

AFFILIATION APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
SEMINARY COVENANT COMMUNITY (SCC)
INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATION

Seminary Covenant Community is a body duly organized for and legally able to provide a 501c3 exemption to qualified members.

Seminary Covenant Community (SCC) will accept applications from all who apply, BUT at the discretion of review by the Board of Approvals, an applicant may be required to provide additional information, be declined for any reason or be approved and accepted into membership

Each organization is a subordinate of SCC and will be a part of one of the following divisions:

1. Churches:

Churches, House Churches, and groups of Churches and Ordained Persons

2. Educational:

Educational Organizations, Special Education, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, High School, Home school, College or University

3. Missions & Ministries:

Missions, ministries and Social Enterprise Organizations

Race, color, national origin or gender is not a criteria for membership or ordination.

FIRST: The applying candidate must be Christ centered, the person called by God to the work. It is the duty of SCC to ratify and validate this call and the desire of applicant to be a part of the SCC fellowship.

SECOND: SCC and each of its constituent members are committed to, forming and being organized as covenant groups (small group ministry). Each applicant must be wholeheartedly committed to covenant group life and practices. This must be demonstrated over a specified period of time by a commitment to covenant groups by actively participating in the life of a covenant group; as a member, preferably as an assistant leader of such group, or even as leader. This includes participating during this time in any meetings of leaders or co-leaders or training sessions.

1. Such covenant groups shall be of the style and purpose envisioned by SCC, i.e., groups that are a means of evangelism and as a means of ministry.
2. Agree with SCC Statement of Faith and By-Laws.
3. Sign an Affiliation agreement

THIRD: Each applicant may for a specified period of time, negotiated on a case by case basis, serve under a pastor, mentor, or leader selected by SCC who will report back to SCC an evaluation as to applicant's leadership ability; ability to be under supervision, teachable; ability to cooperate; servant's heart, communication skills; counseling and evangelistic skills.

FOURTH: Each applicant during the evaluation period must demonstrate and testify by personal life fitness to be a leader, including but not limited to marriage, family, personal habits and stewardship in all phases of life. Specifically applicant:

1. Must not be a new Christian - must have an adequate number of years of demonstrated walk as a born again believer.
2. Must have no sexual relationship outside of marriage, whether adultery or as a practicing homosexual. Marriage is defined as between a Man and a Woman.
3. Be no drunkard, if using alcohol, using it in moderation and be committed to principles of

Romans 12:1-2; 14:13-21.

4. Be no lover of money, one with good credit, good reputation in handling of money.
5. Have good reputation in Christian and non-Christian circles.
6. Have a well behaved family.

FIFTH: Each applicant affiliate must submit in writing an:

1. Application for Affiliation,
2. Ministry Profile,
3. A copy of their Incorporation or Organizational Charter,
4. EIN and a signed Affiliate agreement,
5. References from persons who have known the applicant for five years or more
6. Where required a Thesis of Faith.
7. Can demonstrate the ability to carry the ministry to fruition.

The affiliate applicant must demonstrate in written or in an oral examination before an evaluation board chosen by SCC, as to the ability desire and vision of the work and related experience.

SIXTH: Upon satisfactorily completing an application, it shall go to the Board of SCC for the following review:

1. SCC will indicate any additional items needed for the application.
2. SCC will, upon submission of a fully completed application, will decide whether applicant is to be accepted.
3. If applicant becomes a candidate for Ordination, there shall be an appointed an evaluation board, who will examine applicant's academic records and accept them as being satisfactory or it shall conduct a written or oral examination of applicant to determine that equivalency has been demonstrated. If evaluation board determines that there is a need for additional study or work they shall, together with applicant, lay out a program to see such needs are met, including a time-table.
4. SCC shall see that a mentor, spiritual director or overseer is selected to work with the applicant throughout the process to provide an evaluation to SCC evaluation board.
5. The board of SCC shall, before it makes a determination that applicant/ candidate will be accepted by SCC, must receive:
 - a. Satisfactory report for the evaluation board that academic or equivalency has been met;
 - b. Satisfactory report for the evaluator selected by SCC, who may be a pastor, mentor, spiritual director or overseer;
 - c. A firm commitment in writing that applicant/candidate subscribes to the constitution and by-laws of SCC and its statement of faith and does make a firm commitment to, at all times during time of service as affiliate under SCC, be a part of a covenant group of a constituent church in SCC fellowship.
 - d. A firm commitment in writing to continuing education under the guidance of SCC.
 - e. Agree to file an annual report to SCC of the affiliates progress and attend the SCC Annual Convocation.

SCC membership requires a Minimum pledge of \$20.00 per month or more.

ALL AFFILIATION APPLICATIONS TO SCC SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROVAL BOARD WITH A PROCESSING FEE OF \$200.00

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