

Volunteer Application

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Name of Applicant _____



These are nonnegotiable tenets of faith that all Assemblies of God churches adhere to. This list is derived from the official Statement of Fundamental Truths.



1. WE BELIEVE...**The Scriptures are Inspired by God** and declare His design and plan for mankind.
2. WE BELIEVE...**There is only One True God**—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).
3. WE BELIEVE...**In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**. As God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
4. WE BELIEVE...though originally good, **Man Willingly Fell to Sin**—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
5. WE BELIEVE...**Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through 'Salvation'** (accepting Christ's offer of forgiveness for sin). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
6. WE BELIEVE...and practice two ordinances—(1) **Water Baptism by Immersion** after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and (2) **Holy Communion** (the Lord's Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
7. WE BELIEVE...**the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a Special Experience Following Salvation** that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times. [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
8. WE BELIEVE... **The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is 'Speaking in Tongues,'** as experienced on the Day of Pentecost and referenced throughout Acts and the Epistles.
9. WE BELIEVE...**Sanctification Initially Occurs at Salvation** and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christlike.
10. WE BELIEVE...**The Church has a Mission** to seek and save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the Church' is the Body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of His son Jesus Christ.
11. WE BELIEVE...**A Divinely Called and Scripturally Ordained Leadership Ministry Serves the Church**. The Bible teaches that each of us under leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship Him with other believers, and to build up or edify the body of believers—the Church.
12. WE BELIEVE...**Divine Healing of the Sick is a Privilege for Christians Today** and is provided for in Christ's atonement (His sacrificial death on the cross for our sins). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
13. WE BELIEVE...in **The Blessed Hope—When Jesus Raptures His Church Prior to His Return to Earth** (the second coming). At this future moment in time all believers who have died will rise from their graves and will meet the Lord in the air, and Christians who are alive will be caught up with them, to be with the Lord forever. [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
14. WE BELIEVE...in **The Millennial Reign of Christ** when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace.
15. WE BELIEVE...**A Final Judgment Will Take Place** for those who have rejected Christ. They will be judged for their sin and consigned to eternal punishment in a punishing lake of fire.
16. WE BELIEVE...and look forward to the perfect **New Heavens and a New Earth** that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted Him. We will live and dwell with Him there forever following His millennial reign on Earth. 'And so shall we forever be with the Lord!'

We Believe!

Four of these beliefs are considered the core beliefs of the Fellowship. You may hear them referred to as our cardinal doctrines. They weave in and through all the teaching, music, preaching, discussions... everything we do. The Church's message revolves around these four defining beliefs.



Salvation Through Jesus Christ

Salvation is deliverance from spiritual death and enslavement by sin. God provides salvation for all who believe and accept His free offer of forgiveness. Mankind's only hope of redemption from the fallen sinful state is through the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son—blood that was shed as Jesus died on the cross. [The account of the crucifixion of Jesus is recounted by four of His contemporaries: Matthew (chapter 27), Mark (chapter 15), Luke (chapter 23), and John (chapter 19).] (Luke 24:47; John 3:3,16,17; Rom. 8:16; 10:13-15; Ephesians 2:8,9; 4:24; Titus 2:11-12;



Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. (Isa. 53:4,5; Matt. 8:16,17; James 5:14-16)



Baptism in the Holy Spirit

All believers are entitled to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and therefore should expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all believers in the early Christian church. With the experience comes the provision of power for victorious Christian living and productive service. It also provides believers with specific spiritual gifts for more effective ministry. The baptism of Christians in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the initial physical sign of speaking in other tongues (unlearned languages) as the Spirit of God gives them audible expression. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,8; 2:4; 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9; 1 Cor. 12:1-31)



The Second Coming of Christ

All Christians who have died will one day rise from their graves and will meet the Lord in the air. Christians who have not yet died will be raptured or caught up with them, to be with the Lord. Then Christians of all ages will live with God forever. The scriptural truth of the Lord's soon return is "the blessed hope". (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Titus 2:13)

Leadership Honor Code

As an essential part of the Lifeway Church's Leadership Family, you have a responsibility to exhibit mature Christian behavior. Hebrews 13:7 says to followers: *“Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”*

The essence of all spiritual leadership is imitation and influence. Since people will be following you as their Leader, your desire should be to give them a Godly model to follow. Every parent, teacher and pastor I know feels the weight and the joy of that responsibility. Set the standard high!

