

# 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](mailto:alaw@globalconnections.org.uk)).

## TOP REASONS FOR JOINING

### **Build relationships with churches and other agencies**

Want to join an influential mission network? As an associate you will have involvement with over 300 groups involved directly in mission work, both in the UK and the rest of the world.

### **Enjoy discounted advertising space**

Needing someone to fill a specific role? Advertise with [Christian Vocations](#) at a discounted price! We also offer special rates for members to advertise in our [iServe](#) and [SERVE short-term](#) publications – both publications enjoy a wide circulation.

### **Secure discounted tickets to networking events**

Ever feel isolated? As a network we provide unique links to others who are involved in mission and who share the same passions as you. Many will attend our [events and forums](#) throughout the year; these cover a vast range of topics and issues, and members can attend at a greatly discounted rate.

### **Explore the future of mission**

Don't have the time to think or reflect? Our network provides opportunities to explore and reflect theologically on key [issues](#) relating to mission.

### **Access information and resources**

Looking for that resource you cannot find? We can signpost you to useful and essential resources and if we can't directly help, we'll know someone in the network who can!

### **Benefit from special insurance and life cover schemes**

Find insurance baffling? Through our partnership with Banner Financial Services we have negotiated special travel and health insurance schemes, and a unique Group Life Insurance scheme with especially favourable terms for overseas workers. Members can also benefit from long-term/career medical insurance with Talent Trust Consultants.

### **Secure your pension**

Worried what will happen when you retire? We provide access to group personal pension schemes both for UK staff and for mission partners overseas. The schemes are with Scottish Widows (UK) and Zurich Insurance (International) and are administered by Independent Financial Advisers, Succession Wealth.

## COMMITMENT

All 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](mailto: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.

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## APPLICATION FORM – NETWORK ASSOCIATE

Name of organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chief Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Global Connections? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Do you accept the basis of faith and cooperation as a condition of membership? (please circle)

Yes / No

What are your main reasons for joining? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your main ministry activities (50 words)

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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

### **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.

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## BASIS OF COOPERATION (CONTINUED)

### **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.