

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A CONVERGE MEMBER CHURCH

- 1) Commitment to the Converge Affirmation of Faith.
 - Church's affirmation of faith need not be the same as the Converge statement, simply consistent with the Converge statement.
- 2) Commitment to practice believer's baptism by immersion
- 3) Membership comprised of those who have followed Christ in believer's baptism.
 - Converge has recognized churches who have an entry level membership of believers who are not immersed, but who would not serve in spiritual leadership positions until baptized.
- 4) Governance which includes both spiritual leadership and congregational involvement.
 - Some level of congregational involvement would include: church voting to call a pastor, church affirming selection of elders, church affirming annual budget, or church approval to change constitution.
- 5) Active participation in the vision and mission of Converge through prayer, financial support, and personal involvement.
 - New churches that receive grants are asked to direct a tithe of their regular offering income to support future Converge Northwest church plants.
 - For already existing churches that seek to affiliate with Converge, we are challenging churches to set a goal of giving 3% of their annual budget income to Converge Northwest and 1% to Converge Worldwide.
- 6) For new churches, we would require that in their church's constitution, there be a provision that in the event of dissolution, all assets would be directed to Converge Northwest or its successor.
 - This is not required for already existing churches that would affiliate with Converge.