



# Church-Based Ministry Membership

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## Membership and Participation

Knox Area Foster Care and Adoption Ministries (KAFcAM) is an opportunity to give in ways that echo. It unites members and partners in joint initiatives that impact more deeply than any one church, organization or individual could alone. Together, *we're encouraging, equipping, and connecting* God's people to share His heart for orphans. If that's your desire, participating with KAFcAM amplifies your efforts. Formal membership is not required to participate in KAFcAM quarterly meetings, but provides many benefits including but not limited to:

- o Joint community calendar
- o Ability to email leaders in the Knox area adoption/ foster care community
- o Future website to provide to your congregation as a resource- [www.kafcam.org](http://www.kafcam.org)
- o Adoption/ Foster Care orientation manuals
- o Church wide survey template for orphan care involvement
- o Trainings/ assessments and highly trained trainer recommendations

## Membership Requirements

For church-based ministries, the following membership steps are required:

1. Thoroughly read and prayerfully consider KAFcAM's Church-Based Ministry Membership requirements included in this packet.
2. Complete and submit the KAFcAM Church-Based Ministry Membership Application.
3. Read, accept and sign the KAFcAM Statement of Faith.
4. Acknowledge and accept the purpose and direction of KAFcAM by completing the KAFcAM Membership Agreement.
5. Submit forms to a KAFcAM Board Member for review.
6. Email church logo to [kristin@kafcam.org](mailto:kristin@kafcam.org) for the website. (High resolution jpg or layered psd)
7. Attend, volunteer, host, or invite your families to (2) two orphan-related events per year (examples include orientations, lunches, fundraisers, Orphan Sunday, Empowered to Connect)



conference, city wide adoption/ foster care picnic, *Created for Care* mini retreat, adoption/ foster care conference, or Christmas party).

8. For membership to remain active, attend a minimum of two (2) out of four (4) KAFCAM meetings per year.

Upon receipt of the above mentioned items, applicants will be considered provisional members until officially approved by the KAFCAM Board. Applicants will receive notification of acceptance by email.

Church-Based Ministry		
Membership Application		
CHURCH INFORMATION		
RENEWAL	NEW MEMBER	
Name of Church:		
Church Street Address:		
City:	ZIP Code:	Website:
What is your church currently doing in regards to adoption/ foster care/ orphan ministry? What are your dreams or hopes to see at your church?		
CONTACT PERSON		
Name:		
E-Mail:	Phone:	
Relationship to Ministry:		
Overseeing pastoral staff name:		
Alternative contact Person and Phone:		
ORPHAN MINISTRY INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)		
Name of Orphan Ministry:		
Type of Orphan Ministry	International Adoption	Foster Care
(check all that apply):	Domestic Foster / Adopt	International Orphan Care
Orphan Ministry's Mission Statement:		



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Date Approved:	Approved By:	Date Filed:



## Statement of Faith

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, 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 and humanity of Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His present rule as Head of the Church and His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation.
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 spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, with equality across racial, gender, and class differences.

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Print Full Name

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Signature

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Name of Church

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Date



KNOX AREA FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION MINISTRIES



# Membership Agreement

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## **Purpose & Direction**

KAFcAM is a regional alliance composed of local churches, agencies, ministries, and community advocates to encourage, equip, and connect to serve foster and adoptive children and families in the Knoxville area.

KAFcAM is an opportunity to join in a vision for God's glory that is larger than any one church, organization, or project. Together, we seek to encourage, equip, and connect God's people to reflect His heart for the foster and adopted child and their family in our community.

As churches, organizations, and ministries respond to this call, we draw upon the strengths of all members to equip them for effective adoption and foster care ministry. KAFcAM also connects these local ministries with organizational partners. To a watching world, KAFcAM is an all-too-rare picture of the church unified, serving the fatherless in both word and deed, bearing poignant testimony to the character of our God.

*The undersigned has read, affirms and agrees with all KAFcAM membership requirements as they pertain to the applicable membership category. The undersigned further agrees that he/she will maintain compliance with all such KAFcAM membership requirements as a condition for continued membership in the Alliance.*

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Print Full Name

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Signature

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Name of Church

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Date