



Church Qualifier Form

The Internal Revenue Service uses 14 characteristics to determine whether an organization qualifies as a church.

In accordance with this provision, the HACAP Food Reservoir has established a policy which requires that any church must certify that at least 9 (nine) of these characteristics are evidenced by their program.

Please check appropriate items in the listing below.

The characteristics are as follows:

- 1) A distinct legal existence
- 2) A recognized creed and form of worship
- 3) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government
- 4) A formal code of doctrine and discipline
- 5) A membership not associated with any other church or denomination
- 6) A distinct religious history
- 7) A complete organization of ordained ministers ministering to congregations
- 8) Ordained ministers elected after completing prescribed courses of study
- 9) A literature of its own
- 10) Established places of worship
- 11) Regular congregations
- 12) Regular religious services
- 13) Sunday school for religious instruction of the young
- 14) Schools for the preparation of its ministers

Church Tax Exempt Number _____

As the Pastor of _____ (church name), I certify that this organization meets the requirements indicated for identification as a church.

Signature of Pastor _____

Print or type name _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

Date _____