



# **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Part One – Check List, Application & Statements

**CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST EVANGELISTS**  
Denominational Endorsement Application and Accountability Form

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### CHECKLIST REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP & FOR DENOMINATIONAL ENDORSEMENT

- Complete the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists Membership Application Form (following.)
- Sign the included **"Affirmations of Accountability"** based on the Lausanne Covenant for Itinerant Evangelists (**Part IX.**)
- Obtain and provide along with this Membership Application Form a letter of endorsement from your pastor, and two letters of recommendation from other sources.
- Include two current high-quality photographs of yourself with Membership Application Form, along with a copy of your Driver's License or State ID Card, and one other form of identification.
- Give consent and sign form for Background Check Consent (Part Two of this application; click on membership tab on website "Membership Application Part Two;" download, fill out, and include with the main application, "Membership Application Part One." The two must be submitted as separate documents.)
- Have participated in an evangelistic training event such as a conference, retreat, school or class. We highly recommend the [Billy Graham School of Evangelism](http://www.billygraham.org), offered online through Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.
- Complete interview by an officer of Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, in person or by telephone. Officer contact information may be found at <http://www.sbcevangelist.org/officers/>.
- Attach a brief autobiography which includes your family background, salvation experience, call and commitment to evangelism, and any other significant events marking your walk with the Lord.
- Return completed Membership Application Form(s) to our office, along with non-refundable application fee of \$175 for Vocational Evangelist, or \$150 for Bi-Vocational Evangelist. If accepted, your application fee will be applied to your first year's membership dues. This fee also covers the cost of your background check. Checks may be made payable and sent to:

Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists  
PO Box 444  
Katy, TX 77492



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## I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry or Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Current email address \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Single  Widowed  Divorced

Do you have your spouse's full support in your calling to evangelistic ministry?

Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. MINISTRY FOCUS INFORMATION

### A. Evangelistic Focus Designations

Please check all that apply; circle sub-category that applies to you.

Preaching Harvester Evangelist:  
*Crusades and Open-Air Events;  
Revivals; Harvest and Friend Days;  
Evangelism Training; Conferences*

Preaching Harvester  
Evangelist/International:  
*Crusades and Open-Air Events;  
Community Outreach Projects;  
Evangelism Training; Conferences*

Specialized Ministry Evangelist:

*Revivalist; Men's & Women's Ministry;  
Student, Youth, Children's Ministry;  
Sports Evangelism; Street/Homeless  
Ministry; Prison Ministry; Deaf  
Ministry; Senior Adult Ministry; Topical  
Bible Conferences, Retreats, Seminars,  
Teaching; Other*

Music Evangelist:  
*Solo or Concert Artist; Ensemble or  
Group Artist; Worship Leader;  
Instrumentalist*

Drama & Arts Evangelist:  
*Arts/Chalk Art; Drama; Comedy;  
Illusionist; Ventriloquist*

### A. Applying for Vocational or Bi-Vocational Evangelist status?

**Vocational Evangelist**

Available on a full-time basis for focused evangelistic ministry in local churches,



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and other kinds of evangelistic activity, international and otherwise. The Vocational Evangelist is responsible to determine to what extent he can be involved in other areas of ministry and still maintain his focus, agenda, and title of "Full-Time Vocational Evangelist."

Vocational Evangelists understand that Membership Fees are due annually no later than September 30 in the amount of \$150, and shall be paid by check sent to COSBE via mail or online via PayPal at <http://sbcevangelist.org/Pay-Membership-Dues.html>.

**Bi-Vocational Evangelist**

Has a working interest and involvement in "The Work of The Evangelist," while also doing other tasks both religious and secular, being paid for same, and having responsibilities that would prohibit full-time effort toward the work of evangelism. The Bi-Vocational member has no voting rights pertaining to the election of officers, inductees to the Hall of Faith, or otherwise. Election as an SBC Evangelist officer is also forfeited but a presidential appointment in any other capacity is allowed.

Bi-Vocational Evangelists understand that Membership Fees are due annually no later than September 30 in the amount of \$125, and shall be paid by check sent via mail or online via PayPal at <http://sbcevangelist.org/Pay-Membership-Dues.html>.

