



FAITH LEADERS COLLECTIVE

**AFFILIATE CHURCH
APPLICATION**

APPLICATION FOR CHURCH AFFILIATION AND ORDINATION

Welcome to the application process!

We are honored and excited to walk alongside you as you pursue God's calling on your life. This application packet is designed for those seeking both Ordination and Affiliate Church status, and we celebrate this step of faith and commitment to advancing the Kingdom!
(if you are already ordained, please skip the Ordination form)

Since these are two distinct processes happening simultaneously, you will find separate applications for each. While they will be reviewed together, each requires specific documentation such as recommendations, vision statements, and other materials to be submitted in full before the process can begin.

The total cost for both Ordination and Affiliate Church status \$2,997. A minimum payment of \$500 is required when you submit your applications. Please be aware that we cannot proceed with the legal paperwork through our attorney until the full amount has been paid.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We are here to support and guide you through this process. We look forward to seeing how God continues to use you for His glory!

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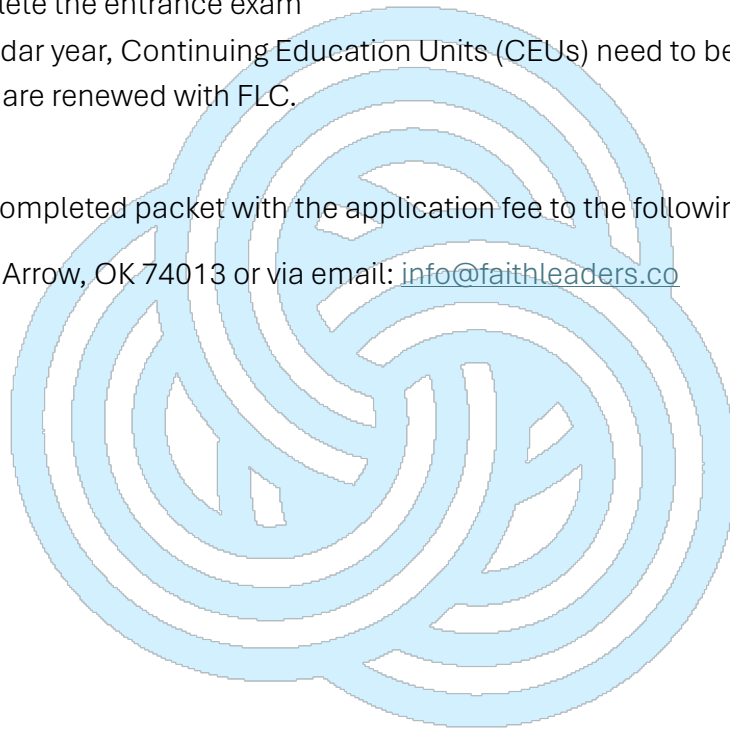
ORDINATION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**If you are already ordained with Faith Leaders Co, please skip to the church application.*

- Must be at least 23 years of age
- Must be called of God to minister (Ephesians 4:11)
- Must be involved in the ministry
 - a. Two years of college or formal Bible training
 - b. Two years in active full-time ministry
 - c. A combination of the above, totaling two years.
- Must agree with the Faith Leaders Co Tenets of Faith
- Must complete the entrance exam
- Each Calendar year, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) need to be acquired before credentials are renewed with FLC.

Please return the completed packet with the application fee to the following address:

