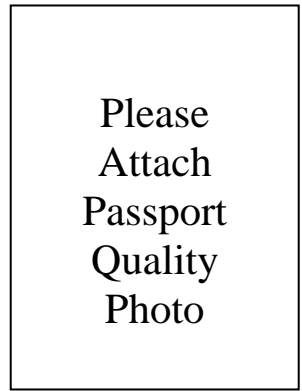


**THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH ALLIANCE**  
**Application for Individual Membership**

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**Fill out this form completely and mail it to the ECA along with the following required documents:**

- \$50.00 Application Fee (Foreign applicants must submit fee in a U.S. Money Order)
- \* Testimony of Conversion\* (An explanation of how you received Christ as your Lord and Savior)
- \* Details of your ministry calling\* (An explanation of how you felt called to ministry)
- Resume of Ministry career, training and activities, and Biblical education
- Official Educational Transcripts of Biblical Studies
- Passport Quality Photo
- Copy of Ordination Certificate (If you have been previously ordained)

\*These support documents must be on separate pages and no longer than one page each.

**Please Type of Print Carefully your information directly onto this form. Do not use attachments unless instructions indicate.**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

4. Sex:  M  F 5. Phone, Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Race \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Of what country are you a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you a native of that country or a naturalized citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Marital Status:  Married  Single  Separated  Widow/Widower  Divorced

12. If you or your spouse have been divorced, please acquaint yourself with the ECA's policy on divorce, which is listed on our website at [www.ecainterntational.org](http://www.ecainterntational.org), or you may obtain a copy by mail or fax by calling or writing our office. If your circumstances conform to our policy, please provide on a separate attached document, Place your name at the top of the document, in addition to the words, "Divorce Details". Provide the circumstances surrounding your divorce, including the divorce date, remarriage date (if applicable), attempts for reconciliation, and the basis on which the decree was granted. The Standards and Credentials Committee reviews each case on its own merits.

13. If married, what is your spouse's name? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How many children do you have and what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please answer "Yes" or "No." Do you and your spouse refrain from: Alcoholic Beverages? \_\_\_\_\_ Illegal Drugs? \_\_\_\_\_ Immoral Practices? \_\_\_\_\_ Tobacco? \_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 6:9,10; Gal. 5:19-21 NKJV) If you answer "No" to any of these questions, please do not apply. The use of fermented wine in communion, as practiced by some denominations, is acceptable to the ECA)

16. How did you hear about the Evangelical Church Alliance and/or who recommended the ECA to you? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Why do you wish to become a member of the ECA? \_\_\_\_\_

18. State your ministerial title, organization name and address. (If you pastor a church, please state the denomination.)

19. Please describe your ministry activities.

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20. How long have you been engaged in ministry? (Please include a resume with your application)\_\_\_\_\_

21. On the average, how many hours per week do you spend in Christian ministry? \_\_\_\_\_ Elaborate: \_\_\_\_\_

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22. Does your ministry financially support you?  Yes  No  Partially

23. If you have an occupation in addition to the ministry, state what it is and how many hours a week it consumes. \_\_\_\_\_

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24. Are you working for a parachurch organization i.e. Campus Crusade, Young Life, Youth for Christ, Youth With A Mission, etc.?  
 Yes  No. If "Yes", Please give the name and address of the organization. \_\_\_\_\_

25. Professional associations you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

26. Professional certifications/endorsements you have received. \_\_\_\_\_

27. Are you a member of a Secret Society?  Yes  No. If "Yes", What is the name of the organization? \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTE: ECA has a policy that its members cannot belong to a Secret Society)

28. Of what church and/or denomination are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Of what other churches have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

30. What classification of credentials have you held previously?  Ordained  Licensed  None

31. If so, by what organization? \_\_\_\_\_

32. Have you been denied ordination or licensing?  Yes  No. (If yes, explain) \_\_\_\_\_

33. Has your ordination or license been revoked or suspended?  Yes  No. (If yes, explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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34. Under which designation do you wish to be certified?  Ordained Minister  Licensed Minister  
(NOTE: In the ECA, the Licensed Minister does not have the authority to perform the wedding ceremony)

35. List the extent of your education below.

School Name	Major/Degree	Location	Years Attended	Date of Graduation	Subject
High School					
College or University					
Bible College					
Seminary					
Other					

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If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet in addition to using this space (NOTE: If you have attended Bible College or Seminary, please write to the institution and have the transcript(s) sent directly to the ECA.)

## References

36. Carefully print the complete information of four individuals, (two ministerial references and two personal references.) Please inform those whom you list below that you will send them a form to be completed and returned directly to the ECA. You may obtain Reference Forms from the *Apply Today* page of our website or request them by phone or email. All references must have known you for a minimum of one year and must not have any family relation with you.

