

# Carolina Conference

## Company Application

Name of Mother Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Baptized Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Attendance for 3 Previous Months: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Projected Annual Tithe: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

### New Company Requirements

1. To progress to “company” status a Mission Group must have at least 30 baptized members with an average attendance of at least 30 for the previous 3 months.
2. New Companies must develop a 2-year plan for church growth (Include outreach events, stewardship plan, and etc.)
  - Please attach your 2-Year Church Growth Plan
3. New Companies must continue to work with the Conference appointed pastor and the elected Volunteer Lay Pastor/Leader (VLP). The pastor and VLP must read, accept, and sign the “Strategy for Lay-led Churches” document and “Coaching Covenant.” These documents will also be shared with the core group.
  - Please attach your signed “Coaching Covenant.”

4. The Company must have committed Seventh-day Adventist lay leadership ready to serve in a minimum of two key offices: Volunteer Lay Pastor/ Leader and Treasurer.
  - These offices should be filled during each nominating committee process.
  - While most decisions will be made by local leadership, the Conference Executive Committee serves as the board for the company, granting transfer requests, and voting on church discipline issues. (See *Church Manual*, “Organizing a Company,” pg. 38).
  
5. The Mission Group must have at least \$25,000 in projected annual tithe and meet the following parameters:
  1. Must have a balanced budget.
  2. Must have a record of faithful remittance of tithe and offerings to the Carolina Conference, through the sponsoring church.
  3. Once company status is voted, a bank account is to be set up in the Company’s name in consultation with the Conference Treasury Department.
  4. The Conference auditor should also be contacted about accounting software and financial procedures.
  5. The Company agrees to establish a line item in their budget for a building fund which will receive a monthly allocation from the combined budget. However, purchases of land or buildings is not recommended before reaching “church” status. The Carolina Conference **must** be consulted with, and authorize all such purchases or projects.
  
6. All Mission Groups are asked to designate a minimum of 30% of their combined budget to outreach (i.e., public evangelism, Bible studies, and other events focused on reaching non-Adventists).
  - Current % allocated in the Combined Budget \_\_\_\_\_%

6. In order to be established as a Company, the pastor and core group members must meet with the Carolina Conference Church Planting Committee once this application is received and reviewed. The Church Planting Department will arrange this meeting. The Conference Executive Committee must give final approval for the new Company.
7. Organized Companies should make it a priority to attend annual a) conference church planting rallies, b) lay-leader/pastor training events, and c) other training events (i.e. elders' or deacons' retreat) to enhance their experience.
8. Does the Mission Group believe, support, and teach the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church?
- Yes  No
9. Does the Mission Group have any practices that go beyond SDA doctrines and practices?
- Yes  No
10. Does your Mission Group meet all of the aforementioned guidelines?
- Yes  No

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Signature – Pastor

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Signature – Volunteer Lay Pastor/Leader

*\*Please email completed application to Lorraine Gonzalez: lgonzalez@carolinasda.org*