

Full membership with voice and vote and all other benefits of NRB is offered (pending approval of the application by the Membership and Executive Committees) to individuals and organizations, for-profit and not-for-profit, that are associated with the field of Christian broadcasting, broadly defined.

## Members include

- Christian stations and networks
- Christian broadcast programming producers and transmitters
- Christian churches
- Christian filmmakers and distributors
- Christian bloggers, and podcasters
- Agencies, consultancies, and law firms that mainly serve Christian broadcasters
- Christian educational institutions that have student-run stations/programs or media communications degree programs

To be considered for full NRB membership, you must complete the application materials as prescribed by the Board. The application includes forms that require that you and/or your organization (depending on your membership level – individual or organization) to express agreement with and willingness to be bound by the NRB Code of Ethics, NRB Statement of Faith, and NRB Constitution and Bylaws, including an agreement to pursue Christian arbitration as the sole remedy against NRB in the event of a disagreement with the final decision on a matter of membership termination and a waiver of legal rights against NRB regarding issues of membership or discipline.

There are also specific requirements regarding finances. Find an explanation of expectations from the NRB Constitution below:

### **Part II - Financial Integrity, Accountability, and Transparency—Not-for-Profit Members**

*Operating with Financial integrity is part of a faithful witness for Christ before a watching world. As such, National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) requires its members to conduct their financial operations in a manner that ensures integrity, accountability, and transparency.*

*All not-for-profit members of the NRB must annually sign the Affirmation of Financial Integrity, as evidence of their commitment to accepted standards of financial practice, compliance, and disclosure.*

*All not-for-profit members of the NRB, whose total donated income exceeds \$1 million annually (an amount periodically adjusted for inflation), must meet a higher standard. In addition to signing annually the Affirmation of Financial Integrity, these members also must be certified as meeting the financial accountability standards of one of the current nationally recognized auditing firms, or a nationally recognized charity-assessment organization, including the Evangelical Council For Financial Accountability, or Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, or others as designated by the NRB Executive Committee.*

### **Part III - Financial Integrity, Accountability, and Transparency—For-profit Members**

*All for-profit members of the NRB must annually sign the Affirmation of Financial Integrity, as evidence of their commitment to accepted standards of financial practice, compliance, and disclosure.*

# Full Membership Application 2018



NRB invites application for Full Membership for all U.S. and International organizations who use radio, television and other forms of electronic mass media for the dissemination of the Gospel.

## 1 APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name (if applying as an individual) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Church \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Senior Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Official Title \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if not U.S.A.) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail of Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Member Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please check one box:  Non-Profit Organization  For-Profit Organization  Church  
 Individual or Retiree  Professional

■ If incorporated, please provide the following information:

Official Corporate Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Corporation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_ State Where Incorporated \_\_\_\_\_

■ Would you be interested in participating in the following Standing Committees?

Radio  TV  Film  Internet  Intercollegiate  Church Media  International

**The following items are to be completed by the Organization Principal, Senior Pastor or Individual Membership Applicant:**

■ Since NRB is a Christian association, please supply a personal testimony concerning your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Organization Principal, Senior Pastor, or Individual (if applying as an individual):

\_\_\_\_\_

■ Please include the name, city and state of your local church (for non-church applicants only):

\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your interest in National Religious Broadcasters. We look forward to receiving your completed application.*

*Please submit the following items as part of your application:*

- \$50 non-refundable application fee
- Three completed reference forms, including one from a current NRB member\*
- Completed and signed NRB Dues Schedule section of this application
- Completed and signed Waiver of Rights and Agreement to Arbitrate
- Current brochure or other printed information describing your organization or ministry

*\*Individual Professional Member applicants are required to submit one reference form and two letters of recommendation from current NRB members*

**Please return to:**

**NRB**  
Membership  
1 Massachusetts Ave. NW,  
Ste. 333  
Washington, DC 20001

202-543-0073 Phone  
202-543-2649 Fax  
membership@nrb.org

## 2 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Please complete ONE or more of the following sections which pertains to your ministry or organization

### Agencies / Attorneys / Consultants

Representing or assisting Christian media producers by:  
(Check all that apply)

- Media Placement     Syndication     Production  
 Public Relations     Fundraising     Attorneys  
 Consulting     Publisher  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ■ How many years has your organization been in business?

\_\_\_\_\_

### ■ How does your organization represent Christian media producers?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Representation:

- All Christian     Christian ( \_\_\_\_% ) and secular ( \_\_\_\_% )

### Church

When was your church founded? \_\_\_\_\_

What type(s) of equipment do you use?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Internet Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a TV, radio, or film ministry?  Yes\*     No  
\*Please complete additional sections describing these ministries

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ regular attenders \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Saturday services \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sunday services \_\_\_\_\_

### Program/Film Producers

(Churches, Ministries, Organizations producing radio, TV, Film or Internet programming)

Name of program or current/most recent film:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Media Used: (Check all that apply)

- Radio     TV     Cable     Internet  
 In-house only     Film

Program Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of Broadcast/Podcast: (if applicable)

- Several times daily     Once a day     Weekly  
 Specials     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ■ If a film producer, how is your film distributed?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Where is it viewed? \_\_\_\_\_

