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BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Do Not Alter This Form - Use Only To Apply For Branch Sabbath School Status

A church plant is formed by a sponsoring church and is considered a Branch Sabbath School. The following structure and sequence assures that Branch Sabbath Schools are well established and that all criteria are met in sequence. The intent is to lead the Branch Sabbath School to the next step of Group, then to Company, and finally to a healthy organized Church. Each status shall be maintained for a period of one year prior to making application for next status.

The Branch Sabbath School is under the umbrella of a sponsoring church:

1. Formation of Branch Sabbath School:

A. The Mother Church votes to form and sponsor the Branch Sabbath School.

B. Conference Administration presents this recommendation to the Conference Executive Committee for approval.

2. Membership: The membership of the Branch Sabbath School members remain in the Mother Church books.

3. Leadership: Branch Sabbath Schools do not qualify for a pastor; therefore a member from the sponsoring church may serve as Leader.

4. Officers: The approved Branch Sabbath School will submit nominations of its officers to be ratified by the Sponsoring Church.

5. Tithe & Offerings:

A. The Branch Sabbath School:

(1) Is not authorized to open a bank account.

(2) Regularly submits their tithes and offerings to the Sponsoring Church.

B. The Sponsoring Church:

(1) Records the tithes and offerings

(2) Issues receipts

(3) Pays the Branch Sabbath School bills

(4) Includes the Branch Sabbath School tithes and offerings in the Mother Church's Conference remittance

6. Independence: A Branch Sabbath School who desires to become independent of the sponsoring church, will complete the Branch Sabbath School requirements and meet all obligations for a period of one year prior to making application to become a group.



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APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL

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Branch Sabbath School Name _____

Location _____

Proposed Branch Sabbath School Leader _____

Haves all requirements for establishing an affiliate group been met _____

Number of baptized members anticipated to attend _____

Miles from nearest SDA Church _____ Name _____

Miles from sponsoring SDA Church _____ Name _____

Reason for establishing a Branch Sabbath School in this specific area _____

Attach the following documents:

_____ Sponsoring church board minutes approving this affiliate group

_____ Name and address of baptized members anticipated to attend

_____ Branch Sabbath School Evangelistic/outreach plans and potential

Authorization Signatures:

_____ Sponsoring Church Pastor

_____ Branch Sabbath School Leader

***** RETURN APPLICATION TO CONFERENCE SECRETARY'S OFFICE *****

Date of Executive Committee Vote

Conference Executive Secretary