PO Box 26, Broken Arrow, OK 74013 or via email: info@faithleaders.co

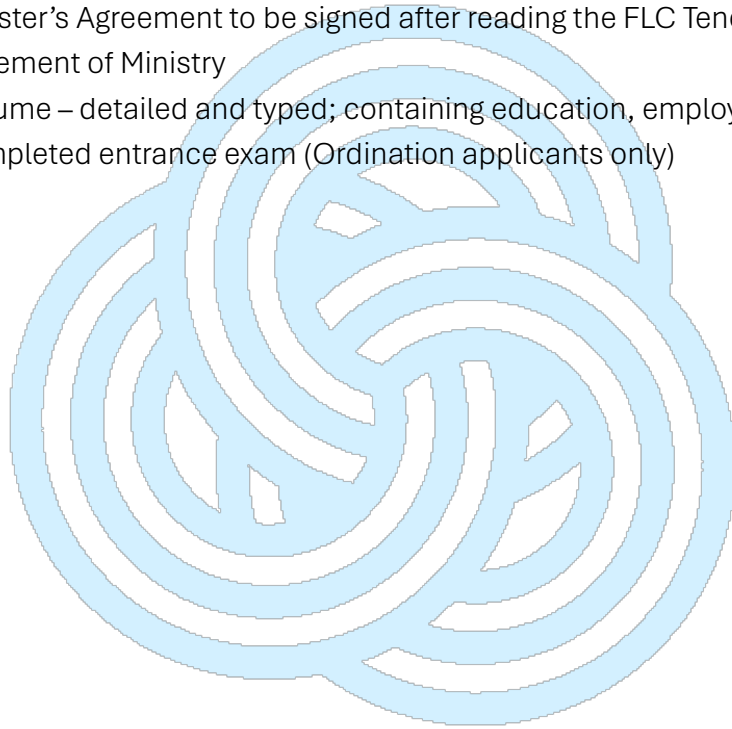


APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Action will not be taken on any application until the fee and completed forms have been returned to the above mailing or email address.

All completed application packets must include the following:

- ☐ Application form
- ☐ Recent photograph (passport size, not an actual passport photo)
- ☐ Authorization for criminal records check
- ☐ Recommendation from a person who has known your ministry for two years
- ☐ Recommendation from your pastor or spiritual oversight
- ☐ Minister's Agreement to be signed after reading the FLC Tenets of Faith
- ☐ Statement of Ministry
- ☐ Resume – detailed and typed; containing education, employment and ministry
- ☐ Completed entrance exam (Ordination applicants only)



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The ordination process is not complete until hands have been laid on the applicant at an authorized ordination service.
2. After the completed application has been received and reviewed, a telephone interview will take place. Following the interview, the application will receive a final review for approval (this can take up to 60 days).
3. Ordination recognizes and confers upon applicants all the rights and privileges of ministry, including the authority to solemnize marriages, conduct communion, baptisms, burials and other forms of religious worship and ministerial functions in accordance with the Tenets of Faith of Faith Leaders Co. To perform marriages, the applicant must comply with state and local laws.

ANNUAL RENEWAL PROCESS

1. All credentials expire annually on the first day of January. The renewal fee is \$247.
2. Completed renewal forms and the renewal fee need to be sent to the Faith Leaders Co office in Broken Arrow and are due on or postmarked before December 31st to avoid a late fee.
3. A late fee of \$50 will be applied to all renewals postmarked after December 31st and will not be processed until the late fee is paid.
4. Ministers whose application is approved in the last quarter of the year will not pay a renewal fee for the following year.
5. Credentialed married couples must each complete their own renewal form and fee.
6. Renewal forms will be made available on the Faith Leaders Co website in September of each year.
7. Ministers whose renewals are not received by Faith Leaders Co before April 1 will be placed on the “inactive list” and be required to return their certificates.
8. Ministers are to complete assigned Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

MISSION

We exist to resource our global community of church and ministry leaders to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.

CORE VALUES

Jesus-Centered

We follow the ways of Jesus and hold fast to the Scriptures

Spirit- Empowered

We depend on the Holy Spirit to equip us for life and ministry.

Relationally Rooted

We are a supportive family of pastors, churches and missionaries.