### ■ How is the Broadcast/Podcast/Film financed?

\_\_\_\_\_

■ Date first produced (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

■ Describe Content or Format: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

■ If your program is offered in any language other than English, please list:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Station Owners and Operators

Station Type: (Check all that apply)

- Radio:     AM     FM     Shortwave     LPFM     Digital Audio  
 TV     Cable     Satellite     Internet     Network

Call Letters/Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency/Channel: \_\_\_\_\_

Power: \_\_\_\_\_

Licensee: \_\_\_\_\_

Station Description:     Commercial     Non-commercial

What percentage of your total program time is Christian programming? \_\_\_\_\_%

Network Additional Stations: (Use additional sheet if necessary)

CALL LETTERS                      CITY / STATE                      PHONE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Christian Educational Institution**

Offering media communications and/or film training or student-run broadcast:

(Check all that apply)

- Undergraduate     Graduate     Secondary
- Continuing Education     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

■ **Dean/Head of Communications:** (Must be key contact)

\_\_\_\_\_

■ **List media communications/film degree(s) offered:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

■ **List non-media communications training programs and degrees offered:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Type of School:**

- Bible college     Liberal arts     Seminary     Secular
- Religious affiliated     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check all that apply)

- Student-run radio station                       Professional radio station
- Student-run radio program                       Professional radio program
- Student-run TV station                             Professional TV station
- Student-run TV program                            Professional TV program
- Student-run Web streaming                       Professional Web streaming

■ **Number of students involved in broadcast:** \_\_\_\_\_

■ **Communications student population:** \_\_\_\_\_

■ **Total student population:** \_\_\_\_\_

■ **Number of paid communications faculty/staff:** \_\_\_\_\_

(All communications faculty/staff will be included in this membership. Students must join individually.)

**3 INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT INFORMATION (Select IPM or Standard level of membership)**

**Individual Professional Membership**

(\$547 annually with professional and academic qualifications. Receives enhanced benefits.)

A Christian broadcast professional who has academic or technical training in a related field, five years of experience in a Christian media setting, and a commitment to participating in continuing education. Also, must either mentor less experienced Christian broadcasters or serve on an NRB Advisory Council or Standing Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of academic achievement:

- Certificate     Associate     Undergraduate
- Graduate     PhD     Other \_\_\_\_\_

■ **List college(s)/university(ies)/training program(s) attended, degree(s)/certificate(s) earned, and year(s) received:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

■ **Describe your ongoing participation in qualifying continuing education:**

\_\_\_\_\_

■ **Describe your experience and/or commitment to mentoring less experienced Christian broadcasters or list the Advisory Council or Standing Committee you will serve on (Church Media, iNRB, International, Internet, Radio, TV or Film):**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Individual (Standard) Membership**

(\$432 annually. Subject to standard NRB membership guidelines. Receives standard benefits.)

## 4 REFERENCE FORMS

**Full/Individual Membership Applicants:** You are required to submit three reference forms. One must be completed by a current NRB member.

**Individual Professional Membership Applicants:** You are required to submit one reference form and two letters of recommendation from current NRB members.

Non-NRB references can be your pastor or a professional in your industry (working outside of your organization) who has known you for at least one year.

It is your responsibility to ensure your reference forms are returned to NRB headquarters promptly. Applications/references that are not completed within 90 days of the application date will change to inactive status.

Please provide names and contact information for those people providing reference forms or letters of recommendation on your behalf:

Letter of Recommendation     Reference Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Recommendation     Reference Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Recommendation     Reference Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

**For Non-Profit (501.c.3) Only:**

All not-for-profit members of the NRB, whose total donated income exceeds \$1 million annually (an amount periodically adjusted for inflation), must be certified as meeting the financial accountability standards of one of the current nationally recognized auditing firms, or a nationally recognized charity-assessment organization, including the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, or Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, or others as designated by the NRB Executive Committee.

**Please check one of the following which applies to your organization or ministry:**

- Church/denomination funded broadcast — exempt
- Annual donated revenue between \$0 and \$999,999
- Annual donated revenue greater than \$1,000,000 organization will come into compliance within the first year of membership.
- Currently in compliance. Our certifying organization is: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6 APPLICATION FEE

**Please enclose your \$50 non-refundable application fee along with this application. Thank you.**

- Check     Visa     Mastercard
- AmEx     Discover

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

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEC. CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME OF CARDHOLDER \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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*

***//We subscribe to the above Code of Ethics and Statement of Faith. (Required for membership.)***

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SIGNATURE OF ORGANIZATION PRINCIPAL

DATE

Please return to:  
**National Religious Broadcasters**  
**Membership**  
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**Washington, DC 20001**  
**Phone: 202-543-0073 Fax: 202-543-2649**  
**membership@nrb.org**

# Full Member Dues Schedule



Christian Communicators Impacting the World

**Please complete the NRB Dues Schedule to finalize your application.**

The dues rates listed below are for the 2017 calendar year. Rates subject to inflationary increases.