1. Ministerial Reference Name,

Rev: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Ministerial Reference Name,

Rev: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Personal Reference Name,

\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Personal Reference Name,

\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tenets of Faith

The ECA was founded by Godly men who were moved to band together for the purpose of promoting evangelical Christianity throughout the world. They were motivated by a strong persuasion that the Bible, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the divinely inspired and inerrant Word of God, that the men who wrote it were moved by the Holy Ghost, that in its original manuscripts and languages it is without error, without contradiction, that it is historically accurate and scientifically correct, and that it is man's only and final word of authority in matters of faith and practice. They rejected the theory of organic evolution and affirmed that the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis contain the true account of creation and the beginning of life on this earth. They declared their belief in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, His death and bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, that the shedding of His blood on the Cross provides man's only remedy for sin, and they looked forward to His coming again to rule on earth as King of kings and Lord of lords.

All individuals, churches and Christian organizations applying for membership shall subscribe to the following Tenets of Faith, which can never be repealed, changed, varied, altered, amended, or modified.

WE BELIEVE that both Old and New Testaments constitute the divinely inspired word of God, inerrant in the original languages and manuscripts.

WE BELIEVE in one God existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man.

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit came forth from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; and to regenerate, sanctify, comfort and seal those who believe in Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE that man is totally depraved in that of himself he is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

WE BELIEVE that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose atoning blood was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

WE BELIEVE in the water baptism of believers, symbolizing the believer's union in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE in the observance of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the sacrifice of our Savior for all mankind.

WE BELIEVE the life of the believer is to be separated from the world by consistent conduct before God and man, and is to be in the world as life-giving light.

WE BELIEVE in the personal and visible and bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Ministerial Ethics

Every member of the Evangelical Church Alliance is required to subscribe to and live according to the following code of ethics:

- A. The minister must keep the nobility of his calling uppermost in his own mind.
- B. The minister must hold high in outward acts the established reputation of the Christian ministry.
- C. The minister must not use his ministerial position to get unethical financial gain for himself nor must he measure the services of his office by their monetary equivalent.
- D. The minister should dress in a becoming manner.
- E. The minister should always speak with good will of another minister, and if called to supply the pulpit of a church with doctrinal tenets other than his own, and he accepts the call, he should carefully avoid making any statement at variance with the tenets of said church.
- E. It should be the aim of the pastor to make himself a part of the home while making calls, but at the same time to guard his own essentials character. Ministers should at all times be careful not to indulge in gossip while making calls.
- F. The minister must be very circumspect in his or her conduct toward the opposite sex. The ideal minister will hold people equal in his heart. There is neither "male nor female, bond nor free, Greek nor barbarian" in the kingdom of which he or she is made a minister.
- G. The minister should be careful not to bring reproach on his calling by joining in marriage improper persons.
- H. The confidential statements made to a minister by his parishioners are privileged and should never be divulged without the consent of those making them.
- I. It is unethical for a minister to interfere directly or indirectly with the parish work of another minister; especially should he be careful to avoid the charge of proselytizing.
- J. As fellow laborers in the Vineyard of the Lord and brothers in the service of the same Savior, the relation between ministers should be one of frankness and understanding.
- K. The minister must confine moral conduct to the biblical standard set forth in the Disciplinary Procedure and Tenets of Faith in the ECA Constitution.

## Disciplinary Procedure

**Members of this Alliance shall be liable to discipline, censure, or removal from membership and annulment of ordination and cancellation of credentials for any of the following reasons:**

- A. Activities that bring reproach upon the Christian ministry or the Evangelical Church Alliance.
- B. Immoral or sinful conduct, or living in a state of transgression of the Holy Scriptures of the Bible (I Cor. 6:9,10 Gal. 5:19-21) as interpreted by the Executive Board based on the Tenets of Faith of the ECA set forth in its constitution.
- C. Holding or teaching doctrines that are contrary to the Word of God or in opposition to the Tenets of Faith of this Alliance.
- D. Failure to comply with the terms of the constitution and bylaws of this Alliance.

In addition to the annual dues, the ECA depends entirely upon its members to finance the work. We earnestly request your gifts and offerings to help operate the International Headquarters.

"I desire to become a member of the Evangelical Church Alliance and if received into the ECA, I will remember it in prayer and interest myself in its financial support and effectiveness. I here accept the Tenets of Faith and Ministerial Ethics. I understand the disciplinary procedure and certify, on my honor, to the truth of statements made in answer to the application questions. If accepted into the Evangelical Church Alliance, I will submit to the payment of annual dues and will submit an annual ministerial report to remain in good standing and to maintain the validity of my credentials."

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature, (Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_