

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Global Connections

We're delighted that you are considering joining the network. We trust you'll find the application process easy to follow but if you've any questions do contact Andy Law (alaw@globalconnections.org.uk).

COMMITMENT

All church members must be in agreement with the Global Connections' Basis of Faith and Cooperation (see below) and agree to pay the annual subscription.

Please return your completed application form to alaw@globalconnections.org.uk or post to **Global Connections, Caswell Road, Leamington Spa CV31 1QD**

The trustees reserve the right not to accept a membership application or to remove a member if they deem it to be in the best interests of the organisation.

Churches are able to nominate people who meet the required criteria to serve on the Global Connections Council – these are the voting members of the company.

APPLICATION FORM - CHURCHES

Name of Church: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Can your church be publicly linked to Global Connections? Yes / No

Address: _____

_____ **Postcode:** _____

Main contact name and email: _____

Website: _____

Which social channels do you use? Facebook / Instagram / Twitter

What are your social handles: _____

Charity Commission Registration No.: _____

Name and email of Minister: _____

We recommend members receive a copy of our monthly e-newsletter Network News. Please write names and emails of staff you would like to receive this publication below:



APPLICATION FORM – CHURCHES (CONTINUED)

How did you hear about Global Connections? _____

Do you have any links with current members? (if so, whom? We may wish to contact them)

Do you accept the basis of faith and cooperation as a condition of membership? Yes / No

What are your main reasons for joining? _____

As a network, we require our network members (and affiliates) to agree to the following basis of faith and cooperation.

BASIS OF FAITH

- The sovereignty and grace of the triune God, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- The divine inspiration and infallibility of the Old and New Testaments as originally given and their consequent entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of fallen human beings, making them subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- The substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ the incarnate Son of God as the sole and all-sufficient ground of redemption from the guilt and power of sin and from its eternal consequences.
- The justification of the sinner solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ who was crucified and bodily raised from the dead.
- The illuminating, regenerating, in-dwelling and sanctifying work of God the Holy Spirit.
- The priesthood of all believers, who form the universal Church, the Body of which Christ is the Head, and which is committed by His command to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.
- The expectation of the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory.



BASIS OF COOPERATION

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Autonomy and respect

Global Connections is a network and consequently each network member is a separate charity and so completely autonomous. The network is a diverse community and we acknowledge that there will be differences over issues which are not essential to salvation. Such autonomy and diversity therefore needs to be respected and honoured.

It is expected therefore that network members shall not be the subject of public criticism or censure by others in the network because of any other associations, national or international, in which they are involved. Such relationships shall be deemed the private concern of each member. In particular, it is expected that personal hostility and abuse will be absent from the network, with truth spoken in love and gentleness.

We owe it to each other not to make public comment on the alleged behaviour or statements of others and to first confer directly with them to establish what was actually intended. We should seek to commend what we can, to weigh the proportional significance of what we perceive to be in error, and to put a charitable construction on what is doubtful, expressing all with courtesy, humility and graciousness. If after this if network members have concerns about any other network member, this should be passed on to the Global Connections Board.

Responsibilities

It is hoped that network members will participate actively in the network. It is our experience that those who participate actively receive the most in return.

Network members commit themselves to paying the appropriate annual donation at the earliest opportunity to further the administration of the network office. One year's notice needs to be given if a network member wishes to resign.

Values and ethics

In all activities, network members should be characterised by honesty and integrity. Network members should conduct their work in harmony with Christian principles and high ethical standards, ensuring they recognise the laws of countries in which they work.

The way that each network member is governed and managed should be made clear and publically available via their website and public documents.

Network members are expected to maintain high standards of integrity in the areas such as publicity, fundraising and finances, so that the cause of world mission is commended.

Avoiding duplication and competition

We rejoice in the spread of the good news across the world. It is expected that network members commit themselves to this task in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration.

Wherever possible, network members should foster consultation and cooperation with others in related areas of work, and seek to avoid unnecessary competition.

In direct approaches to churches, trusts and individuals, agencies should show respect for their existing commitments to others.