



## Associate Membership

Associate membership is offered (pending approval of the application by the Membership and Executive Committees) to individuals and organizations that are engaged in services related to the purposes of the members of NRB, including, without limitations, vendors, suppliers, manufacturers, publishers, musicians, and retired broadcasters. Associate members will be eligible for benefits of NRB, including voice but not vote.

To be considered for associate NRB membership, you must complete the application materials as prescribed by the Board. The application includes a statement that indicates you've read and understand our Statement of Faith and will do nothing to undermine it.

# Associate Membership Application 2018



Christian Communicators Impacting the World

## 1 Applicant Information

NAME OF ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION PRINCIPAL OR INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT TITLE E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

STREET CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY (IF NOT U.S.A.) WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE FAX E-MAIL OF ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER CONTACT TITLE TELEPHONE E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a supplier of goods and services to:  Radio  Television  Film  
 Cable  Internet  Church Media

Are you starting a new radio / television station or are you a start-up program producer?  Yes  No

If so, when do you plan to be on the air? \_\_\_\_\_

(Start-up stations and program producers must apply for full membership when on-the-air.)

n Describe your relationship to Christian media: \_\_\_\_\_

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n Why are you interested in joining NRB? \_\_\_\_\_

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n What benefits are most important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2 NRB Associate Annual Dues (Please check category)

(The dues rates listed below are for the 2016 calendar year. Rates subject to inflationary increases.)

Associate Company, U.S./Non-U.S. \$784.00  Associate Education Institution \$568.00  
 Associate Individual, U.S./Non-U.S. \$432.00  Broadcast Retiree, U.S./Non-U.S. \$156.00

## 3 Application Fee Payment Method (A \$50 non-refundable application fee is due with this application.)

Your prorated dues will be billed to you once your application is approved.)

Please check this box if you approve using the credit card info you provided for the nonrefundable application fee to also pay your Associate Membership dues if accepted after review by the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee.

Check  Visa  Mastercard  AmEx  Discover

CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE SEC. CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP (+COUNTRY IF NOT U.S.A.) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF CARDHOLDER \_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Signature

I have read and understand the importance of NRB's Statement of Faith and NRB Code of Ethics on reverse. I agree that my organization will never knowingly do anything to undermine it. (Required for membership.)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a U.S. or International based program producer, station owner or operator, or an agency, attorney or consultant representing Christian media, do not use this application. Contact NRB Membership to

receive the correct application.

Please enclose a brochure or additional literature concerning your business.

I have signed and dated the application.

I have enclosed the \$50 non-refundable application fee.

Please return to:

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## Code of Ethics

Recognizing the vital and increasingly important role played by radio, television, Internet and other emerging technologies of mass communications, and the desire of the National Religious Broadcasters “to foster and encourage excellence in Christian broadcasting by establishing and maintaining high standards with respect to content, method of presentation, speakers’ qualifications and ethical practices...,” the NRB also recognizes that the general public looks to us to bring conformity to ethical behavior into our broadcasting, programming, business, management, financial, and relational responsibilities. Recognizing the Bible as the standard by which we must evaluate all beliefs, instruction, policies and practices, and subject to Article I of the Bylaws, the NRB has adopted and each of its members has subscribed to the following Code of Ethics:

1. I will conduct my personal life, corporate ministry, and business affairs in a way that will not bring shame or reproach to the name of the Lord or the NRB or its members. Rather, I will speak to bring glory and pleasure to our Lord and encourage others to do likewise. (*1 Peter 1:14-16; 2:12; 4:11*)
2. I will speak the truth in love. (*Ephesians 4:1-16*)
3. I will recognize and respect what the Lord is doing through other individuals and organizations while refraining from unnecessary criticism of them. (*1 Peter 3:8,9*)
4. I will not use the media to knowingly speak falsely against anyone. (*Exodus 20:16*)
5. When I believe a fellow member has sinned against me or the Lord, or has violated this Code of Ethics, I will follow the principles and procedures set forth in God’s Word and in Article I of the Bylaws. (*Matthew 18:15-17*)
6. I will honor my obligations to my vendors, neighbors, community, and government. (*Romans 3:7-8*)
7. In matters of dispute with other Christians, to the extent that it is in my power to do so, I will attempt to submit my grievances to Christian arbitration for resolution rather than to the courts of the land (*1 Corinthians 6:1-8*). Nothing herein shall be construed so as to prohibit a member from expressing his genuine concern to another brother in a spirit of love and in accordance with *Matthew 18:15-17*.
8. I will refrain from any sexual conduct or life-style, such as homosexuality or adultery, which is inconsistent with Scripture, or any promotion of the same. (*Romans 1:24-32; Genesis 19; Leviticus 18:22; Exodus 20:14; John 8:1-11*)

## Statement of Faith of the National Religious Broadcasters

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and is administered solely by the grace of God through our faith in Jesus Christ.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. We believe the following about marriage and human sexuality:

### Preamble

We believe that all matters of faith and conduct must be evaluated on the basis of Holy Scripture, which is our inspired, infallible, and inerrant guide. (2 Timothy 3:16–17) Since the Holy Bible does speak to the nature of human beings and their sexuality, it is imperative that we correctly understand and articulate what the Bible teaches on these matters.

