

APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
SEMINARY COVENANT COMMUNITY (SCC)
INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONGREGATIONS OR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Seminary Covenant Community (SCC) is a body duly organized for and legally able to:
Provide a 501c3 Covering, Spiritual Direction and individual and organizational accountability.

Each organization is a subordinate of SCC and is organized into three divisions:

- Churches: Churches, House Churches, and Groups of Churches and Ordain persons,
 - Education: Educational Organizations Special Ed, Pre-K, Elementary, Middle, High Schools, Colleges and Universities, Home School
 - Missions and Ministries: Missions, Ministries and Social Enterprise organizations.
- Race, color, national origin or sex is not criteria for membership or ordination.

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

FIRST: The applying Organization must be Christ centered, the leaders 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 organized as of House Church or Cell Group (small group ministry) ministries. Each applicant must be wholeheartedly committed to small group life and practices. This must be demonstrated over a specified period of time by a commitment to small groups by actively participating in the life of a small 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 small groups shall be of the style and purpose envisioned by SCC, i.e., groups that area means of evangelism and as a means of ministry.
2. Agree with SCC Statement of Faith and By-Laws.
3. Sign and 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 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 must submit in writing an:

1. A completed Application for Congregation or Church Affiliation,
2. Ministry Profile,
3. A copy of their Incorporation or Organizational Charter, With a Purpose Statement
4. EIN
5. A signed Affiliate Agreement, and an initialed Acknowledgement of Affiliation
6. Pastors submit a Application for Ordination or Recognition of Ordination
7. References from 3 or more persons who have known the applicant for five years or more
8. Where required a Thesis of Faith.
9. Can demonstrate the ability to carry the ministry to fruition.

The 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 application having been received and soon as it has been satisfactorily completed-it shall go to the Approvals Board of SCC who:

1. Will indicate any additional items needed for the application.
2. When application has been fully completed, SCC will decide whether applicant is to be accepted.
3. If applicant is a Church or Group of Churches an application for Ordination or recognition of Ordination may be required, if the leader 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 to be a part of, preferable as leader of a small 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 affiliate's 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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