

## 2016-2017 Registration Form

#### **Mission Statement**

New Era Baptist State Convention of Ne. Inc. is a network of member churches organized to encourage and equip member churches to fulfill the great commandment and the great commission.

#### **Guiding Values**

Passion: Our love for Christ, the local church and New Era is our drive

Mission: Strengthening the local church is our primary call

Intentionality: Effectively utilizing data to determine strategic initiatives is our plan

Growth: Preparing a solid foundation for current growth and future sustainability is our legacy

### **Benefits of Belonging**

- Access to a network of likeminded churches and auxiliaries within New Era Baptist State Convention of NE. Inc.
- Eligible to serve in leadership roles within New Era Baptist State Convention of NE. Inc.
- Voting privileges within New Era Baptist State Convention of NE. Inc.
- Access to a network of likeminded churches, auxiliaries, districts, associations and state conventions within National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
- Eligible to serve in leadership roles within National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
- Community Engagement
- Referrals or Recommendations to City Government, District Attorney's Office and Court System Advocate
- Reference for Lending Institutions such as First National and Wells Fargo
- Access to leadership and ministry development opportunities and shared resources at state and national level
- Personalized local church consultation and strategic planning services
- Discounts on educational material offered by Sunday School Publishing Board
- Promotion of local church activities
- Access to the New Era Office space
- Access to New Era Post-Secondary scholarship for student of member churches and information regarding other scholarship opportunities
- Discounts offered by the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (e.g., Office Depot, etc.)

# Membership Status (Taken from Articles of Incorporation) ARITCLE V – MEMBERSHIP

- Active membership within this Convention shall be limited to churches who have made appropriate application for active membership within the Convention, and whose representation is consistent with the requirements of the Convention. Each member church shall be required to contribute an annual representation fee in accordance with the guidelines for representation as established by the Convention.
- 2. Churches seeking membership within the Convention shall be required to make application through a special Membership Committee (appointed by the President). The Membership Committee is responsible to investigate and determine the applicant's theological doctrine, its commitment to Baptist Polity, and its willingness to become a partnering church with the purposes and mission of this Convention.
- 3. Any church that fails to register (and represent financially) during the previous year in either the Annual Session or in any quarterly board meeting will be considered inactive (non-voting/non-office-holding status) in the Convention. Any exceptions to this policy will require an official written explanation to the Convention, and a formal review by an Eligibility Committee (to be appointed by the President). Inactive churches forfeit all voting privileges during the affected annual session, and also the privilege to maintain any Convention office. Said churches may regain their active membership status by appropriately registering and upon the recommendation of an Eligibility Committee appointed for such a review.

# Apportionment (taken from New Era BYLAWS) PART 7: APPORTIONMENT

**Section 1.** Each congregation is expected and encouraged to register annually with the Convention to maintain its active status. As a registered church, that church is entitled to have delegates (representatives in attendance at the Convention on behalf of the Church) both to be present at and to vote in the plenary sessions of the body.

**Section 2.** Churches will vary in size and budget. In an attempt to be fair and equitable regarding apportionments, the Convention proposes a class system to distinguish churches based upon their membership numbers and financial strengths. The Convention prefers and highly recommends that member churches tender their respective representation fees on monthly basis. As a minimum, representation should be offered on a quarterly basis and the amounts submitted are to be commensurate to a quarterly allocation. No Church or Pastor will be considered eligible for active participation (either holding an office or voicing a vote) in the Convention if his church does not register annually with the minimum requirements.

**Section 3.** The current apportionments for representation with the Convention for the entire year are as follows:

Class A Church	Class A Church 600 - 1000 members and more	
Class B Church	300 – 599 members	\$1400.00
Class C Church	75 – 299 members	\$800.00
Class D Church	0 – 74 members	\$350.00

While these numbers are offered as a guide for what is considered reasonable representation, a church may prefer to financially register in a higher category if they so choose. Under no circumstances does the Convention recommend a church representing at a lower category than is applicable to their circumstances.

**Section 4.** A contingency offering will be received at the quarterly sessions from each representative and pastor to alleviate the numerous offerings which has historically been the case. A general offering will be provided, however, during those sessions for the general public who may be in attendance. No separate or subsequent registration amount will be required from the pastors and other officers of the Convention.