We are committed to the home and family as set forth in Holy Scripture. We believe God has ordained and created marriage to exist between one man and one woman, with absolute marital fidelity. The Bible sets forth specific home and family values, which include the distinct roles of husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and children. It is our firm conviction that we uphold the dignity of each individual as we embrace the unchanging and longstanding principles of scriptural truth.

## Religious Beliefs

Based on Holy Scripture and the historic moral teaching of the Christian Church, we believe:

*Marriage* — National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) defines marriage as the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal “one flesh” union of one man and one woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and biological family, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother, and child. (Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:4-9, Mark 10:5-9, Ephesians 5:31-33)

*Sexual Immorality* — NRB believes that sexual acts outside marriage are prohibited because they are sinful. Consequently, NRB members must resist and refrain from any and all sexual acts outside marriage — including but not limited to adultery, fornication, incest, zoophilia, pornography, prostitution, voyeurism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, sodomy, polygamy, polyamory, sologamy, or same-sex sexual acts. (Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 18:7-23, Leviticus 20:10-21, Deuteronomy 5:18, Matthew 15:19, Matthew 5:27-28, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:17-19, Colossians 3:5)

*Sexual Identity* — NRB believes that God created mankind in His image: male (man) and female (woman), sexually different but with equal personal dignity. Consequently, NRB members must affirm their biological sex and refrain from any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their predominant biological sex — including but not limited to elective sex-reassignment, transvestite, transgender, or non-binary “genderqueer” acts or conduct. (Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

*Sexual Orientation* — NRB believes that God created and ordered human sexuality to the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal “one flesh” union of man and woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and biological family, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother, and child. Consequently, NRB members must affirm the sexual complementarity of man and woman and resist any and all same-sex sexual attractions and refrain from any and all same-sex sexual acts or conduct, which are intrinsically disordered and sinful. (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:5-9, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7-9, Revelation 21:2)

*Sexual Redemption* — NRB believes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and should seek redemption through confession, repentance, and faith in Jesus Christ. Consequently, NRB members must welcome and treat with respect, compassion, and sensitivity all who experience same-sex attractions or confess sexually immoral acts but are committed to resisting sexual temptation, refraining from sexual immorality, and conforming their behavior to NRB’s Statement of Faith. (Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 2:17-18, Hebrews 4:14-16)

*Celibacy* — NRB believes that Holy Scripture grants two life-enhancing options for human sexual behavior: (1) the conjugal “one flesh” marital union of one man and one woman, and (2) celibacy. Either is a gift from God, given as He wills for His glory and the good of those who receive and rejoice in His gift to them. Celibacy and faithful singleness is to be celebrated and affirmed within NRB. (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18, 21-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-8; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1-8; Matthew 19:12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Romans 12:10; 1 Timothy 5:1-2)

## Holy Scripture

### Marriage and Human Sexuality

Genesis 1:26-28  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Genesis 19:5-10  
Exodus 20:14  
Leviticus 18:7-23  
Leviticus 20:10-21  
Deuteronomy 5:18  
Judges 19:22-24  
Matthew 5:27-28  
Matthew 15:19  
Matthew 19:4-9  
Mark 10:5-9  
Romans 1:26-27  
1 Corinthians 6:9-13  
1 Corinthians 5:11  
Galatians 5:19  
Ephesians 4:17-19  
Ephesians 5:25-27  
Ephesians 5:31  
Colossians 3:5  
1 Thessalonians 4:3  
Hebrews 13:4  
1 Timothy 1:8-10  
Jude 1:7  
Revelation 19:7-9  
Revelation 21:2

## **Pastoral Care**

Matthew 11:28-30

Romans 3:23

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 Corinthians 10:13

Hebrews 2:17-18

Hebrews 4:14-16

## **Application**

All of our members, employees, and volunteers of the association must affirm and adhere to this Doctrinal and Religious Absolute statement on marriage and human sexuality to qualify for involvement with the ministry. This is necessary to accomplish our religious mission, goals and purpose. Behavior or counter-witnessing that does otherwise will impede and burden our integrity and religious mission. We believe that God's grace can wipe the slate of guilt and sin, though the consequences are still incurred.