TENETS OF FAITH

The program and activities of Faith Leaders Co. shall be based upon and always shall be consistent with the following beliefs:

- The Bible is God's Word to all people. The Bible in its entirety is the inspired Word of God and the infallible rule of faith and conduct.
- There is one God manifested in three persons: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Satan has power over those who have not accepted the gift of salvation.
- God is all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust and above all, holy. It is in Him that we live, move and exist. God is good. He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate and faithful to His people and His promises.
- Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, was buried, was resurrected, ascended into Heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father. He is true God and true man.
- We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost. He is the promise of the Father for all believers as a definite endowment of power for service. The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the Church.
- The resurrection of the dead, the eternal life of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.
- Personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
- Sanctification through the Word of God and by the Holy Spirit in personal holiness, purity of heart and life.
- Divine healing, through faith in the Name of Jesus Christ and that healing is included in His redemptive work.
- The soon-coming personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.



FAITH LEADERS COLLECTIVE

LICENSE & ORDINATION APPLICATION

Please include a photo and a resume (complete with education, employment and ministry history) with this application. If you are credentialed with other organizations, include copies of certificates with the resume.

Attach
Photo
Here

APPLICATION FEE: ~~\$900~~

I am applying for (choose one): ☐ Licensing ☐ Ordination

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print or type)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DOB: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Are you a citizen or legal resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date you were born again: _____ Date you began speaking in Tongues: _____

Are you: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Spouse's Name: _____ Anniversary: _____

PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Name of Organization: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Licensed or Ordained (circle one)

Description of previous ministerial experience:

Have you ever had any civil or criminal proceedings against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.



What is the best way Faith Leaders Co can serve you both personally and in ministry?

PRESENT MINISTRY INFORMATION

With what other ministerial organizations (if any) do you currently hold credentials?

_____ Type: ☐ License ☐ Ordination

Please provide full contact information for the current ministry you are serving:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____ If church, size of congregation: _____

Current position title at church/ministry: _____

Are you serving: ☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☐ Bi-Vocational

What are your current ministry responsibilities? _____

Church you currently attend: _____

Contact info (If different from above): _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Describe the call of God on your life and the vision for accomplishing this.

Have you ever personally been involved in a church split? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper)

INVOLVED IN ANY WORK OUTSIDE OF THE MINISTRY? PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

In what type of employment are you involved in? _____

How many hours per week do you work at this job? _____

Do you plan to attend FLC's events in the future? _____

Do you or your church/ministry intend to financially contribute to the global vision of FLC?

Yes ☐ No ☐

IF YOU ARE A SENIOR PASTOR, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Did you start the church? _____ Take over an existing church? _____

Date of first service: _____ Length of time as pastor: _____

Why have you chosen FLC for ministerial credentials?

SIGNATURE

I certify that this application is filled out honestly and to the best of my ability.

Signature

Date

AUTHORIZATION FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

I, _____, hereby authorize Faith Leaders Co, AKA Faith Christian Fellowship International Church to have the following background check screening reports processed through the agency contacted by the church and/or its agent or representative for employment or volunteer purposes: Application Verification, National Criminal Report, Sexual Abuse Registry and County Court Report.

I am aware that the background check screening report to which I consent may include information obtained from a variety of sources, including but not limited to government agencies and others. I am aware that I may obtain a complete disclosure of the nature and scope of any report prepared about me if I make a written request to Faith Christian Fellowship International Church within a reasonable time after I execute this authorization.

I understand that a photocopy or facsimile of this signed document shall be considered valid as an original.

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____

All other names that have been used (ex: Maiden Name):

Social Security Number: _____

DOB: _____ State of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____

Zip: _____ County: _____

MINISTER'S AGREEMENT

I am in accord with all the tenets of faith, mission, core values and the credentialing requirements of Faith Leaders Co. I will always conduct myself in a manner becoming to Christ Jesus and His Kingdom; in word, in spirit and in conversation.

I will never give cause for accusations to be made against me in conduct of my personal affairs or public ministry. I am willing to accept counsel and advice from Faith Leaders Co., submitting myself in love; understanding that Faith Leaders Co. has the authority to revoke my ministerial rights and privileges if my conduct becomes reproachful.

Philippians 2:4 | Proverbs 3:27 | Hebrews 6:10
Thessalonians 5:11

Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF MINISTRY

Complete this form to establish that you will be or currently are involved in ministry.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

☐ Check this box if you, the applicant, are a senior pastor or president of a ministry and proceed directly to Section Two and complete the section for yourself.