**Section 5.** The President in consultation and cooperation with the Executive Board may periodically request of its member churches a special offering to support the Convention's ministry or activities should the need for such arise.

## **General Church Data**

Church Na	me	Year Founded	
	ddress		
	State		
		Fax	
Church Em			
Church We	eb Site:		
Additional	l Denominational Affiliations		
☐ Am	nerican Baptist		
□ Nat	tional Baptist Convention USA, Inc.		
☐ Nat	☐ National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.		
☐ Pro	ogressive National Baptist		
□ Sou	uthern Baptist		
□ Noi	ne		
□ Oth	her:		
	ttendance:		
Sunday Sc	chool: 1 <sup>st</sup> Service: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service:	Mid-Week Service:	
Total Activ	ve Membership:		
Pastor Info			
	stor		
	one Cell Phone _		
	lled: Annive		
	Assistant		
Email			

## **Church Ministry Information**

Please place a check next to the ministries that are currently active in your church and provide the name and preferred contact information for the current leader. Any additional ministries may be listed.

Ministry – Auxiliary	Ministry Chair – President	Email or Phone
Addiction Recovery		
Bereavement		
Children		
Christian Education		
Culinary		
Dance and Fine Arts		
Deaconess		
Deacons		
Divorce Recovery		
Evangelism		
Health		
Media		
Men – Laymen		
Music		
Scholarship		
Singles		
Stewardship (Treasurer)		
Sunday School		
Transportation		
Trustees- Administration		
Ushers – Nurses		
Welcome-Greeters		
Women – Mission		
Young Adults		
Youth		

## **Local Church Agreement**

Current Church Member Class (based on current active membership at the beginning of the fiscal year):

Class A Church	600 - 1000 members and more	\$1800.00
Class B Church	300 – 599 members	\$1400.00
Class C Church	75 – 299 members	\$800.00
Class D Church	0 – 74 members	\$350.00

#### **Office Rental Assessment**

Every church shares equally in the office assessment. Each church is assessed \$300 annually.

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Desire	ed Paym	ent Schedule
	Month	nly
		Class A Church \$150 per month plus \$25 per month for office rental (Total \$175 monthly)
		Class B Church \$117 per month plus \$25 per month for office rental (Total \$142 monthly)
		Class C Church \$67 per month plus \$25 per month for office rental (Total \$92 monthly)
		Class D Church \$29 per month plus \$25 per month for office rental (Total \$54 monthly)
	Quarte	erly
		Class A Church \$450 quarterly plus \$75 per month for office rental
		(Total \$525 quarterly)
		Class B Church \$350 quarterly plus \$75 per month for office rental
		(Total \$425 quarterly)
		Class C Church \$200 quarterly plus \$75 per month for office rental
		(Total \$275 quarterly)
		Class D Church \$87.50 quarterly plus \$75 per month for office rental (Total \$162.50 quarterly)
	Annua	Ily (Annual payments are to be paid at the beginning of the fiscal year)
		Class A Church \$1800 annually plus \$300 annually for office rental
		(Total \$2100 annually)
		Class B Church \$1400 annually plus \$300 annually for office rental
		(Total \$1700 annually)
		Class C Church \$800 annually plus \$300 annually for office rental
		(Total \$1100 annually)
		Class D Church \$350 annually plus \$300 annually for office rental
		(Total \$650 annually)

Pastor's Name:			_
Pastor's Signature: _			_
Date:			
	***Delegate Registrati	on for 2016-2017	7***
	Pastor Name		
	Church Name		
	Church Address Church Phone Number		
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	<u>Name</u>		<u>Phone Number</u>
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It is the desire of the above named organization to officially register as a member of the New

Era Baptist State Convention of Nebraska Inc. for the 2015-2016 Session.

# **Needs and Recommendations**

1.	Current Church Needs- Please describe what you feel are the top three needs of your church that New Era can assist in meeting; consider spiritual needs, physical needs and economic needs.
2.	What specific actions do you recommend to increase the value your church receives through participation in New Era?