### III. EVANGELISTIC EXPERIENCE

Please give us a brief overview of the scope of your evangelistic ministry, including the following specifics:

- A. Year entered ministry: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Year entered evangelism: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Brief Description of Your Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Number of and type of evangelistic events per year and since you entered full- or part-time evangelism:

- Revivals \_\_\_\_\_
- Crusades \_\_\_\_\_
- School Ministry \_\_\_\_\_
- International Mission Trips \_\_\_\_\_
- Concerts \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Explain.) \_\_\_\_\_

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E. Number and type of evangelistic events per year before you entered full or part-time evangelism:

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F. Do you give your time and energies to the pursuit of evangelism, and is evangelism your primary source of income? Yes No If your answer is no, briefly explain:

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G. While membership with your home state’s conference of evangelists is not required, it is strongly encouraged. Do you meet the requirements of your home state’s conference of evangelists? Yes No If your answer is no, briefly explain:

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**IV. EDUCATION**

Please list your educational accomplishments and highest level of schooling.

Institution(s)	City/State	Year of Graduation	Degree Earned

**V. CHURCH OR DENOMINATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Please list any churches or agencies where you have served; your position; dates.

Church or Agency	Position	Dates	Comments



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**VI. MINISTERIAL STATUS**

Ordained for full-time ministry? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Ordination: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordaining Pastor, Church and/or Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. MORAL BEHAVIOR AFFIRMATIONS**

Please affirm the following statements. If you cannot, please explain why on a separate page and attach.

- I am committed and faithful to my family, and (if married) to my spouse.
- I am committed to personal holiness in my walk with Christ.
- I do not physically, verbally, emotionally, nor spiritually abuse others.
- I do not practice fornication, adultery, homosexuality, nor any kind of illicit or immoral sexual activity.
- I am not a pedophile.
- I am not addicted to nor do I view pornographic materials, digital or otherwise.
- I am not addicted to nor do I indulge in or abuse alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or prescription drugs.
- I do not use nor condone profanity.
- I have never sued a church or church staff member.
- I have never been terminated from a job for immoral conduct.

**I AFFIRM ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### VIII. AFFIRMATIONS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

*Please read through, consider, and affirm by signing below the following Affirmations of Accountability agreed to by all participating members of Conference of the Southern Baptist Evangelists.*

- ❖ We, the members of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, do hereby, before the Lord and each other, affirm the following statements concerning our accountability as Vocational Evangelists:
- ❖ We confess Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as Lord and Savior and declare our obedience to the Great Commission, our willingness to advance its purpose, and our availability to fulfill its meaning.
- ❖ We align ourselves with the doctrinal position of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message and reaffirm our belief that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant Word of God.
- ❖ We assert the call of the Vocational Evangelist is an authentic New Testament call; thereby, we approach our vocation with the same degree of preparation and integrity as is demanded of other Christian vocational skills.
- ❖ We are accountable to the local church where we are members by participating in its programs and supporting it with our tithes. We will strive to conduct our ministries so as to build up the local body of believers by proclaiming the great doctrines of the scriptures.
- ❖ We acknowledge that conviction of sin is a work of the Holy Spirit and we will extend the invitation to accept Christ as Lord and Savior with integrity, and without coercion or manipulation.
- ❖ Our priorities are: first, to a disciplined devotional life, ensuring our personal spiritual development; second, to our families, demonstrating our commitment as companions and parents; third, to those with whom we minister giving evidence of the creditability of our message.
- ❖ As servants of God we confirm our duty to live morally clean, pure, holy lives. What we proclaim in public, we are obligated to practice in private.
- ❖ We declare to be faithful and responsible under God in the reporting of all our finances and statistics.
- ❖ We need and desire to be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit in order that we may be thoroughly prepared and thoroughly empowered.
- ❖ We seek to promote evangelism with integrity through every segment of our ministries and, in so doing, we expect the same standards from those with whom we serve.

**I AFFIRM ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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In submitting this Membership Application, I recognize the Executive Committee of the Conference of the Southern Baptist Evangelists to be the body designated to validate and endorse qualified Southern Baptist Evangelists. I hereby agree to cooperate with their policies and programs. I also recognize that it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee of Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists to grant and/or withdraw validation and endorsement.