☐ Check here if you, the applicant, are in any other ministry position. Sections One and Two are to be completed by the person directly responsible for your involvement in the ministry i.e., the president of a ministry or the pastor of a church, etc.

SECTION ONE: _____ (applicant's name)
will be working with us in the following capacity: *(please be as detailed as possible)*

SECTION TWO:

Effective on the following date: _____

Name (please print): _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature

Date

ASSESSMENT

This is only for those who are applying for ordination

The following section is an assessment as well as a self-evaluation. The FLC Tenets of Faith above in this application are for you to read. The Word of God asks, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3. As an Ordination applicant, you need to know what we believe and we need to know what you believe. Then, when we are in agreement, we can walk together. ***You. will.need.to.write.a.paragraph.explaining.your.belief.and.stand.on.each.point? including.a.scriptural.reference;*** This assessment will need to be submitted along with the other required elements of the Ordination application. *Please use extra paper if needed.*

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2. There is one God manifested in three persons: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3. Satan has power over those who have not accepted the gift of salvation.

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7. The resurrection of the dead, the eternal life of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.

8. Personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

9. Sanctification through the Word of God and by the Holy Spirit in personal holiness, purity of heart and life.

10. Divine healing, through faith in the Name of Jesus Christ and that healing is included in His redemptive work.

11. The soon-coming personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In 1 Timothy 3-7, it describes the qualifications of those who serve as “overseers” in the body of Christ. These qualities focus on strong character and ministry experience. In addition to the Bible’s standards of what an “overseer” should be, we also believe that accountability is the safeguard for your integrity. Because of this, we ask for two people to complete the Recommendation Forms before we can process your application for Licensing or Ordination. The recommendations we receive will be two more affirmations of your readiness to take this important step in ministry and serve as an endorsement to us that you are equipped for this spiritual responsibility.

The person writing the recommendation should know and recognize God's call on your life. One recommendation form should be completed by someone who knows you on a personal level (a friend, co-worker, or a non-immediate family member). The other recommendation form should be filled out by your pastor or a member of your church’s pastoral staff. We believe in the importance of the local Church and the role it plays in every believer’s life. Your pastor(s) are on the front lines of your life, both spiritually and naturally. They will be the ones who attest that your personal qualities, character and spiritual gifts are suitable for an ordained ministry. They will also demonstrate an understanding of your leadership role in the life of the church, style of ministry and personal and vocational goals. We believe they are the strongest voice to commend you and that you have shown evidence of the calling, qualification and authority found in Scripture.

The recommendation forms need to be submitted by the person doing the recommendation and sent directly to the FLC office via post office or email.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINATION

Please type or print

Name of Applicant: _____

The above-named person is applying for Ordination with Faith Leaders Co. The questions listed below should be answered honestly and completely, as serious consideration will be given to your answers.

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1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. Do you feel you know the applicant well enough to evaluate his/her eligibility for credentials? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. What is your relationship to the applicant? ☐ Friend ☐ Pastor ☐ Other

a. Is your relationship: ☐ Casual ☐ Close ☐ Professional

4. In your opinion, does the applicant exhibit a call to the ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

a. Explain: _____

5. Is the applicant currently involved in active ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Does the applicant have the trust and respect of fellow Christians? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Pulpit Experience/Preaching and Teaching

☐ Well-experienced

☐ Light experience

☐ No experience

☐ Do not know

8. Work habits (in ministry)

☐ Does more than required

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☐ Tolerates well

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☐ Tidy/clean

☐ Fairly neat

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☐ Very disorderly

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- ☐ Helpful and cooperative
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- ☐ Attentive to family
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- ☐ Self-controlled and mature
- ☐ Usually stable
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14. To your knowledge, is the applicant currently involved in any heresy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

15. Does the applicant demonstrate all of the following: positive attitude, sincere love for people, emotional stability, spiritual maturity and commitment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. In what ministerial position(s) within the local church is the applicant presently serving?

