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 ________________________