



## **Affiliation Introduction and Application**

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Converge Rocky Mountain is a network of autonomous and interdependent churches working together ***to transform lives and communities by aggressively multiplying believers and churches***. CRM is made up of congregations in Colorado, Wyoming, western Nebraska and Utah. We are a regional expression of Converge Worldwide, an international movement of transformational churches. There are many benefits to serving together with CRM churches rather than serving alone. Here are just a few...

- We collaborate and want to resource you and your leaders for increased ministry effectiveness. Pastor and ministry leaders throughout the movement will help your team thrive.
- We partner together to accomplish what we couldn't do alone. Equipping established churches and teaming together to launch new congregations.
- We encourage each other in the joys and challenges of mission. Your church will join a family of churches that really care about you.
- We invest together to offer you retirement programs for your pastors and church staff. The Cornerstone Foundation also provides high yield investment opportunities and loans your church can take advantage of. Your church's financial contributions to CRM enable our movement to start and strengthen more churches...including yours.
- We connect and serve with the Converge church network internationally, to increase our expertise and effectiveness in spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

Your regional affiliation will be with Converge Rocky Mountain (CRM) and national/international affiliation with Converge World Wide (CWW). Converge Rocky Mountain is Baptist in our heritage and Biblical understanding. Below you will find the requirements for affiliation with both organizations:

### **Affiliation Agreements**

Churches are eligible for affiliation in CRM upon the following conditions:

1. The church shall subscribe without reservation to the CWW Affirmation of Faith
2. The church shall affirm CRM's mission, strategy and value statements.
3. The church shall practice Baptist polity, having some form of congregational government
4. The church shall practice only believer's baptism by immersion
5. The church shall actively participate in the mission and ministries of CRM and CWW through regular financial investment, personal participation in the life of the district and regular prayer involvement
6. The church shall include CRM in the dissolution clause of its by laws. *(CRM Mission, Strategy, Values and Affirmation of Faith documents found in Appendix)*

## **Admission into CONVERGE Rocky Mountain and World Wide**

Upon vote of the local church's membership at a duly announced business meeting, and following written request, any church may be accepted into the fellowship of CRM and CWW, provided that the status of said church has been reviewed and approved by a CRM recognition council or similar process defined by the Executive Minister. A church accepted into the fellowship of CRM automatically becomes a member of CWW. The church will be welcomed in publicly at the CRM Annual Business session.

The CRM Affiliation Application provides CRM leaders information and documentation about your church, history, beliefs and vision. It will greatly assist Converge leaders in getting to know your congregation and affirming we have a common desire to partner together to reach the world for Christ.

Converge is known for its wide variety of ministry styles and priorities. The goal of CRM leaders is to listen to your church and develop a good understanding of your mission. Then in a variety of ways we will work together to help you build a support network of partner churches which will assist your church in becoming all that God has destined you to become. While we have some unifying distinctives, every congregation is encouraged to follow the unique calling God has given gripped your hearts with to reach your unique community. Thank you for taking the time to provide a helpful overview of your congregation.



## Affiliation Application

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead/Senior Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Board Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church's Mission:

Church's Values:

### Official Organizational Dates

Date Organized (*established with official membership*) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_

Date By-Laws adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Date of meeting to request affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

## **Your Congregation's Unique Story....**

### **The birth of your church's vision and early formation**

How and when did you get started? What prompted the planting of this church in this specific location? What key individuals, churches and organizations involved?

**Significant events, advances or crises so far:**

**Describe your congregation's pathway to making disciples:**

**Describe your outreach/evangelism strategies:**

**Describe how you introduce and incorporate new people into your congregation:**

**How do you develop and deploy people to serve in the church, community and world?**

**Current Congregation Statistics**

Average weekly attendance at public worship \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Small groups or Adult Sunday School classes  
and total involved \_\_\_\_\_

Baptisms in the last 12 months \_\_\_\_\_

Number of current active membership \_\_\_\_\_

Average monthly offerings in the last 12 months \_\_\_\_\_

List church ministries that are thriving and making a unique Kingdom difference  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Partnership Agreements

- The church subscribes without reservation to the Converge Affirmation of Faith and this is reflected in our Constitution or Bylaws.

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*Pastor*

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*Designated Leader*

- The church practices only believer's baptism by immersion and this is reflected in our Constitution or Bylaws.

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*Pastor*

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- The church affirms and will cooperate with CRM's mission, strategy and values.

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*Pastor*

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*Designated Leader*

- The church practices Baptist polity, having some form of congregational involvement in church governance which is reflected in our Constitution or Bylaws.

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*Pastor*

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*Designated Leader*

- The church will partner in the mission and ministries of CRM and CWW through prayer, relational participation and financial involvement.

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*Pastor*

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*Designated Leader*

- The church has a Non-profit dissolution clause, and has included CRM as named in its clause.

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*Pastor*

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*Designated Leader*

**Church documents to accompany application**

- Statement of Faith
- Adopted constitution and by-laws
- Copies of the most recent Minutes of Annual and Quarterly business meetings
- Description of all properties and financial obligations regarding the same
- Certificate of Incorporation (if needed)

Application completed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church Title/Role \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

**Keep originals - Mail Copy to:**

**Converge Rocky Mountain**  
620 Southpark Drive, Littleton, CO 80120

***FOR CRM OFFICE USE***

Date CRM Affiliation Process Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date application approved by CRM Board of Overseers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of when church welcomed into membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix: CRM/CWW Movement Belief Documents

### CONVERGE Mission

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Transform lives and communities by aggressively multiplying believers and churches.

### CONVERGE Strategy: Start, Strengthen, Send

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The congregations of Converge Rocky Mountain are empowered by God to Strengthen our people, Send them out to engage our culture and Start new churches in order to expand our redemptive impact.

### CONVERGE Values

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CRM congregations are:

- **Spiritually dynamic** -glorifying God in all we do, trusting in the authority of his Word, the sufficiency of his Son, the power of the Holy Spirit and his delight in prevailing prayer.
- **Transformational**- believing that the power of God’s Spirit will bring Christ-like change to our lives, our churches and our communities. *“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18*
- **Healthy** - prioritizing “being” over “doing” in the lives of our pastors and congregations. *“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10*
- **Relationally devoted** -displaying Christ’s love in our relationships and ministry partnerships, expressing his compassion, generosity and his irenic spirit.
- **Culturally diverse** - advancing Christ’s destiny for his church—a church that reflects the beauty and synergy of worshipers from all peoples and cultures. *“Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people.” Revelation 14:6*
- **Missionally driven** - multiplying transformational leaders and churches, reproducing the life of Christ in disciples, leaders and congregations worldwide. *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” Matthew 28:19*
- **Generous** - freely sharing God’s goodness with others. *“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11*



## CONVERGE Affirmation of Faith

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1. **The Word of God** - We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. **The Trinity** - We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.
3. **God the Father** - We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
4. **Jesus Christ** - We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.
5. **The Holy Spirit** - We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.
6. **Regeneration** - We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.
7. **The Church** - We believe in the universal church; a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

8. **Christian Conduct** - We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.
9. **The Ordinances** - We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. **Religious Liberty** - We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.
11. **Church Cooperation** - We believe that the local church can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis.
12. **The Last Things** - We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.