



## **501c3 Questions for Churches**

**NOTE:** Our grant team will only need about 45-60 minute interview to complete these questions and 10-14 business days to complete the entire 501c3 application and all of the supporting documents.

### **GENERAL 501c3 questions**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

What will be the official legal name of the 501c3 (it is preferred that we use a name that has not been registered with the IRS or secretary of state; you can even use a form of the existing name if you prefer. Here are some *suggestions*:

\_\_\_\_\_ Church/Tabernacle/Temple/Worship Center

### **Spiritual Development, Discipleship**

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the main services will you be providing**

(please *list below* for now unless you already have a detail description, brochure or flier (email any other descriptive documents): i.e. spiritual development, discipleship, educational/tutoring, mentoring, health services, performing arts, career & leadership skills, battered women/abuse or homeless shelter, job/workforce development, computer center, etc, research, literacy skills, counseling, etc..)?

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a mission or vision statement or would you like for our team to create one?**

**List 3 things/services you will provide to the community or How will you accomplish this mission?**

- a.
- b.
- c.



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4. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Do you have a Mantra or Slogan or would you like for our team to create a *generic* one for IRS purposes?**

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Do you have a LOGO? (please attach or we may create a *generic* one for the IRS purposes only)**

**DO you have favorite colors or a theme you would like for us to consider?**

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Do you have a sample flier or business/church brochure for marketing purposes or would you like for our team to create a sample? (please send sample Sunday program and a visitor’s PR flier or brochure if you have one; we will generate one if you do not have one)**

**DO you have favorite colors or a theme you would like for us to consider?**

### **Prayer Meeting and Bible study**

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
**What will be the times of operation/church service times:  
List Hours & days of operation as if you had full-funding?**

### **Year-round**

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
**What will be the months of operation? Year-round? Seasonal? Summer only? Is there a time limit (60-day program? 14 weeks of tutoring? 20 counseling sessions? Or can the stay/services be used indefinitely?)**



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**Complete the board of directors’ chart below-**Who will serve as the 3 officers/incorporators and/or board of directors **(in most states only 3 are required by law to incorporate)?** List names, contact info (address and phone), titles: President, treasurer & secretary. Will there be other board members? A V.P. or assistant secretary or asst. treasurer (not mandatory and you can add these later). If Yes- add name, address, ph. # and title or term (terms are flexible). ***Please also list professional affiliation or business expertise. It is suggested that you use landline ph. # and a business address. All members may have the same address and landline/business phone #.***

Name	Business/ professional affiliation	Address	Phone	Position	Term
				<b>President / CEO</b>	08/1/2020- 07/31/2025) 5 year term
				<b>Secretary</b>	08/1/2020- 07/31/2025) 5 year term
				<b>Treasurer</b>	08/1/2020- 07/31/2025) 5 year term
				<b>Member</b>	08/1/2020- 07/31/2025) 5 year term
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9. \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of the board members ***related***? (For public nonprofit companies, it is advisable that the 3 officers (president, secretary & treasurer) be ***not*** related in order to control “conflicts of interests”. Please disclose any board relatives and how they are related:



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10. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have Existing EIN # or have you ever incorporated this name? Yes or No**  
(It is best if you have **not**- But if you have legally established this business as a **nonprofit**- please email/fax any existing paperwork- Articles of Incorporation and EIN#).

