



NOONDAY

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Please complete this form and return to: **NOONDAY ASSOCIATION 1348 Canton Road NE, Marietta, GA 30066**

Church Name		Date Congregation Organized/Started: _____	
(Please list any former name you may have used _____)			
Church Mailing Address			
Church Physical Meeting Location (if different from mailing address)	<input type="checkbox"/> check if mailing & location are the same		
Church Contact Numbers	Phone: _____		
Pastor's Name	_____		
Pastor's Contact Numbers (list only those at which we may contact you)	Home: _____	Office: _____	Cell: _____
Pastor's e-mail address	_____		
Church e-mail address	<input type="checkbox"/> check if same as pastor's		

As a congregation, it is our desire to affiliate with Noonday Association in a cooperative relationship with other member congregations of this association to achieve the **vision of healthy, disciple-making, reproducing congregations cooperating to transform our communities, Greater Atlanta, and the world.**

This church understands and covenants to fulfill the following membership requirements of Noonday Association.

Cooperation:

Our congregation commits to complete the required 12 months of participation (demonstrated through attendance and missions giving) prior to realizing full membership status.

Constitution:

- Our congregation constituted on _____.
- (If not yet constituted:)** Our congregation has not yet constituted but understands that constitution as a church is required by the current Noonday bylaws prior to being received into full membership.

Compatible Beliefs & Practices:

- Our congregation has embraced and is practicing beliefs that are consistent with one of the *Baptist Faith and Messages*.

Commitment to Pursuit of Vision:

- Our congregation commits to partner with the other congregations of Noonday Association in pursuit of the vision of transformed communities demonstrated by participating regularly in the life of the association and making regular financial contributions to Noonday Association.

Pastor's Signature: _____

Church Moderator/Leader Signature: _____

Date of Church Action to Affiliate with Noonday: _____

Current Average Worship Attendance of Church: _____

Congregations become members of Noonday through one of the following means. Please indicate the process that is appropriate to your congregation.

 Watchcare (for established congregations with no previous participation in Noonday or autonomous new church plants with no Noonday congregational partnership/sponsorship)
 As a constituted church, we understand that our congregation is being received into Watchcare status and will be presented for full membership in Noonday Association one year from the date our Watchcare status is approved by the messengers of Noonday. Membership requirements must be fulfilled.

 Partnership/Sponsorship (for new and developing congregations who are affiliated with Noonday through a partner/sponsor relationship with an existing Noonday member congregation)
 As a developing congregation in partnership/sponsorship with the following Noonday congregation(s), we understand that our congregation will be presented for full membership in Noonday Association following a minimum of 12 months of participation and meeting the membership requirements.

The following congregations have partnered with us in establishing this new church plant:



Partner/Sponsor Church: _____

Signature of Church Moderator/Officer _____

Date church affirmed partnership/sponsorship: _____

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For Noonday Consultant use only

Introductory Visit: Date _____ By Whom _____

Orientation & Membership Covenant Received

Noonday Consultant: _____ Date: _____

For Noonday Support Office use only

___ Date Membership Covenant Received / ___ Pastor Information Sheet Received
 ___ Church Added to upcoming Newsletter and all other communication avenues

Database Processing:

- ___ Church Entered in Organization Data Base
- ___ Pastor entered in Data Base
- ___ Ministerial Staff "group" attached to church
- ___ Pastor attached to Ministerial Staff Group
- ___ "Entrances" data entry completed / ___ "Sponsor" data entry completed
- ___ "Services" New Church Covenant Entered
- ___ "Services" State Covenant entered (if mailed by Noonday)

Look -up: (added to Mission Impact)

___ Region ___ Zone ___ CSA _____ Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Census Tract ___ +4 zip for all addresses

Social Media: ___ Follow on Twitter/Instagram ___ Friend on Facebook
 ___ Like Church Facebook Page

Enclosures:

- Bylaws: Concerning Membership**

Available Upon Request:

- Copy of Baptist Faith and Message (Please indicate preferred version)**
- Sample Constitutions Assistance from Noonday staff member in writing a church constitution**
- Information about incorporation or developing a constitution celebration service**



New Church Supplemental Data Information Sheet

(Please attach to Noonday Church Membership Covenant to ensure accurate data entry.)

Field	Information	
Church Name		
Primary Ethnicity of Church in worship:		
In what language(s) does your church worship?		
Title (Rev., Dr., ect.)		
Pastor's Full Name		
How to you prefer to be addressed? (Rev. Jones, First Name, Other)		
Spouse's Name		
Preferred Mailing Address to receive mail from Noonday <i>Is this <input type="checkbox"/> church, <input type="checkbox"/> home, or <input type="checkbox"/> business?</i>		
Phone Numbers: <i>Please list only the phone numbers where you prefer to be contacted.</i>	Church	Cell
	Work	Home
Social Media (Pastor)	Facebook	Instagram
	Twitter	Linked In
Social Media (Church)	Facebook	Instagram
	Twitter	Linked In
Web Page address for Church		
Date started as pastor of church		
Full-time or Part-time Bivocational		
Date of Birth (optional)*		
Ethnicity (optional)**		

* If provided, this information is used for the Noonday staff prayer opportunities.

** This entirely optional information is needed if you wish to be alerted to special events focusing on distinctive ethnic groups or cultures within UBA.

EXCERPT from NOONDAY BYLAWS Concerning Membership

ARTICLE III. Purpose

The congregations of Noonday Baptist Association cooperate with one another in identifying and participating in the ongoing movement of God.

ARTICLE IV. Function

The Association functions by assembling messengers elected/appointed by the churches in Associational Meetings, or in special called meetings, at which time policies, procedures and directives for carrying out its purpose are approved.

ARTICLE V. Membership Section A.

Churches desiring membership in the Association shall be approved by the Associational Leadership Council using the following criteria:

1. The manner in which the church was constituted.
2. The church has embraced, and is practicing, beliefs consistent with one of the Baptist Faith and Messages.
3. The church makes a commitment to cooperate with the Association in accomplishing its purpose.

Section B.

The procedure for a church obtaining membership into the Association is as follows:

1. The petitioning entity is a constituted church.
2. Application(s) shall be made during an Associational Meeting through a petitionary letter, which has been read in an open meeting of said congregation(s). The consideration of a petitioning church shall fall into either of two (2) categories:
 - a. Churches that have been constituted, having been a mission of an Associational church in good standing,
or
 - b. Churches with no previous Associational sponsorship.
3. A petitioning church which has been a mission established and sponsored by a member church in good standing, and has been constituted within the year, or, has a record of at least one year's participation in and support of the Association, may apply for immediate membership.
4. A church with no previous sponsorship by an Associational church may apply to the Associational Leadership Council for Watchcare for one year. During the year of Watchcare, the petitioning church shall be encouraged to participate fully in the purpose and support of the Association. Following the Watchcare period, the church may then become eligible for full membership.
5. Upon approving the petitioning church, the Associational Leadership Council shall present its report to the next Associational Meeting. Upon receiving a majority vote by the body of messengers already seated, the petitioning church shall be recognized as a cooperating church and its messengers shall be extended the hand of fellowship by the Moderator and seated as accredited Associational Messengers.

