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CHURCH REQUIREMENTS

Do Not Alter This Form - Use Only To Apply For Church Status

The following structure and sequence assures that Churches are well established and that all criteria is met in sequence, leading to the operation of a healthy organized Church. Each status shall be maintained for a period of one year prior to making application for the next status.

1. **Formation of the Church:** After maintaining Company Status for a period of one year, keeping all obligations current, application may be made for Church Status.
 - a. The Company votes to form a Church and submits application to Administration.
 - b. The formation of a new Ethnic Church will be through the joint recommendations of the Local Conference Administration and the ethnic coordinator.
 - c. Conference administration presents this recommendation to the Conference Executive Committee for Approval.
2. **Membership:** There is a minimum of 30 baptized members
3. **Leadership:** shall be established according to the Church Manual
4. **Evangelism:** Plans are submitted for the first year's evangelism
5. **Financial Base:**
 - a. **Tithe Base:** Of at least \$20,000 per year
 - b. **Offerings:** Sufficient to support all the local needs
 - c. **Building Fund:** Is established
 - d. **Education:** An adequate plan is submitted that is sufficient to meet the educational needs of the young people



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APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A CHURCH

Church Name _____

Location _____

Church Head Elder _____

Number of baptized members anticipated to attend _____ Number of giving units _____

Anticipated Yearly Tithe base \$ _____ Anticipated Monthly Offerings \$ _____

Date approved by Executive Committee to operate as a Company _____

Miles from nearest SDA Church _____ Name _____

Miles from sponsoring SDA Church _____ Name _____

Reason for establishing a Church in this specific area _____

Attach:

_____ Company board minutes approving the formation of this Church

_____ Name and address of baptized members anticipated to attend

_____ Names, address and email address of officers according to church manual

_____ Evangelistic/outreach plans and potential

Signatures:

Mother Church Pastor

Church Head Elder

*****RETURN APPLICATION TO CONFERENCE SECRETARY'S OFFICE*****

Date of Executive committee Vote

Conference Executive Secretary