Therefore, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, should I prove by temperament, disposition, attitude or conduct to be unsuited for membership, and should it decide to withdraw or terminate my membership, I agree to respectfully abide by their decision.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### IX. BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT

Please fill out the two-page, separate Background Check Consent Form (Membership Application Part Two,) in addition to this Membership Application Part One. Membership Application Part Two is a Disclosure, Notice and Authorization Form, authorizing us to conduct a background check on you.

### X. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Concerning the application for new members, we hope the following Q & A “conversation” will be helpful.

**Q:** *Must this Membership Application process be adhered to by all potential members?*

**A:** Yes and no.

**YES ~** You must meet all the standards of the affirmations. For instance, if for any reason you do not qualify for your State Evangelists’ Conference or Fellowship, you cannot be a member of Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. This is an added safeguard for the integrity of membership.

**NO ~** You are not required to agree to the background check for new members. However, your decision to forego this check will require explanation to the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists Executive Committee prior to acceptance of your membership application.

**Q:** *Why do a background check?*

**A:** This organization was created as a fellowship and supportive organization for



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Southern Baptist Evangelists, promoting the ministry of the Vocational Evangelist, back in 1959. During those early years, an immoral person and con-artist became a member; certainly, leadership at the time had no idea of who he really was, and the scope of his deceit and immorality. It has taken over forty years to recover from some of the damage he did.

A background check minimizes the possibility of dishonest and immoral people using the name of Southern Baptist Evangelists and good will gained from membership to perpetrate crimes. It also helps with liability issues and provides an extra layer of accountability, integrity, and seriousness to our organization. This standard is used by other mission-supporting and mission-sending organizations, and gives greater authority to the endorsement process.

**Q:** *Why do we pay a membership fee, and what do I get out of it?*

**A:** Your membership in Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists provides you with a national platform and denominational endorsement; annual presence and promotions among pastors and leadership throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and opportunity to meet the same each year at the annual meeting in June; and fellowship, support, encouragement and learning opportunities with other evangelists who understand the joys and trials of evangelistic ministry!

Membership fees are virtually the only source of income for Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, besides occasional donations. The fees obtained from members are vital, and help pay for many necessary expenses, including the following:

- Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists Websites, Online Directories, Smartphone Apps, and Virtual Stores
  - [www.sbcevangelist.org](http://www.sbcevangelist.org)
    - Your profile listed on this site, along with other information about our organization and evangelistic resources.
  - [www.voiceoftheevangelist.org](http://www.voiceoftheevangelist.org)
    - You can upload your own books, CDs, sermon DVDs, etc. to sell on the Voice of the Evangelist site!
- Annual Southern Baptist Convention expenses:
  - Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists booth, exhibition, and promotional ads; worship service and social activities for pastors, featuring Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists evangelists; annual retreat subsidy.
- Email and event program software subscription (Constant Contact)
- Quickbooks Online account
- Banking and bookkeeping fees
- IRS annual report filings
- Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists post office box, address, and phone service

**Q:** *Why such a lengthy application?*

**A:** The prayerful filling-out of such a form both teaches us what God expects of us and



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reminds us that The Office of The Evangelist must be held to the highest biblical standards.

**Q:** *If I have been out of evangelism for less than five years, and was previously a member of Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, do I have to go through the application process all over again? Or can I just pay my dues and be a member again?*

**A:** Likely, you will not have to complete the application process again and can be reinstated with a minimum of reinstatement process. But some conversations with current leadership will be needed, and possibly a new background check.

### **XI. FINAL WORDS**

Thank you for your interest in Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. It is our prayer that God will use you to bring many souls into the kingdom. We look forward to getting to know you, and to working together to see His kingdom purposes fulfilled.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact one of our officers listed on the website at <http://sbcevangelist.org/Officers.html> or via email at [cosbe@sbcevangelist.org](mailto:cosbe@sbcevangelist.org).

In Christ, your fellow laborers in the harvest,

The Executive Committee of the  
Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists

*"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38*