

CLF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Background: Christian Legal Fellowship (CLF) was founded in 1978 out of the conviction that the vocation of law is a calling from God. We believe that law is a vital arena affecting all areas of life, and therefore, with God's calling comes the responsibility and stewardship of integrating faith and law. We believe that as Christian lawyers we cannot stand alone, but must join together as a national voice to affirm our Christian convictions.

Since its founding, CLF has been a growing national non-denominational membership organization, now consisting of over 450 lawyers, judges, law professors, law students and friends located across Canada and in foreign countries, working in association with many friends, organizations and lay people, to integrate our Christian faith with our profession and to proclaim, love and serve Jesus Christ, through all that we do in the practice of law.

The Objects of the
Christian Legal Fellowship
(As Set Out In The Christian Legal Fellowship Charter)

To promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and religious ideals consistent with the Old and New Testaments in the legal community and the community at large, and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing objects, for the attainment of such objects and incidental thereto:

- (a) to deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of its members and the family of each member at local chapter meetings, retreats and conferences, through:
 - (i) the study of God's Word;
 - (ii) communing with God in prayer;
 - (iii) fellowship with one another;
- (b) to encourage and facilitate among Christians in the vocation of law the integration of a biblical faith with contemporary legal, moral, social and political issues;
- (c) to assist Christians in the vocation of law in manifesting a life filled with the Holy Spirit of God in all dimensions of the practice of law;
- (d) to encourage witnessing as individual members and as a corporate body to the Lord Jesus Christ as God Incarnate and to seek to lead others to a personal faith in Him as Saviour and Lord;
- (e) to encourage Christians in the vocation of law, under the enablement of the Holy Spirit of God, to demonstrate responsible Christian love in the home, office, community and church;
- (f) to assist Christians in the vocation of law to explore, study, and assert to the legal community and society at large the relevance of the Christian faith to every issue of private life and public concern;
- (g) to encourage Christians in the vocation of law to accept the responsibility that they are the instruments through which the Holy Spirit of God works, and therefore are obliged to direct the law to reflect God's righteousness and mercy, fully realizing that it is through the power of Christ and not the works of man that the Kingdom of God will be ushered in;

(h) to encourage Christians in the vocation of law to do justice and show compassion as individual members and as a corporate body, especially to those who are needy, as befits citizens of the Kingdom of God;

(i) to encourage and support Christian students in preparation for their professional careers and in their spiritual development;

(j) to co-operate with bar associations and other organizations in asserting and maintaining a morality based on the old and new testaments.

SECTION ONE

Annual Membership Dues

(all funds in Canadian dollars)

Circle one and complete payment information:

Lawyer (First Time Membership in the CLF): \$ 75.00

Lawyer (full time): \$150.00 or Lawyer (part time or not practicing): \$ 75.00

A graduated membership fee is applied to newly-called lawyers, ranging from \$75.00 in the first year of practice to \$150.00 in the fourth year. Please adjust accordingly.

Law Student (donation \$25 suggestion, as possible) \$ _____

Name of Law School: _____

Friend of the CLF: Institution: \$150.00 Individual: \$75.00

Associate Membership for Current CLS (US) membership Cdn funds \$ 60.00

Associate membership in the Christian Legal Society (US) for CLF Members US \$50.00

Subscription to the Christian Legal Journal for non-Members: \$ 55.00

Additional Donation: \$ _____

ENTER TOTAL AMOUNT DUE HERE: \$ _____

Payment options:

1. VISA or MasterCard (circle one) Name on card: _____

Card Number _____ Expiry Date: _____

2. Make cheque payable to Christian Legal Fellowship and mail to the address below.

SECTION TWO

Name: _____

Firm or office: _____

Mail Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

If not Canada, list country: _____

Bus. Phone: _____ Res. Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Lawyer's Year & Prov. of Call: _____ Law School Attended _____

Interest: _____

Name of Church or Fellowship: _____

Church Phone: _____ Denominational Affiliation: _____

Two References: Name and Phone (CLF Member, Pastor, Elder)

Do you want to be listed in our annual print version of the membership directory? YesNo

Do you want to be listed in our online version of the membership directory? Yes No

Do you wish to have referrals made to you? Yes No

Are you willing to do *pro bono* work? Yes No

Would you like to be part of the mentoring program? Yes No

SECTION THREE

STATEMENT OF FAITH (Adopted September 30.05)

1. The Holy Scriptures as originally given by God are divinely inspired, infallible, and entirely trustworthy.
2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19
-Our Lord Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh; we affirm His virgin birth, sinless humanity, divine miracles, vicarious and atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension, ongoing mediatorial work, and personal return in power and glory.
1 Peter 1:20,21 1 Corinthians 15:3 to 8
3. The salvation of lost and sinful humanity is possible only through the merits of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, received by faith, and is characterized by regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
Ephesians 2:8,9 Titus 3:5

The Holy Spirit enables believers to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:16,17 John 14:25,26

4. Ultimately, God will judge the living and the dead.
2 Corinthians 5:10 Revelation 20:11 to 15

I agree with and accept all the tenets of the Statement of Faith herein and am in agreement with the vision and purposes of the Christian Legal Fellowship (CLF).

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Be sure to fax or mail all three completed sections to the location listed on page one.

For the online application visit www.ChristianLegalFellowship.org

Please complete all three sections and mail or fax to:

Mail: CHRISTIAN LEGAL FELLOWSHIP

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL FELLOWSHIP!