17. Explain why the applicant should or should not be credentialed through Faith Leaders Co.

I recommend the applicant for License: ☐ Yes ☐ With reservation ☐ No

If no, please explain: _____

I recommend the applicant for Ordination: ☐ Yes ☐ With reservation ☐ No

If no, please explain: _____

Name of person filling out recommendation, please print: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you are a credentialed ministry, please complete the following:

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Your position: _____

Organization you are credentialed with: _____

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AFFILIATE CHURCH APPLICATION

When Faith Leaders Co (FLC) was first established as Faith Christian Fellowship Int'l (FCF), the vision seemed so big, but God promised to join together able and cunning workmen; skilled and committed to the vision. We believe you are part of the family that was described by God!

We know that each ministry will look different in varied locations, people, and callings; however, it is our desire to connect relationally with you, equipping you to achieve the vision God has given.

Between our Affiliate and Associate programs, we provide a legal and spiritual covering to ministries, taking out all of the guesswork and providing them with practical tools like access to legal help, a 501c3 umbrella for those that need it, plug-and-play forms, accountability, pastoral care, coaching, as well as a host of other resources to help you be a success in your calling. We look forward to pioneering together with you!

Please read the following Affiliation Requirements and complete the application.

Return the completed application to:

info@faithleaders.co

or

Faith Leaders Co.

P.O. Box 26

Broken Arrow, OK 74013

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The president (typically the person starting the church) of an FLC Affiliate Church must be ordained with FLC.
2. Must submit a fee of \$2,997 with the completed forms.
3. Must operate exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes and maintain tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
4. Must operate within the meaning of Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. This Section simply says that the corporation must function as a church.
5. Must agree with the Faith Leaders Co Tenets of Faith.
6. Must incorporate under the FCF Group Exemption. The Articles and Bylaws have been copyrighted for FCF and will be provided upon initial approval of the application.
7. Must complete the Affiliation Documents that will be provided upon initial approval of the application. The Documents consist of the Articles of Incorporation, Minutes of Corporate Meetings, Waiver of Notice of Meeting and Affiliation Resolution. The Documents establish the following facts about the new Affiliate Ministry Corporation:
 - This corporation will be organized and operated for religious purposes according to the IRS Code.
 - The FLC Tenets of Faith are this corporation's Tenets of Faith.
 - No monies of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any of its officers or directors.
 - The functions and qualifications of the officers and directors of the corporation are listed. There are no less than three (3) officers or directors of this corporation (not consisting solely of family members).
 - This corporation CANNOT license or ordain ministers. This corporation CAN recommend candidates to FLC for license or ordination.
 - The Affiliation Documents of FLC do NOT govern the following:
 - The administration of the activities or the finances of the corporation.
 - The ownership of the assets of the corporation.
8. Being an Affiliate Ministry automatically includes the legal work necessary to incorporate and results in the Affiliate becoming tax exempt under the FLC Group Exemption Number. After the initial legal work is completed, the Affiliate is able to use the FLC attorney minimally at zero cost through the FLC office for business pertaining to the ministry.

Note: When the legal work is completed, the Affiliate will receive the Corporate Book, Corporate Seal and State Charter from the attorney's office and the FLC office will send an Affiliate Certificate.
9. The Affiliation process is entirely complete when the Affiliate Certificate from the FLC office is received.