## **Authority**

The Bible is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God, acting as the source of authority over morality, our beliefs, Christian lifestyle and conduct. The NRB Board of Directors is charged with the ministerial responsibility of Biblical interpretation and promulgating religious policy. On behalf of the association, the NRB Board of Directors will determine life application as well as final matters relating to church theology, philosophy, Christian practice, faith, divine truth, morality, and theological and doctrinal resolutions.

9. We believe the following about the sanctity of human life and abortion:

## **Preamble**

NRB believes that all matters of faith and conduct must be evaluated on the basis of Holy Scripture, which is our inspired, infallible, and inerrant guide. (2 Timothy 3:16–17) Because Holy Scripture speaks to creation and human life, it is imperative that we correctly understand, articulate, and abide by what Holy Scripture teaches on this matter.

NRB believes that God has created mankind in His image (Imago Dei) and that human life begins at fertilization. God, in his infinite sovereignty, uniquely formed human beings and gave them a special dignity, personal freedom, and individual accountability among all the works of creation. Human beings have been made for relationship with God and to be good and faithful stewards of creation. God created each

person's inmost being, knitting each person together in his mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13) As God's individualized and personal creation, each person is fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14) God has ordained all the days of each person's life before he came to be. (Psalm 139:16)

## **Religious Beliefs**

Based on Holy Scripture and the historic moral teaching of the Christian Church, NRB believes:

From the moment of fertilization until natural death, every human life is sacred because every human life has been created by God, in His image and likeness.

From the moment of fertilization, every human life must be recognized, respected, and protected as having the rights of a person and the inviolable right to life.

The right to life and physical integrity of every unborn human life is inviolable—it is not a concession made by society or the state, but is instead inherent to the unborn human life by virtue of its creation in the image of God.

Because human life begins at the moment of fertilization, it is against our religious and moral conviction to formally or materially cooperate in the termination of unborn human life.

We are strongly committed to the preservation and defense of unborn human life, which compels our religious, moral, and ethical duty to defend unborn human life from destruction, whether by surgical abortion or use of drugs, devices, or services that have the intent, design, effect, or risk of terminating unborn human life or preventing its implantation and growth post-fertilization.

The Church and all her ministers and ministries should publicly witness to society and to the state regarding the intrinsic, inherent, and inviolable dignity of all human life, from fertilization to natural death.

## **Holy Scripture**

In standing against abortion, NRB incorporates by reference the following Holy Scriptures, which are cited in the statements, resolutions, commentaries, or doctrines of Christian denominations that are expressly and vocally opposed to abortion. Some examples include, but are not limited to, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Genesis 1:26-27  
Genesis 25:21-22  
Exodus 20:13  
Psalm 22:9-10  
Psalm 139:13-16  
Isaiah 44:1-2  
Isaiah 49:5  
Job 10:8-12  
Jeremiah 1:4-5  
Luke 1:39-45  
John 1:14

### **Historic Church Statements on the Sanctity of Human Life and Abortion**

“You shall not procure (an) abortion, nor destroy a newborn child.”

—*The Didache*

“Thus, you read the word of God, spoken to Jeremiah: ‘Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee.’ If God forms us in the womb, He also breathes on us as He did in the beginning: ‘And God formed man and breathed into him the breath of life.’ Nor could God have known man in the womb unless he were a whole man. ‘And before thou camest forth from the womb, I sanctified thee.’ Was it, then, a dead body at that stage? Surely it was not, for “God is the God of the living and not the dead.”

—*Tertullian, De Anima*

“It is not permissible for us to destroy the seed by means of illicit manslaughter once it has been conceived in the womb, so long as blood remains in the person.”

—*Tertullian, Apologia*

“Why sow where the ground makes it its care to destroy the fruit? Where there are many efforts at abortion? Where there is murder before the birth.... Why then dost thou abuse the gift of God, and fight with His laws, and follow after what is a curse as if a blessing, and make the chamber of procreation a chamber for murder, and arm the woman that was given for childbearing unto slaughter?”

—*John Chrysostom, Homily 24*

“[T]his lustful cruelty, or if you please, cruel lust, resorts to such extravagant methods as to use poisonous drugs to secure barrenness; or else, if unsuccessful in this, to destroy the conceived seed by some means previous to birth, preferring that its offspring should rather perish than receive vitality; or if it was advancing to life within the womb, should be slain before it was born.”

—*Augustine, De Nube et Concupiscentia*

“Therefore brothers, you see how perverse they are and hastening wickedness, who are immature, they seek abortion of the conception before the birth; they are those who tell us, ‘I do not see that which you say must be believed.’”

—*Augustine, Sermon 126*

“Thou shalt not slay the child by procuring abortion; nor, again, shalt thou destroy it after it is born.”

—*Barnabas, Letter*

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