



CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION OF LOCAL CHURCHES

(As approved by General Conference XX, Toronto 2001)

In order to gain recognition as a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the following criteria must be met:

1. Demonstration of willingness to ascribe to the UFMCC core values, vision, and mission.
2. Demonstration of willingness to embrace UFMCC Bylaws as a covenantal relationship.
3. Pastoral leadership that meets the standards established by the UFMCC Bylaws.
4. Sustain a sufficient average worship attendance to make the church viable in:
 - a. meeting all other criteria, and
 - b. Demonstrating a process of outreach and growth appropriate to the unique demographic and cultural context of the area where the church would be located, as determined by the Regional Elder.
5. Be able to compensate a pastor, consistent with equitable local standards.
6. Achieve incorporation/registration status, as applicable by national and/or local law.
7. Governance structure that assures accountability to the congregation and to the UFMCC Bylaws.
8. Submission of an annual report to UFMCC.
9. Submission of local church Bylaws/Standard Operating Procedures to the UFMCC, following their approval by the Regional Elder.
10. Maintain minimum standards for risk management, as established by the Elder.

Application for Affiliation – To apply for affiliation, the group should provide the Elder with written evidence that all of the criteria have been met.

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