



CHURCH QUALIFIER FORM

The Internal Revenue Service uses 14 characteristics to determine whether an organization qualifies as a church. In accordance with these provisions, ***THE SOUTH TEXAS FOOD BANK*** has established a policy, which requires that, an organization which functions as an independent, unincorporated church must certify that at least **nine** of these characteristics are evidenced by their program. The characteristics are as follows:

- _____ 1. A distinct legal existence.
- _____ 2. A recognized creed and form of worship.
- _____ 3. A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government.
- _____ 4. A formal code of doctrine and discipline.
- _____ 5. A membership not associated with any other church or denomination.
- _____ 6. A distinct religious history.
- _____ 7. A complete organization of ordained ministers ministering to the Congregations.
- _____ 8. Ordained ministers elected after completing prescribed courses of study.
- _____ 9. A literature of its own.
- _____ 10. Established places of worship.
- _____ 11. Regular congregations.
- _____ 12. Regular religious services.
- _____ 13. Sunday schools for religious instruction of the young.
- _____ 14. Schools for the preparation of its ministers.

As duly authorized officers of _____ (church's name), we certify that this organization meets the requirements indicated for identification as a church. (Check appropriate items in the above listing)

Names and Title of officer

Address & Phone #

Signature

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Date: _____