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APPLICATION FORM

Affiliate Membership

(for individual persons)

I wish to become an Affiliate Member of Affinity.

Name

Address

..... Postcode

Telephone Email

Church

I confirm that I am in full agreement with Affinity's doctrinal basis (see below) and wish to play an active part in our united witness to the gospel. (Please tick the box.)

I would like to receive the twice-yearly newsletter: by email or by post (please tick one)

An annual donation of £25 is suggested, or £15 for students, the unwaged or retired (but please give whatever you can afford):

I enclose my annual subscription of £..... (cheque made out to 'Affinity')

I include an extra amount as a gift for the work of Affinity of £.....

I will pay my annual subscription of £..... via online banking:
Lloyds Bank; Sort Code: 30-98-49; Account name: Affinity; Account No. 74535560

Signed Date

Gift Aid

If you are a UK income tax payer, we can reclaim the tax on your gift if you fill in a Gift Aid Declaration. This can be done online at the 'Donate' page on our website. Or we can send you a copy in the post:

Please send me a Gift Aid form in the post.

Standing Order

If you would like to give by Standing Order, please use your own online banking facility to do so (bank details above). Or we can send you a form in the post:

Please send me a Standing Order form in the post.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION:

We will not use your contact details or any of your personal information for any reason other than contacting you on a regular basis to keep you informed of Affinity's work and to remind you when membership renewal is due. We will not pass on, sell or in any other way make your details available to anyone else.

As part of our compliance with GDPR, we want to ensure that this information is up to date, accurate and easy for you to change or delete. We will ask you every year at renewal time to check that you are happy with the information about you that we hold. If you wish to change anything please let us know. We aim to ensure any requested changes are completed within 24 hours. Thank you!

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO AFFINITY, PO BOX 1958, BRISTOL BS37 0DH or EMAIL TO: office@affinity.org.uk



Doctrinal Belief

Affinity affirms and proclaims the foundational truths of the historic, orthodox faith as revealed in holy scripture. This statement was agreed and adopted by the trustees of Affinity CIO on its registration in November 2020.

Doctrinal Basis of Affinity CIO

We believe in:

- 1) The inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility of God's word, the Bible, as originally given. The holy scripture is both vital and clear, and all Christians must submit to its supreme authority and sufficiency, both individually and corporately, in every matter of belief and conduct.
- 2) The existence of one eternal and immutable God, the Holy Trinity, Creator and Lord of the universe who, in the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – three Persons who are the same in substance, and equal in power and glory – governs all things according to his will, and is accomplishing his purposes in the world and in the church.
- 3) The inherent value of all human beings, made male and female by God in his own image. God has instituted marriage to be between one biological man and one biological woman. This serves as a type of the union between Christ and his church. As a result of the fall of Adam all are subject to God's wrath and condemnation due to their sinfulness and guilt. This has resulted in their alienation from God, from one another and from his creation.
- 4) The essential, absolute and eternal deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; his conception by Mary of the Holy Spirit; his virgin birth; his real but sinless humanity; his voluntary humiliation and obedience, culminating in his death as a sacrifice for sin; his bodily resurrection from the dead on the third day; his ascension into heaven; his continuing ministry as Prophet, Priest and King; and his coming again in power and glory.
- 5) Salvation from the guilt, penalty and all consequences of sin solely through the work of Jesus Christ – his perfect obedience, penal substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and exaltation as Lord. He alone is truly God and truly man, and therefore the only mediator between God and humanity, uniquely able to save completely those who come to God through him. There is salvation through no other person, creed, process or power.
- 6) The justification of sinners entirely through the imputation of Christ's righteousness to them and of the guilt and penalty of their sin to him. It is appropriated by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
- 7) The necessity and sufficiency of the work of the Holy Spirit for the individual's new birth to repentance and faith, union with Christ and growth to maturity, and for the church's continuous renewal in truth, unity, wisdom, faith, holiness, love, power and mission.
- 8) The universal church, the body of which Christ is the head, to which all God's people belong. Its existence reveals God's ultimate purpose to bring everything together under Christ. It is made visible both in local congregations and in the wider communion of those who profess the true faith*. It

comprises a people called to declare the praise of the God who saved them, to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and to proclaim the gracious offer of salvation to those who are lost.

- 9) The unity of the body of Christ, as expressed within and between local churches by mutual love, care, encouragement and corporate action. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the apostolic gospel.
- 10) The personal and visible return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgement to final completion. He will grant eternal life to those who have believed the gospel, and consign those who have not to everlasting punishment in hell. God will then fully establish his kingdom in new heavens and a new earth, from which evil and evildoers, suffering and death will be excluded, and in which he will be glorified forever.

** **Note:** Some members of Affinity believe that the visible church comprises baptised professors of the faith and their baptised covenant children.*