***Registered Agent:***

***Birthday:***

***SSN #:***

**What will be the non-profit physical site address (if there is not an office or building- use a home, office or church mailing address/please include suite/apt # and zip codes) &**

**Who Owns This Building? Rent? Lease? In-Kind Donation?**

**Do you have a copy of the lease of should we draw up a sample document?**

11. \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there an existing PO Box that you want to use for mailing purposes- please include zip codes)?**

12. \_\_\_\_\_

**What County will/is the 501c3 be located in?**

13. \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you categorize this area of service- inner city, rural/country/farm, metropolitan, etc**

14. \_\_\_\_\_

**What will be the contact number(s) and who is registered agent or main contact to answer IRS questions (usually the president/CEO); this number will be published with the IRS- if you do not want a cell phone listed you may want to use a landline # or alternative phone #).**

15. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a company email or contact email (optional)?**

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16. \_\_\_\_\_

**Who will be the target/focused population** (pk-12th grade, adults & seniors- entire family; list any special demographics/populations of people you may serve- ex-offenders, single parents, minorities, Hispanics, women, men, co-ed, seniors, define the ages, minors, 18 or 21 years and up, special needs –physically or mentally/emotional challenged, pregnant, etc.?)

17. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give us a paragraph each on the following:**

**Past Community Activities- how long?**

**Present Community Events- how many lives/residents are you impacting and what groups of people** (*youth, Seniors, Ex-offenders, adults, teens, etc.*)?

**Future Community Endeavors:**

*(please use additional pages if needed)*



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**REMEMBER:** For each special need you listed in #10, you should have a program, service or referral entity that addresses that need. A good grant writing rule is – for every problem or need present, there must be a solution or service to resolve the need/problem area. You do not have to address these services in great detail-just a simple list of services is needed for these preliminaries.

Here are some of the **additional church questions** we will be asking you in order to expeditiously process the 501c3. There may be a few more items as we complete the budget and bylaws- but this will get us started. Please complete the following:

Specifically, the Senior Pastors’ religious history consist of:

- \_\_\_\_\_ was licensed in \_\_\_\_\_ (organizations name) \_\_\_\_\_ and was formally ordained by Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
In 20\_\_\_\_.
- His professor and advisor for the religious training class \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ under the guidance/tutelage of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ has been working in various ministry positions for the past \_\_\_ years in \_\_\_ churches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (501c3 church’s name) was founded and incorporated in \_\_\_\_.

**Please fax or scan any formal documents to us (if you have not generated any- please let us assist to ensure that the proper language and IRS compliant forms are completed)-**

- *EIN*
- *State Articles of Inc*
- **Is the church self-governing and does it have an Organizational Religious Hierarchy that they answer to or do the people that govern the church (like the church pastor and trustees or board):**
- \_\_\_\_\_affiliations only \_\_\_\_\_ is the Bishop overseeing the churches founded by \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of church) .
- His role (the Bishop’s role) is to (i.e. monitor the Pastors, Leaders .....members)  
\_\_\_\_\_.



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**Does the church have an assistant or co-pastor?**

**Name?**

**Does the church own or lease or rent its building?**

**Do you have a formal lease/rental agreement?**

*(Please scan and email or fax if yes)*

**Do you have a membership application?**

*If yes- please send to us!*

*If no- May generate an IRS compliant member's application for you to review?*



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### **Corresponds with 1023 Form** **Page 10- Part IX Financial Data**

**If the answers are all \$0 then that is fine (usually on #3,5,6,7,8)  
Please fill in actuals:**

We need this for the current year only (please fill in dollar amounts)

#### **Assets**

- 1-Cash on Hand
- 2-Accounts receivable, net
- 3-Inventories
- 4-Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list)
- 5-Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list)
- 6-Loans receivable (attach an itemized list)
- 7-Other investments (attach an itemized list)
- 8-Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list- computers, appliances, instruments, etc.)
- 9-Land
- 10-Other assets (vehicles, building, equipment- attach an itemized list)
- 11-Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10)

#### **Liabilities**

- 12-Accounts payable
- 13-Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable
- 14-Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list)
- 15-Other liabilities (attach an itemized list)
- 16-Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)

#### **Fund Balances or Net Assets**

- 17-Total fund balances or net assets
- 18-Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17)

**We'll also need utility, salary, offering/tithes, mortgage/rent estimates for the Past 4 years if you are not starting a brand new church.**

### **Please email this information to [visitmce@gmail.com](mailto:visitmce@gmail.com)**

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