

## Church Membership Application Form

Membership is open to churches who –

- affirm EAI’s statement of faith,
- support the objectives of EAI,
- affirm EAI’s Principles of Co-operation (please sign and return attached copy with this form)
- are in operation in the Republic of Ireland for at least two years prior to application.

Church Membership Applications must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant’s statement of faith. If the church does not have a formal statement of faith, a letter may be submitted, stating that the applicant church adopts the EAI statement of faith.

**NOTE:** The membership review group may request additional information or clarification.

Applications should also include the annual fee of €200 or a completed standing order form for €16 or more per month. EAI’s preferred method of payment is a regular standing order to our account.

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Denomination (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Date established: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Apprx Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Minister/Pastor/Leader/Elder: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method

We have made our EAI membership contribution by the following method:  
 Standing Order  Cheque  Credit Card  Other  (tick appropriate box)  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Standing Order Form

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Sort Code \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Please deduct € \_\_\_\_\_ (figures) \_\_\_\_\_ Euros (words)

Commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and then each month/quarter/year\* until further notice.  
\*circle as appropriate

Pay this sum to Evangelical Alliance Ireland Ltd. – A/C No. 23191040

AIB Bank, IFSC Branch, Excise Walk, IFSC, Dublin 1 – Sort Code 93-33-84

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit Card Payments

If you wish to make your membership contribution by credit card, please go to our website, [www.evangelical.ie](http://www.evangelical.ie), and choose ‘Donate’. Follow the instructions given for payment via Paypal.

### Office Use Only

Date rcvd: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Amount: € \_\_\_\_\_ cash  chq  CC  SO

Database update:  Ldgmt Log update:

SO sent to bank:  Confirmation sent:

## ***EAI Basis of Faith***

Evangelicals are Christians who accept the revelation of the triune God given in the Scriptures and confess the historic faith of the Gospel that they declare.

They here assert beliefs that they regard as crucial to the understanding of the faith, and which should issue in mutual love, practical Christian service and evangelistic concern.

We believe in:

### **1) God**

The only true God, holy, loving and glorious, who exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The sovereignty and grace of God in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and final judgement.

### **2) Scripture**

The divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and their consequent entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.

### **3) Human dignity**

The dignity and equality of all people, created in God's image to live in love and holiness.

### **4) Human condition**

The universal sinfulness, guilt and lostness of all people as a result of the Fall, making them subject to God's wrath and condemnation.

### **5) Jesus Christ: His person and work**

Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, born of the virgin Mary; his sinless life, his substitutionary atoning death on the cross, his bodily resurrection, his ascension into heaven, his victorious reign and future return. He is the only mediator, and his sacrificial death is the sole and all-sufficient ground of redemption from the guilt and power of sin and from its eternal consequences. By the grace of God alone through faith in Christ sinners are justified and receive the gift of eternal life.

### **6) The Holy Spirit**

The convicting, regenerating, indwelling, illuminating, empowering and sanctifying work of God the Holy Spirit.

### **7) The Church**

The universal Church of which Christ is the Head, expressed in local congregations of believers and committed to the proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel throughout the world. The priesthood of all believers and the divine institution of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

### **8) Future Hope**

The personal, visible and victorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory to establish fully his universal reign. His final judgement of all people with justice, bringing those who have rejected him to eternal punishment and believers to eternal life.

**To God be praise forever.**

**Moladh go deo le Dia.**

## **PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION**

### **A common purpose**

We commit to pursue a common purpose, to reach our nation with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### **A shared identity**

We affirm that our salvation in Christ gives us a common identity and makes us members of one Body.

### **A unifying truth**

We affirm and believe the truths expressed in our Basis of Faith. We affirm the need to contend for truth while being willing to learn from each other. When discussing or writing about issues of faith or practice that divide, we will consider the frequency of our own failings, and acknowledge the possibility that we ourselves may be mistaken. We will speak the truth in love, avoiding personal hostility.

### **A mutual respect**

We will work to honour each other while affirming that we hold to our distinctives. We will pray as Jesus prayed that we may be one in the Father and the Son. We are committed to promoting relationships of love, peace and fellowship within the Body of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We will respect our differences of culture, church background, experience and doctrine, understanding that differences on secondary issues may not be resolved in our lifetime.

### **A strong relationship**

We commit to building each other up in relationships of encouragement and integrity. If we have difficulties with another person involved in EAI we will speak directly to the person. When we hear an accusation or criticism of another we will speak to that person directly about the matter. If a matter of criticism is to be raised publicly we commit to first confer directly with the person being criticised regarding the intent of their statement. We will then consider how serious the perceived error is and put a charitable construction on what is doubtful.

### **Definition of an Evangelical:**

Evangelicals are Christian who believe in revelation, personal salvation, and evangelism. This mean that they believe that the Bible, as God's revealed Word, is the supreme authority in all matter of belief and behaviour; that Jesus' substitutionary death on the cross is at the centre of the gospel message; that repentance and trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour and individual new birth through the Holy Spirit are essential for salvation; and that proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel to all is of prime importance.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (please fill in church name), I accept the EAI Basis of Faith, Principles of Cooperation and the above definition of Evangelical.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Minister/Pastor/Leader/Elder)

Name in Block Capitals \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your **completed and signed application form, your church's statement of faith** (or a letter stating that your church adopts the EAI statement of faith) and your payment to:

Evangelical Alliance Ireland, Ulysses House, 22 – 24 Foley Street, Dublin 1.

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