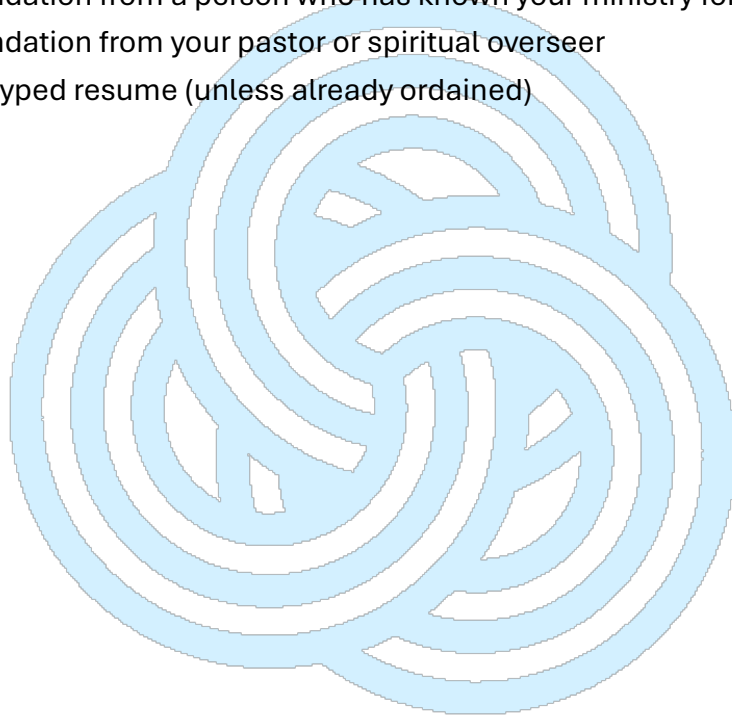
Note: FLC reserves the right to terminate Affiliation with any church that does not abide by the FLC Articles, By-Laws and/or Tenets of Faith.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Before mailing your application packet, please make sure all items are completed.
Application packets that are not complete will not be processed.

Complete application:

- Recent passport-sized picture attached
- Application fee of \$2997
 - A minimum of \$500 is required to begin the process. *Paperwork will not go to the attorney until payment is made in full.*
- Recommendation from a person who has known your ministry for two years
- Recommendation from your pastor or spiritual overseer
- A detailed typed resume (unless already ordained)



FAQS

Faith Leaders Collective is a DBA or “Doing Business As” for Faith Christian Fellowship International Church Inc. You will see FLC or FCF in the following paperwork. They are both our names and can be used interchangeably. FCF is our legal name and that will be on the legal paperwork.

What does it mean to be an “Affiliate Church” with Faith Leaders Collective?

An FLC Affiliate Church is an autonomous church that is connected with FLC in two(2) ways. First and foremost, it is a relational partnership when called upon. FLC provides spiritual support and direction so that you don't have to do ministry alone. Secondly, a legal relationship exists in order to ensure that your church is rooted properly in the legal sense, allowing great peace of mind that your legal footing is solid.

What kind of control does FLC have over an Affiliate Church?

It's important to understand this. Your Church is autonomous. We don't tell you what to preach, who you can have in your pulpit, how you should allocate your finances or what your vision should be. Our role is to be there for you and to assist in the all-important work of establishing and building the Kingdom of God. You do the work of overseeing your ministry. We are there for you when you need us.

How is an Affiliate Church set up legally?

We have By-Laws that are used to establish your church as a legal entity. These are written in such a way, so as to allow you the freedom to follow God's leading in carrying out the vision He has entrusted to you. The law firm that FLC uses specializes in tax-exempt non-profit corporations, which means that your church's legal foundation is secured by experienced experts.

Why is it important for a church to be a tax-exempt entity?

It is true that you do not have to file with the government and gain tax-exempt status in order to function as a ministry (after all, the Church is established by God, not man). In order for donations to be recognized as tax-deductible, a ministry needs to gain tax-exempt status. Most often, that is accomplished by becoming a 501(c)(3) organization, established for non-profit purposes. All FLC Affiliate Churches fall under Faith Christian Fellowship International's Group Exemptions with the IRS.

What is Group Exemption?

Simply put, this refers to the fact that when Faith Christian Fellowship received its tax-exempt status, it had filed for a Group Exemption. This means that any FLC Affiliate Church does not have to individually and separately file with the government to acquire tax-exempt status. Because a ministry is formally (legally) affiliated with FCF, that ministry is granted tax-exempt status on the basis of its relationship with FCF. That's why it's called a Group Exemption – all the Affiliate Ministries and Churches that comprise that group are granted tax-exempt status.

What other “legalities” should I know about becoming an Affiliate Church?

In securing tax-exempt status as an Affiliate, you'll officially become a non-profit corporation (you'll be a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation in your state). Paperwork needs to be filed in your state (our lawyer will oversee that process) and you'll need to be properly organized as a non-profit corporation. This means that you will need directors (trustees) and officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) in order to function properly.

Each Affiliate Church submits a report to Faith Christian Fellowship annually. We'll provide you with a brief questionnaire to complete, along with the paperwork for a financial report. We are required by the government to provide the documentation needed to establish that our ministries are functioning as Affiliates and qualify as such under our Group Exemption.

This sounds a bit involved. Is there someone available to help with completing the paperwork (application)?

Yes! We are here to help you. We can assist you in completing the necessary paperwork and provide the support you need to walk through this process step by step.

What does ministry government look like for an Affiliate Church?

We believe that the leader assumes responsibility for the Church (under the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ). The leader then should have the necessary authority to carry out the directives that God gave so that the vision can be fulfilled. Because we also recognize the benefits of interdependent relationships, we place a high value on the formation of teams within the ministry to achieve God-given mandates. A wise leader will work with and empower teams of people to do the work of the ministry, providing leadership development and creating community impact. FCF stands ready to assist our pastors in this all-important work.

AFFILIATE CHURCH APPLICATION

Fill in every blank and complete each question

Application Fee: \$2,997

Church Information

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DOB: _____ Cell Phone: _____

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

How did you hear about Faith Leaders Co? _____

Previous Ministerial Experience:

Name of Organization: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Type of credential: ☐ License ☐ Ordination

Description of previous ministerial experience: _____

Are you ordained through FLC? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, have you completed an ordination application? ☐ Yes ☐ No

NEW CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Name: _____

Is your ministry contact info the same as your address? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please update

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

What is the vision of your ministry/Church? What is your “why”?

Ex. Our vision is to provide homeless single parents with an opportunity to draw closer to God while meeting critical needs to help them become self-sufficient and stable.

How do you intend to accomplish your mission? What resources will you use?

Who are you called to reach? *(not just the unsaved, be specific as to who God has called you to)*

Do you already have a leadership team in place? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, what are your plans to create a leadership team?

NEW CHURCH INFORMATION CONT.

Do you have any type of marketing plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, briefly describe your plan.

If not, how can FLC help you develop your plan?

When is your anticipated launch date? _____

Do you have a plan/database for receiving and documenting donations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your ministry on Social Media? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, are you intending to develop a plan for that? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a website set up? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, do you plan on setting one up? ☐ Yes ☒ No

*The next portion of the application includes **two recommendation forms**. Please give one to someone who knows you personally and the other to a pastor or ministry leader you have served under who can speak to the call of God on your life.

Recommendation forms should not be returned to you. Each recommender should submit their completed form directly to the Faith Leaders Collective office.

Please send the portion of the application you have already completed to our office. Once we have received your application and both recommendation forms, we will contact you with the next steps in the process.

Thank you! We look forward to walking with you through this process.

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As you complete this form, we ask that you answer thoughtfully and candidly based on your personal experience with the applicant. Please consider their character, integrity, spiritual gifts, leadership abilities and the way they steward the responsibilities of leading their church or ministry.

Your recommendation is not simply a formality. It helps us understand who the applicant is beyond their application and provides valuable insight as we consider welcoming them and their church or ministry into the Faith Leaders Collective community.

For confidentiality and to ensure the integrity of the recommendation process, this form should be completed and submitted directly by you to the Faith Leaders Collective office by mail or email.

Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective and for helping us build a community of healthy leaders, healthy families and healthy ministries.

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Please type or print

Name of Applicant: _____

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22. To aide in our decision-making, please give your personal comments on the integrity and character or the applicant.

23. Having observed this person in ministry, would you:

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Please list any reservations:

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