

Northeast Fellowship

A Network of Independent Baptist Churches

AFFILIATING

How to Affiliate with us...

We are pleased to welcome churches into our Fellowship who share our doctrinal commitments and can benefit from our network's many ministries to pastors, church leaders and congregations.

We think it's important to emphasize that we are not a controlling fellowship. All of the churches in our network are fully independent. In entering the Fellowship, churches should in no way feel that they are giving up their autonomy. We have no desire to control independent churches, and we believe such alliances are unscriptural. Participation and financial support is entirely voluntary. Any church can dis-associate at any time by congregational action.

There are three basic requirements for those wishing to unite with us:

- Doctrinal agreement with the NF Beliefs and Practices
- No affiliation with any group that permits theological liberalism
- A desire to support and participate in the ministries of the NF

There are seven steps to becoming a part of our Network:

1. Familiarize yourself with the ministry of the NF – understanding its mission and values – as well as the benefits and opportunities afforded those churches in the Network.
2. Review the Beliefs and Practices document and the Constitution of the NF. Affirm agreement and the desire to take additional steps.
3. Contact our Network Executive Director to schedule a meeting to discuss the Fellowship ministries and answer questions.
4. Take action as a congregation to affiliate with the Northeast Fellowship.
5. Fill out and submit an application to our NF Office.
6. Our Executive Director will contact the church upon receiving the application to schedule an informal Recognition Meeting with church leaders and a group of NF leaders who will affirm doctrinal agreement, explain NF mission and vision, and answer further questions. These NF leaders then communicate about the church with the entire Network Leadership Team (our Trustees), which votes to recommend the church to the Fellowship for affiliation.
7. The church receives official affiliation and welcome as a result of a vote of the churches at an NF meeting (currently held twice a year).

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