



Application to Join the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches

"Serving Together to Build Biblical, Vibrant, Loving Churches"

The Purpose of Our Association

For 80 years the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches has stood for the absolute truth of the Word of God. Our churches teach and preach the Bible without apology or compromise. Our Association has a rich heritage of men and women who love God and are faithful stewards of the fundamentals of the faith. We still hold the precious truths of God's Word and do it with a great deal of love and sympathy for our fellow man.

Our National Identification

The California Association is part of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. With offices in Illinois, the National Association provides national identification for fundamental Baptist churches in every state. Through cutting edge missions agencies in our own country and ministries flowing from our Association, many nations around the world are also enriched by the GARBC. Additional information on the GARBC is available on request.

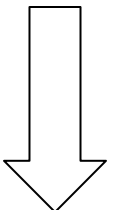
Joining the CARBC

Any Baptist church in California or a bordering state which is not a member or organizationally a part of another denomination, fellowship of churches or religious organization that is not in essential agreement with our doctrinal position, and which church subscribes to our Constitution and Articles of Faith may become an associated or a fellowshipping church. Each church must have the word "Baptist" in either its name or a publicized subtitle to its name. An associated church has full privilege of participation in the Association, including sending voting messengers to all meetings. A fellowshipping church does not have the right of vote.

(Reprinted from the CARBC Constitution, page 1.)

Procedure

1. Review the Articles of Faith and Constitution of the CARBC. Both of these documents are printed in the CARBC State Directory and on the CARBC website, carbc.org.
2. Fill out the Application of Intent which is page 3 of this document.
3. Submit the Statement of Faith and Constitution of your church and the signed Application of Intent to the current CARBC State Representative at 301 N. Orchard Avenue, Vacaville CA 95688.
4. Once these materials are received, you will be contacted. If you are a new church, a Recognition Council from the CARBC Council of 15 will schedule a time to meet with you. If you have been in existence for more than five years, a Review Committee will be established to meet with you. The purpose of these meetings is to certify that the church's position and doctrinal statement are compatible with the CARBC. This certification is a prerequisite of association.
5. Once a church applying for association has been certified by either the Recognition Council or the Review Committee, the completed application is taken to the applying church for authorization by vote of the congregation. It is then signed by the moderator of the meeting and the church clerk and returned to the Secretary of the Council of 15.



6. The Council of 15 will determine whether the application will be presented at a meeting of the assembled messengers of the CARBC churches. (This is normally done at the Annual Meeting of the Association.)
7. Upon approval by the messengers of the churches of the CARBC, the right hand of fellowship will be extended to the representatives attending from the newly approved church.

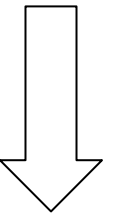
For answers to questions or further information please contact:



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Application of Intent

We are applying for:

_____ Associated Church Status

_____ Fellowshiping Church Status

_____ We are organized with officers and a Constitution

_____ We have been organized for more than five years.

Church Name _____

Address _____

Pastor _____

Associate _____

Contact Phone _____

We have read and agree with the Constitution and Articles of Faith of the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Pastor's Signature

Date