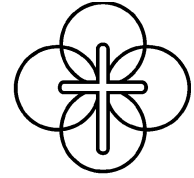


The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists



ASSOCIATION OF WELCOMING
& AFFIRMING BAPTISTS

Congregation Application Procedures

To enter into association with other Welcoming & Affirming Baptists:

1. **Submit a statement of welcome and affirmation.**

Rather than require adherence to a prescribed statement, each member of the Association is requested to draft their own. This might be a part of a mission statement, a vote by the Diaconate, a portion of the church by-laws, a document created by a study group and approved by the church, a statement about the congregation's history with the gay community, etc. Read "Guidelines for Statements of Welcome & Affirmation" for more information on preparing your statement. Sample statements are available on request.

2. **Indicate the source of the statement.**

Briefly outline the source of the W&A statement and the process by which it was drafted, indicate how approved (was the statement approved by a particular board, voted on by the whole church?) and give the date of final approval of the statement and request for AWAB membership. Include minutes if possible. If your process was not this formal, give us some background information.

3. **Complete the Membership Application Form** (on the reverse side.)

4. **Enclose membership donation.**

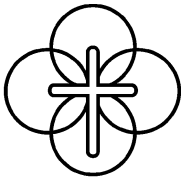
Suggested amounts for annual membership donations are listed below:
Make checks payable to "AWAB"

Roger Williams: gifts of \$10,000 or more
Ann and Adoniram Judson: \$5000-\$9,999
Joanna P. Moore: \$2500-\$4999
Walter Rauschenbusch: \$1000-\$2499
Helen Barrett Montgomery: \$500-\$999
Martin Luther King Jr.: \$250-\$499
Harry Emerson Fosdick: \$100-\$249

It is expected that Association member congregations will support the continuing work of the Association by making a yearly pledge, e.g. as part of their annual mission budget. This amount will vary depending on the resources of the congregation. As an association of churches, the ministry and witness of AWAB is almost entirely dependent on the support of member congregations.

5. Check to see that all items above have been completed and mail to:

**The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists
PO Box 42544, Kensington, MD 20895**



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Congregation Application Form

ASSOCIATION OF WELCOMING
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Name of congregation _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____ phone (____) _____

Church Fax _____ Church e-mail _____

Web site URL _____

Pastor(s) _____

Active Membership _____ Average Weekly Church Attendance _____

W&A Contact person (other than pastor) _____ position _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____ phone _____

Fax _____ e-mail _____

If other than local church, please indicate type of ministry.

What are your denominational / partner church affiliations?

Membership donation enclosed: \$ _____

Signature of person making application _____

Position _____ date _____

Complete, include W&A Statement and information (see other side) and mail to:

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PLEASE NOTE: All information pertaining to this application, including W&A statement may be used for referral or publication by the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists.