

Application for Congregation Affiliation

Your application to become a Vanguard Ministries Member Church should include the following:

1. A completed Vanguard Ministries Congregation Affiliation form
2. A copy of the congregation's constitution and by-laws
3. Copies of the congregation's financial reports for the last three years
4. A check for the \$100.00 initial processing fee

Please allow at least two full months for processing and notification regarding your application.

Follow-up Process

Consideration of your application includes an accompanying follow-up process:

1. Vanguard Ministries will notify you in writing of their recommendation concerning your application.
2. Candidate churches who are accepted for affiliation with Vanguard Ministries will begin the member church process (see document)
3. Confirmed congregations will receive a certificate showing their status as a Vanguard Partner or Participating Church.

Congregation Affiliation Form

Please choose one of the following church membership options:

- Participating Church
- Partner Church

1. Congregation Name

Incorporated? Yes No If Yes, in what state? _____

2. Contact Information

Church Address

City _____ State/Country _____ Zip _____

Church Office Telephone _____

Church Office Fax _____

Church Office Email _____

Church Website _____

Senior Pastor _____

Senior Pastor Telephone _____

Senior Pastor Cellular _____

Senior Pastor Email _____

How many years have you been the pastor of this church? _____

3. Names of other pastors and their position on church staff.

Pastor's Name	Position
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(If necessary, continue church staff summary on a separate page.)

4. Founding year of this church (if known)? _____

5. Location of church: What type of community best describes the location of your church?

Inner City Suburb Town Village Rural Other

6. What is the congregation's stated mission and vision? _____

7. Number on the church membership roll? _____

8. What has been the average attendance for the past five years?

Current Year Year 20____ Year 20____ Year 20____ Year 20____
20____

Average
number of
adults
attending
primary
worship
service each
week?

Average
number of
children
attending
primary
worship
service each
week?

9. Over the last 10 years, have you planted any daughter churches? ___ Yes ___ No
If Yes, please give brief explanation

10. Do you have small groups? ___ Yes ___ No
If Yes, how many active groups? _____
What is the average size of a group? _____

11. What kind of church government do you have?

Do you have elders? ___ Yes ___ No
If Yes, how many? _____
Length of term? _____
Please describe how the church is
governed. _____

12. Does your church have a building ___ Yes ___ No
Capacity? _____ Value? _____ Mortgage? _____ Rent?

Do you plan to: ___ Buy ___ Build ___ Other
If so, when? _____

13. Does your congregation have a defined relationship with an apostle? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, please provide name and contact information

How often do they visit? _____
14. How many guest ministers do you invite in each year? _____

Give examples of their names and their ministerial gifting:

a.

b.

c.

d.

15. What is the annual budget? _____

___ We agree to give 5% of our monthly unrestricted income, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year to Vanguard Ministries to support the work of the network.

At our current income level, this equates to approximately \$_____ per month.

Authorized Congregational Leadership

Name

Title

Signature

___ I agree to tithe to Vanguard Ministries on a monthly basis.

___ I agree to file a quarterly ministry report with my assigned Vanguard apostolic leader.

___ I agree to attend the annual Vanguard Ministries conference as well as any regional gatherings that are a reasonable distance from my church.

___ I agree to invite my assigned Vanguard apostolic leader to minister at our weekly service(s) at least once a year.

Signature of Senior Pastor

Date