

# Arabic Evangelical Alliance Church

## Membership Information

The Arabic Evangelical Alliance Church is a member of the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA). We proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ, repenting of sin, and being part of a local congregation. Jesus established Christian water baptism when He called His apostles to make disciples of all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18–20). Christian and Missionary Alliance churches encourage all followers of Jesus to be baptized.

### What We Believe

**Section 1.1.** There is one God (Deut. 6:4), Creator of all things (Revelation 4:11), who is infinitely perfect (Matthew 5:48), existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

**Section 1.2.** Jesus Christ is the true God and true man (Phil. 2:6-11). He was sent by the Father (John 20:21), conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin, Mary (Luke 1:34-38). He died on the cross, the Just for the unjust (1 Pet. 3:18), as a substitutionary sacrifice (Heb. 2:9), and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood (Rom. 5:9). He rose from the dead according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3-4). He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest (Heb. 8:1). He will come again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and peace (Isa. 9:6-7).

**Section 1.3.** The Holy Spirit is a divine person (John 14:16-18), sent to indwell, guide, teach, gift, empower, and bear His fruit in every believer (John 16:13; 1 Cor. 12:4, 11; Acts 1:8; Gal. 5:22-23). He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:7-11).

**Section 1.4.** The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for our salvation. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice (2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:15-17).

**Section 1.5.** Man and woman, created in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:27), fell through disobedience, incurring both physical and spiritual death (Rom. 6:23). Therefore, everyone is born with a sinful nature (Rom. 5:12), is separated from the life of God (Eph. 4:18), and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:25).

**Section 1.6.** Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all people (1 John 2:2). Those who repent and believe in Him are justified by grace through faith (Rom. 3:21-24),

born again of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:4-7), delivered from the dominion of darkness, transferred into the Kingdom of God's Son (Col. 1:13), granted the gift of eternal life, and adopted as the children of God (Rom. 8:14-16; John 1:12).

**Section 1.7.** It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly (1 Thessalonians 5:23), being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service (Acts 1:8). This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion (Romans 6:1-14).

**Section 1.8.** Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the whole person (Isa. 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17). Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures (James 5:13-16) as privileges for the Church in this present age (Acts 4:30).

**Section 1.9.** The Church consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again by the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of His Body (Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18), the Church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world making disciples of all peoples (Matthew 24:14, 28:19-20).

The local church is a body of believers in Christ (Eph. 5:30) who are called to love (1 Thessalonians. 3:12) and joined together for the worship of God, edification through the Word of God, prayer, fellowship, proclamation of the gospel through word and deed (Luke 4:18-19), and observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:41-47).

**Section 1.10.** There will be a bodily resurrection of all people (Acts 24:15). Our Lord Jesus Christ will judge with perfect justice (Acts 17:31, John 5:28-30) as the unrepentant and unbelieving are raised to the conscious anguish of eternal separation from God (Revelation 20:15, 21:8, 2 Thess. 1:9), and repentant believers are raised (John 6:40) to the unending joy of eternal life with God (Psalm 16:11, Revelation 21:1-4).

**Section 1.11.** The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent (Hebrews 10:37) and will be personal, visible, and premillennial (Luke 21:27). This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service (Titus 2:11-14)

## **How to Become a Member**

We were created by God in His image to have a loving relationship with Him. After sin entered the world through the disobedience of humankind against God, sin separated us from God. Once we accept Christ as our savior, we become God's children and part of His family. We believe the best way to grow spiritually is to commit and become a member of the local church.

The following are some of the benefits of being a member of the local church:

1. It is a sign of commitment to the local church body. (Romans 12:5)
2. It helps you grow and strengthens your bond to the spiritual family for support and encouragement. (Galatians 6:1-2)
3. It enables you to develop and use your spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)
4. It places you under the spiritual protection and accountability of Godly leaders. (Hebrews 13:17)
5. It gives you the opportunity to vote in church elections.

Together, we are the church. We serve God with the abilities He gave us. We serve God through volunteering in the church and the community. As the body of Christ, we will do our best to help you grow spiritually through encouraging each other in the life of prayer, studying the Word of God, serving God and going into the world to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Membership qualifications are referenced in the Constitution of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and the Bylaws of the Christian and Missionary Alliance:

1. Confession of faith in Jesus Christ and give evidence of regeneration and consistent Christian life.
2. Support the church through tithes and offerings.
3. Be committed to serve in a ministry of the church.
4. Be committed to attend the church meetings and activities.
5. Be committed to the Biblical teaching to keep the unity of the body of Christ.
6. Acceptance of the Christian and Missionary Alliance doctrines of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.

### **Fourfold Gospel**

As we seek to know Jesus personally, being one with Him, He will reveal Himself as our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.

- Christ Our Savior: The cross reminds us of His sacrificial death and Resurrection as the Atonement for the sins of humankind (Acts 4:12).
- Christ Our Sanctifier: The laver represents the daily cleansing from sin by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 1:30).
- Christ Our Healer: The pitcher represents oil to anoint the sick for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing (James 5:15).
- Christ Our Coming King: The crown represents Christ's royalty as the King of Kings. His coming will be a visible, personal appearance: "You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:62).

### Confession of Faith/Pledge of Commitment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your personal testimony:

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In what areas of ministry in the local church would you desire to participate?

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Please answer the following questions either “Yes” or “No”. If answering “No” to any of them, please include an explanation below.

1.	Do you believe the Bible to be the inerrant word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct?	Yes	No
2.	Do you confess Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord?	Yes	No
3.	Do you promise to live a life that is morally and ethically consistent with the example and teachings of the Bible?	Yes	No
4.	Are you committed to devote yourself to the task of growing spiritually?	Yes	No
5.	Are you fully supportive of the emphasis on the worldwide task of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to make disciples locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally?	Yes	No
6.	Are you committed to the prayer, service, and financial support of this local church as well as the Christian and Missionary Alliance worldwide?	Yes	No
7.	Have you been baptized as a believer?	Yes	No

Explanation for any “No” response:

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***For the Church Record:***

	Date
Application received	
Recommendation approved by the elders	
Received into membership	