**Individual Member**

\$432 Annually      \$108 Quarterly

**Individual Professional Member**

Must have completed an academic/technical training program related to the field, five years of experience working in a Christian media setting and a commitment to mentoring less experienced Christian broadcasters and/or willingness to serve on a standing committee.

\$547 Annually      \$136.75 Quarterly

**Educational Institutions**

Must have student-run station/program and/or media communications or film degree program to qualify for this category.

\$568 Annually      \$142.00 Quarterly

**Organizational Members**

Non-profit organizations should base their assessed dues on their total annual media-related **expenses**. For-profit organizations should base assessed dues on their total annual media-related **revenue generated from their Christian media-related clients**.

CATEGORY	ANNUAL EXPENSE OR REVENUE LEVEL	ANNUALLY	QUARTERLY
A	\$ 0 – 150,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 568.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 142.00
B	\$ 150,001 – 250,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,143.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 285.75
C	\$ 250,001 – 400,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,712.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 428.00
D	\$ 400,001 – 500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 2,286.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 571.50
E	\$ 500,001 – 750,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 2,854.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 713.50
F	\$ 750,001 – 1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 3,997.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 999.25
G	\$ 1,000,001 – 2,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 4,855.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,213.75
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# Membership Reference Form



The following applicant has applied for Membership in NRB. Please complete each question and return by mail or fax. Thank you!

ORGANIZATIONAL / INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT	
TITLE	
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	COUNTRY (IF NOT U.S.A.)
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REFERENCE NAME	TITLE
ORGANIZATION	
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CITY, STATE, ZIP	COUNTRY (IF NOT U.S.A.)
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<b>NRB Member?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Would you like to receive information about NRB membership?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

■ Please describe your understanding of the work and ministry of the candidate for membership listed in the applicant block.

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■ Please describe your relationship and how long you have known this person.

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■ What strengths, in your opinion, would the organization or individual applicant bring to NRB?

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■ Describe any areas of weakness or concern you may have.

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■ Are you aware of any adverse publicity or questionable reputation regarding the organization or individual applicant? If so, please describe.

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■ In your opinion, would the organization or individual applicant be able to sign the NRB Code of Ethics and Statement of Faith? (See back of this form).

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■ Do you recommend this organization or individual for membership in National Religious Broadcasters?

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SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

## 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*)
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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)

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## **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.

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If the pertinent application is on behalf of an organization, I represent that I am fully authorized to sign this Waiver of Rights and Agreement to Arbitrate on behalf of my organization \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF ORGANIZATIONAL APPLICANT, IF APPLICABLE).

The parties to this agreement are Christians (or Christian organizations). As such, we believe that the Bible commands us to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other within the Christian community, in conformity with biblical injunctions, and to avoid resorting to secular courts of law to resolve disputes among Christians or Christian organizations. (I Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:23-26, Matthew 18:15-20).

Accordingly, the undersigned applicant agrees that the **binding arbitration process** referred to in this agreement shall be the **sole remedy for any controversy** or claim arising out of any decision by NRB to take action against applicant’s membership privileges; and applicant, as consideration for receiving the benefits and privileges of membership in NRB, and NRB, as a condition of accepting said applicant for membership, **hereby both agree to give up any and all rights to file or pursue a lawsuit against one another relating to such a membership dispute or claim, except to enforce a legally binding arbitration decision.**

“**Arbitration**” is the submission of a dispute to a single arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators for a legally binding decision, outside of the secular court system, that may become and have the same effect as a judgment of a civil court.

The parties further agree that an applicant shall **have no right to challenge in a court of law, but shall have a right to pursue binding arbitration only regarding** those decisions made by NRB, through its designated Executive Committee or Board of Directors as the case may be under the NRB Bylaws, that **result in termination** of membership, **and then only after the applicant has exhausted and complied with all applicable appeals and hearing processes stated in the NRB Bylaws.** Decisions by NRB that result in **suspension** of membership or **lesser sanctions** against an applicant shall **not be challenged by applicant**, either through the courts or through arbitration, and shall be deemed final for all purposes.

The parties agree, if arbitration is permitted under this agreement and is pursued, that they shall pursue the termination of membership dispute through binding Christian arbitration, including, but not limited to, that process utilized by The Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemakers Ministries in Billings, Montana, or other similar Christian mediation/arbitration ministries. Under such a process, each party to this agreement shall have the right to select one arbitrator (unless the parties mutually agree to the use of only one arbitrator). The two arbitrators selected shall jointly select the neutral, third arbitrator. If there is an impasse in the selection of the third arbitrator, the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker Ministries in Billings, Montana, or similar Christian mediation/arbitration ministry, shall be asked to select a third, qualified arbitrator.

If the parties are unable to agree on the use of Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker Ministries in Billings, Montana, or some similar Christian mediation/arbitration ministry, to facilitate the arbitration, or if some impasse in the selection of arbitrators occurs, then in that event the parties agree as a last resort to arbitrate the termination of membership dispute pursuant to the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association.

**Applicant (or authorized representative signing below) has read this entire agreement, understands it, and agrees to it voluntarily and without reservation.**

**If applicant is an individual:**

**If applicant is an organization:**

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SIGNATURE

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE