

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

AN AFFILIATION OF CONSERVATIVE ANABAPTIST CHURCHES

July 14, 2016, in Walnut Creek, OH

As duly ordained Anabaptist ministers of the Gospel, we hereby establish this affiliation of Conservative Anabaptist churches seeking likeminded fellowship, instruction, and accountability in church administration and congregational life in the Biblical pattern of the Apostolic church, and to passionately follow Jesus Christ in every generation.

We herein outline our:

- Purpose
- Function
- Faith Proposition
- Participation Agreement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this affiliation is to provide:

1. Congregational accountability with likeminded churches
2. Congregational autonomy in church administration
3. Inter-congregational assistance with church work
4. Development of para church missions and service organizations
5. Pastoral fellowship
6. Pastoral training in theology, and expository preaching and teaching

FUNCTION

The function of this affiliation is to administrate a network of autonomous congregations subscribing to a common Statement of Beliefs. ADC is not a governing body, but a planning organization, to provide:

1. Planning and administration of annual assemblies for pastoral fellowship
2. Pastoral networking for counsel and resources in local church leadership and administration
3. Inter-congregational collaboration in evangelization and missions
4. Pastoral training resources and events

FAITH PROPOSITION

Affiliated congregations are committed to a faith proposition that includes:

1. A Biblical theology as defined by the ADC Statement of Faith, adopted 2018
2. A principle based, discipleship model of congregational life
3. Congregational autonomy in church administration
4. A Conservative Anabaptist world view expressed by a lifestyle based on the Sermon on the Mount for all who enter into the Kingdom of Christ, living counter-culturally to engage the secular culture of our times
5. Equal emphasis on the two great calls of the church to evangelize unbelievers and disciple and nurture believers
6. Two offices for local church governance, including bishops/elders/pastors for church administration and deacons for benevolence ministries, utilizing spiritually gifted lay brethren in congregational life
7. Apologetic defense of biblical faith

PARTICIPATION

Membership in this affiliation requires:

1. Agreement with ADC's purpose, function, and faith proposition, ratified by congregational vote
2. Agreement with ADC's Statement of Beliefs
3. Participation in annual assemblies for pastoral fellowship and congregational accountability
4. Providing mutual aid and support to member congregations
5. Voluntary withdrawal if a congregation is out of alignment with ADC's purpose, function, and faith proposition
6. Contact an ADC Planning Committee member for Membership Applications

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