



14 Points of Eligibility

Please provide a letter from the church, on letterhead and signed by the chief executive officer, affirming the organization is in fact a church and essentially meets the spirit of the 14 criteria employed by the IRS in defining a church. Please provide evidence of at least 9 of the following:

1. Distinct legal existence
2. Recognized creed and form of worship
3. Definite and distinct ecclesiastical government
4. Formal code doctrine and discipline
5. Distinct religious history
6. Membership not associated with any other church or denomination
7. Complete organization of ordained ministers ministering to their congregations
8. Ordained ministers elected after completing prescribed courses of study
9. Literature of its own
10. Established places of worship
11. Regular congregations
12. Regular religious services
13. Sunday schools for religious instruction for the young
14. Schools for the preparation of its ministers