

Application for Affiliation  
Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention  
2042 Vancouver Drive, Honolulu 96822  
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Guidelines for Committee:

A church seeking affiliation with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention shall submit a letter of application to the Executive Director-Treasurer. The Executive Director-Treasurer will inform the church of the guidelines for application and will inform the Committee on Credentials and Resolutions of the church's interest.

A church shall have been constituted for at least six (6) months prior to the annual meeting of Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention to be eligible for affiliation and for seating of messengers in that fiscal year. (Exceptions can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.)

The Committee on Credentials and Resolutions requires for a church to be considered for application at the Annual Meeting in November to submit all appropriate documents and information by May 31<sup>st</sup> to: H: Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention, Attn: Credentials Committee, 2042 Vancouver Dr., Honolulu, HI 96822.

The Chairman of the Committee will schedule a meeting with the church's leadership to review the information and documents submitted. The committee's preference is that at least two people (Pastor and/or elected leaders) from the applying church participate in the discussion with the Committee on Credentials and Resolutions.

The purpose of the informational meeting is to review the church's doctrine, polity, purpose and ministry plans to affirm the church is in agreement with the doctrines, purpose and mission of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

Documents and information needed by the committee are:

1. Full and correct name of the church.
2. Full and correct address of the church. (Mailing address and Meeting address)
3. Date the church was constituted.
4. Date the church voted to affiliate with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention
5. List of church officers by position and name.
6. A copy of the church's constitution and by-laws.
7. A description of how new members are received into membership
8. A Statement of Faith (if not included in No. 6.)
9. A brief history of the church.
10. A statement of the mission and ministry of the church.
11. A copy of the current church's budget.
12. A description of the church's current involvement and/or future involvement in supporting the Cooperative Program for World Missions.
13. A statement describing the church's expectations from the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

14. A statement describing the church's plans for cooperating with sister churches in the Convention.

15. A statement affirming the church is willing to provide an annual statistical report to the Convention.

16. A letter of recommendation from sponsoring/sister church and affiliated association; A letter of explanation from sponsoring church or sister church must be provided in the event that no local association exists.

The reason the Committee has requested information and documents.

BYLAWS of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention: Article III; Paragraph 2; Item c: Duties of Committee on Credentials and Resolutions as they pertain to churches applying for membership in the Convention.

The Committee on Credentials and Resolutions will certify messengers to the annual meeting of the Convention and help with the registration of the messengers and visitors.

Excerpts from the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention Constitution

Article II: Purpose

1. The purpose of this Convention shall be to provide organization through which Baptist churches in Hawaii and the Pacific areas can cooperate in their efforts to help bring people into a right personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ and to help forward Christ's whole program of preaching, teaching, healing and ministering throughout the world.

2. While independent and sovereign in its own sphere, the Convention shall not claim nor attempt to exercise authority over any church.

3. This Convention shall cooperate in promoting such objective fostered by Baptists through the Southern Baptist Convention as it deems proper. This Convention recognizes the Baptist World Alliance as a fellowship of Baptist communities around the world.

Article III: Statement of Faith

The Convention shall be founded on a fellowship based on the Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments. Specific doctrinal distinctives are identified in any historic or current "Baptist Faith and Message" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article IV: Membership

The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of cooperating, contributing Baptist Churches. The following criteria shall define cooperating and contributing:

Theological: The church shall have specified within its adopted Statement of Faith and Practice and/or governing documents that the basis for its theology, faith, practice and polity is the Bible and the Statement of Faith as listed in Article III or other declarations of faith which parallel our historic Baptist faith and distinctives will serve as the theological framework.

Declaration: The church shall have voted to cooperate and affiliate with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist

Convention. This action shall be communicated in a written letter to the Executive

Director- Treasurer of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.

Financial: The church shall have made financial contributions through the Cooperative Program during the past twelve months.

Statistical: The church shall provide an annual statistical report, which demonstrates its cooperation and partnership with other churches affiliated with the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention.