

CRITERIA FOR COMPANIES TO OBTAIN CHURCH STATUS IN THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

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- A. **A minimum of 60 members are required to assure stability and growth.**
- B. **Companies need to meet minimum leadership requirements as directed by the Church Manual.**
- C. **Financial Base:**
 - 1. The number of giving units must be at least 30.
 - 2. Annual tithe of at least \$50,000.00.
 - 3. Giving to local church budget should be sufficient to support all local operating and outreach needs.
 - 4. Develop adequate plans to meet the educational needs of their young people.
 - 5. Have an established building fund.
- D. **Evangelism-** Companies must have conducted at least two evangelistic series before they make application for church status. Ideally, one of these campaigns should be led by a pastor and the other led by a lay member.
- E. As part of the application for Church status, the company should include their evangelistic plans for the first year of their status as a Church.
- F. **Meeting facility** - The need for adequate meeting facilities to serve a growing church is important to the growth and stability of all Companies and Churches. **Before making application for Church status**, the Company should have a 12-month lease/rental agreement and/or approval to purchase a facility.
- G. Companies desiring to obtain Church status will exhibit a supportive attitude toward the Conference Departments, its ministry and its mission.
- H. **The application for Church status must be approved by the New Jersey Conference Executive Committee.**