



## **DOCTRINAL AND POLICY STATEMENTS**

### ***DOCTRINAL STATEMENT***

- We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, the final authority for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in right living.
- We believe in one God, existing eternally in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, fully man and fully God, only-begotten Son of the Father. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and lived a sinless life. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, buried, and rose physically from the dead. He ascended to the right hand of the Father and will come again in power and glory.
- We believe that faith alone in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord frees us from the mastery of sin, and its consequences of death and eternal damnation. He assumed the penalty of death Himself, and enables us to live out of His resurrected life unto eternity.
- We believe the Holy Spirit carries out this work of renewal in our lives, empowering us to grow in loving union with our Heavenly Father and to walk in obedience to His will.
- We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is formed of all those who know Him as their Savior and Lord, regardless of denominational beliefs.

### ***POLICY STATEMENT***

- Exodus International is a Christian organization dedicated to equipping and uniting agencies and individuals to effectively communicate the message of liberation from homosexuality, as well as how to effectively convey support and understanding to individuals facing the reality of a homosexual loved one.
- Exodus upholds heterosexuality as God's creative intent for humanity, and subsequently views homosexual expression as outside of God's will. Exodus cites homosexual tendencies as one of many disorders that beset fallen humanity. Choosing to resolve these tendencies through homosexual behavior, taking on a homosexual identity, and involvement in the homosexual lifestyle is considered destructive, as it distorts God's intent for the individual and is thus sinful.
- Instead, Christ offers a healing alternative to those with homosexual tendencies. Exodus upholds redemption for the homosexual person as the process whereby sin's power is broken, and the individual is freed to know and experience true identity as discovered in Christ and His Church. That process entails the freedom to grow into heterosexuality.
- Central to this redemption is Exodus' desire to unite and equip the Church to carry out this healing process. Exodus bridges the gap between Christians who respond to homosexual men and women with ignorance and fear, and those who uphold homosexuality as a valid, Christ-centered lifestyle. To Exodus, both extremes fail to convey to the homosexual the fullness of redemption found in Christ – He who embodies grace and truth, and invites us to partake of Him.



## **EXODUS CHURCH NETWORK QUALIFICATIONS**

The requirements for becoming and remaining an Exodus Network Church are as follows:

- The church, including its leadership personnel and church statements of faith, must be in agreement with the Exodus doctrinal and policy statements.
- The contact person for this area of ministry within the church must have a minimum of three years free from all immoral sexual behavior and meet Biblical standards of leadership.
- The contact person for this area of ministry within the church must be an active participant in the church, with ongoing personal and spiritual accountability at the church.
- The church must have a governing board of at least three members with authority, if necessary, to remove or change the leadership of this ministry within the church.
- At least one representative overseeing this area of ministry within the church is highly encouraged to attend Exodus' national conference at least once every three years.
- Once Church Network status is granted, a church must submit an Annual Renewal Form. This form will be sent out from the Exodus national office in November and is requested back by December 31st.



# APPLICATION FOR "CHURCH NETWORK" STATUS

Complete this form (*type* or *print* clearly) and mail it to the Exodus office, attention: *Exodus Church Network Coordinator*.

## (1) Church Information and Contact Details (for publication)

Once your church becomes a member, all items in this section will appear in publicly distributed lists.

**Church Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Denomination/Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____	<b>Zip:</b> _____
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**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____	<b>Zip:</b> _____
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**Church Phone:** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Internet Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the church affiliated with an existing Exodus Ministry or Exodus Professional Counselor?

Yes  No If yes, what ministry or counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

## (2) Contact Person Information (for private office use)

This information is about the primary Exodus contact person (Representative) at the church. **Only the Contact Person's name will be included on the website and other publicly distributed lists.** All other information in this section is only for office use and will not appear in publicly distributed lists.

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____	<b>Zip:</b> _____
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**Personal Phone:** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person Information (continued)**

1. Is this person on staff with the church?  
 Yes  No    If so, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Has this person been free from all immoral sexual behavior and/or unhealthy emotional relationships for at least three years? Including:
  - A. Immoral Sexual Behavior: Any sexual behavior outside of the heterosexual marriage covenant, including, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, any regular or consistent viewing of pornography, compulsive (addictive) masturbation, phone sex, internet sex, etc.
  
  - B. Unhealthy Emotional Relationships: Any relationship characterized by emotional dependency, co-dependency, or any other way the contact person may seek to meet emotional needs at the expense of others.  
 Yes  No
  
3. Is this person an active participant in the church, with *ongoing personal and spiritual accountability at the church*?  
 Yes  No  
 Name of Spiritual/Personal Accountability Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone/email of Accountability Person: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Has this person engaged in any illegal drug use and/or abuse of drugs of any kind including over-the-counter drugs or prescription drugs (I Corinthians 3:16-17, Matthew 6:24)?  
 Yes  No    If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Has this person abused alcohol (Ephesians 5:18)? Any use of alcohol must be above reproach. Alcoholic beverages may not be served at events sponsored or linked to Exodus, with the exception of communion services.  
 Yes  No    If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. At least one representative overseeing this area of ministry within the church is highly encouraged to attend the annual Exodus national conference at least once every three years. If a representative from your church has attended an Exodus conference within the past three years, please list the name of the church representative and the date of the conference attended.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date attended: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **(3) Church's Beliefs**

On a separate sheet of paper or in the space below, please provide brief answers to the following questions.

1. What does the term "born again" (John 3:3) mean to your church? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Do you believe that God can change the life of a man or woman living homosexually? Please explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why does your church want to become part of the Exodus Church Network? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
4. Is the church in agreement with the Exodus Doctrinal and Policy Statements?  
 Yes  No

## **(4) Church Ministry Information**

- **Specific Ministry Areas:** Does your church offer specific ministry **to those dealing with homosexuality or sexual brokenness**? If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **General Ministry Areas:** Please note below if your church has any of the following general ministry areas. These will be listed on the Exodus website as ministries of your church
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Ministries                | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministries              | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles' Ministry     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Recovery                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Ministries  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Recovery Ministries _____ |  |

If you offer other types of ministries that you would like us to list, please describe those below:

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\_\_\_\_\_



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## **(5) Governing Body Information**

Understanding that each church may have their own staff/personnel structure; Exodus requires that the member church must have within their body, at least three members with authority to remove or change the representative of this ministry within the church if necessary. In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper, please provide a brief description of your church's governance structure.

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## **(6) Verification**

I confirm that the information this church has given is true and correct. I authorize the Board of Exodus International or their designated representative to contact the church's Senior Pastor, governing body, or other spiritual authorities should they have any questions concerning this Application Form. I confirm that I have read and am in agreement with the Exodus Doctrinal and Policy Statements. I understand that once Church Network status is granted, the church must submit an Annual Renewal Form to ensure that the Exodus Office has current information for the church.

Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual/Personal Accountability: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Pastoral Staff Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the following items to Exodus International:**

- o Completed Application
- o Separate sheets of additional information, if required
- o Suggested \$50 annual membership donation (please consider making Exodus International a part of your church's annual budget)

**Mailing Address:**

Exodus International  
Attention: Exodus Church Network (ECN) Director  
P.O. Box 540119  
Orlando, FL 32854