

**CHURCH QUALIFIER FORM**

An applicant organization which is an unincorporated church must complete and submit this form signed by its Chief Executive Officer affirming that the organization is, in fact, a church, and has not applied to the IRS for 501c3 status and been denied, or has not had its 501c3 status revoked by the IRS, and essentially meets the following 14 criteria employed by the IRS in defining a church:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A distinct legal existence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A recognized creed and form of worship.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A formal code of doctrine and discipline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A membership not associated with any other church or denomination.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A distinct religious history.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A complete organization of ordained ministers ministering to their congregations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Ordained ministers elected after completing prescribed courses of study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A literature of its own.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Established places of worship.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Regular congregations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Regular religious services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Sunday schools for religious instruction of the young.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Schools for the preparation of its ministers.

As duly authorized officers of \_\_\_\_\_ (church name), we certify that this organization meets the requirements indicated for identification as a church. (Check appropriate items in the above listing)

**Signed:**

**Name and Address**

**Title**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_