While serving before the Body of Christ as a leader, you pledge to present a good appearance at all times. In both attire and behavior, you should strive to demonstrate Biblical standards and to ask the question, “What would Jesus do?” As Christians, the way we present ourselves to others is of vital importance to the way others perceive Christ. Our conduct should never be an embarrassment to Christ, but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and of a servant leader.

Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, Lifeway Church leaders are to maintain a disciplined life style, which includes systematic Bible Study, regular prayer and occasional fasting. You must also refrain from such stumbling blocks as profanity, smoking or chewing tobacco, gambling, indulging in wine and other alcoholic beverages, dishonest gain, illegal drugs, pornography, sexual immorality, gossip, complaining and all other behaviors which might cause the Spirit of Christ to grieve and weak Christians to stumble.

By providing a living example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become servant leaders themselves. This is a healthy way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader of the Lifeway Church family. We should regard the honor code as a powerful motivator of our own spiritual development and not view it as an imposition or a restriction.

I wholeheartedly agree with the 16 Fundamentals of the Assembly of God and the Four Core beliefs. I will follow the Leadership Honor Code and commit myself fully to the work of the Lord.

Signature

Date

Leadership Qualities

The following is a listing of specific qualities that we feel are necessary for consistent, dynamic leadership in this church body. These qualities speak directly to your church role and relationship to our Senior Pastor.

FAITH	1 Corinthians 4:2; Luke 16:10-12 Being steadfast, consistent, unwavering and dependable.
DISCIPLINED	Acts 24:16; Galatians 5:24-25 Allowing God to direct one's life.
COMMITTED	Romans 12:1-2 Commitment to Christ confirmed by corresponding actions.
LOYAL	I Tim 6:1-2; II Thessalonians 3:4 Consistently supporting those in authority.
TEACHABLE	Titus 3:14; Job 6:24 Willingness and ability to gain wisdom and understanding to God's principles.
OBEDIENT	Romans 13:1-2; John 14:12 Yielding to proper authority
SUBMISSIVE	Hebrews 13:7 Serving Jesus with a submissive heart and a proper attitude.
HUMBLE	Romans 12:3 Recognizing that the Lord is responsible for any achievements
POSITIVE	Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:8, 13 Having a positive attitude regardless of circumstances.

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

I understand that a consumer report (background screening report) and/or an investigative consumer report (reference checks and/or interviews) that may include information from public or private sources regarding my character, driving records, criminal history, court records (both civil and criminal), qualifications and experience, work habits, and/or other information relevant to my volunteer service may be obtained in connection with my application as a volunteer with Lifeway Church.

I understand that, if I am approved for volunteer service by Lifeway Church, this background check authorization will be kept on file and may be used at any time during my service to procure further information when, in the judgment of Lifeway Church, such may be necessary.

I hereby release and discharge to the extent permitted by law, Lifeway Church, its employees, any individual or agency obtaining information for Lifeway Church, and any personal or professional reference, from any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, or other expenses arising from the retrieving, reporting and/or disclosure of information in connection with this background investigation.

I understand that I am volunteering my services and declare in no way shall I be considered an employee or subcontractor or independent contractor of Lifeway Church.

By signing below, I, _____, have read, understand and consent to the above. I further authorize that a photographic copy or a telephonic facsimile of this document shall be valid for purposes present and future. My signature below certifies that all information I have provided in connection with this background check is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that I have specific prescribed rights as a consumer under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and may have additional rights under relevant state laws. I hereby certify that I have read the Summary of Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act located at <http://www.safehiringsolutions.com/pdfs/FCRAsummary.pdf>

AUTHORIZATION

Print Name (last, first, middle) _____
Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
Drivers License Number _____
Drivers License State
(For ID Purposes Only)

Any other names I have been known by: _____

Current Address: _____

Previous Addresses (Last 10 Years) _____

Signature _____
Date