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**INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE  
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Organizations outside the United States of America who support the mission and vision of ACPE, and whose purpose and scope of activity will enhance a mutually collaborative relationship with ACPE, may apply to the Board of Representatives for International Affiliate membership. This level of affiliation is beneficial to both the affiliate who may receive mentoring and support, and to ACPE who will be culturally enriched and encounter learning opportunities in the process.

**2008 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE  
 USD \$130**

Though affiliates are not part of the central governance structure of ACPE, they have come to play a vital role in enhancing the scope of the organization. Affiliates do not speak for ACPE, Inc. nor are opinions expressed by them necessarily the opinion or policy of ACPE Inc. Affiliates have no voting rights in ACPE; individual members of such agencies who are members of ACPE have voting rights as determined by their individual membership category in the ACPE Bylaws. Each affiliate pays a nominal annual membership fee.

**Please complete all of the requested information (front and back), attach the required documentation and return to the ACPE address listed at the top of this form.**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORT THE ACPE STANDARDS?**

(see [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu)):

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
*If no, explain on an attached sheet.*

Signature of authorized respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name/title of authorized respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please attach to this face sheet:*** a copy of the organization's statement of mission, vision and objectives; a copy of the organization's constitution and bylaws; a copy of the organization's code of ethics, or the professional code of ethics the organization has agreed to uphold; a copy of the organizational chart; a list of the members of the operating board and their professional community positions; resume' or curriculum vitae of the organization's leadership, including their education, qualifications and experience for the position held; a list of the credentialing and/or accrediting bodies with which the organization is affiliated; if the organization is a credentialing or accrediting body, a description of the requirements and process for that function; if the organization is a training body, a description of the curriculum and educational methodologies utilized; at least three letters of recommendation from appropriate persons in government, the religious community and the professional sphere in which the organization operates.

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## ACPE MISSION STATEMENT

The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. is a professional association committed to advancing experience-based theological education for seminarians, clergy and lay persons of diverse cultures, ethnic groups and faith traditions. We establish standards, certify supervisors and accredit programs and centers in varied settings. ACPE programs promote the integration of personal history, faith tradition and the behavioral sciences in the practice of spiritual care.

## ACPE VISION STATEMENT

As the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., we will be distinguished as the premier provider of Clinical Pastoral Education and recognized by the United States Department of Education:

Encouraging creative response to the changing context of spiritual care in the communities we serve;

Modeling professional competence, integrity and high ethical standards;

Sustaining a welcoming organizational culture in which members are encouraged to learn and grow;

Embracing diversity, collaboration, and accountability on a national and international level; Prophetically advocating for excellence in pastoral education and the practice of spiritual care.

# Criteria for International Affiliate Membership

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## Each International Affiliate:

1. Will be governed by a board responsible for policy and oversight of leadership and operations.
2. Will have appropriate written documents of governance.
3. Will have elected or appointed leadership who is accountable to the board, and has appropriate education, qualifications and experience.
4. Will be connected with relevant accrediting and/or certifying bodies, where available.
5. Will document that they have earned the trust of public(s) served.
6. Will document compliance with these criteria by submitting the following as part of the application process:
  - *a copy of the organization's statement of mission, vision and objectives;*
  - *a copy of the organization's constitution and bylaws;*
  - *a copy of the organization's code of ethics, or the professional code of ethics the organization has agreed to uphold;*
  - *a copy of the organizational chart;*
  - *a list of the members of the operating board and their professional community positions;*
  - *resume' or curriculum vitae of the organization's leadership, including their education, qualifications and experience for the position held;*
  - *a list of the credentialing and/or accrediting bodies with which the organization is affiliated;*

- *if the organization is a credentialing or accrediting body, a description of the requirements and process for that function;*
- *if the organization is a training body, a description of the curriculum and educational methodologies utilized;*
- *at least three letters of recommendation from appropriate persons in government, the religious community and the professional sphere in which the organization operates.*

**Benefits** For ACPE, the relationship will provide positive learning and concrete opportunities to increase awareness of cultural issues and various ways in which people provide spiritual care. In addition, the International Affiliate:

1. Will be listed on the ACPE website Directory.
2. May advertise themselves as International Affiliate members of ACPE.
3. May use ACPE publications to advertise their meetings and, when present, may meet during ACPE meetings as arranged.
4. May request ACPE to serve as a mentor-partner by asking ACPE to assign a mentor-advisor to provide guidance and consultation as needed.
5. May qualify for endowment grant funding as approved by the Board of Representatives.
6. Will be placed on the ACPE mailing list to receive the ACPE News and other materials.
7. As possible, ACPE will attempt to facilitate meetings of International Affiliates at gathering of international pastoral care, counseling and education associations.

**Responsibilities** Each International Affiliate:

1. Will pay an annual fee as determined by the ACPE Board of Representatives.
2. Will submit a written annual report to the ACPE Board of Representatives.
3. Will abide by a code of ethics that is compatible with ACPE's code of ethics.

**Limitations** While many positive benefits emerge from this relationship, there are limitations or disclaimers that should be noted:

1. ACPE assumes no financial or legal responsibility of any kind for the activities of the International Affiliate.
2. International Affiliates have no voting rights in ACPE, but members of an International Affiliate organization who are individual members of ACPE have voice and vote as determined by their individual ACPE membership category.
3. International Affiliates do not speak for ACPE, nor are opinions expressed by an International Affiliate necessarily the opinion or policy of ACPE.

**Applications**

1. This policy and applications for International Affiliate membership are available on the ACPE web site at [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu).
2. Send completed applications and all supporting documentation to:

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3. All requests for International Affiliate membership will be considered by the ACPE Board of Representatives at the meeting following receipt of the completed application.