AGENCY / DENOMINATION / FAITH GROUP
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

According to the ACPE Constitution, membership is available to Agencies, Denominations, and other Faith Groups upon request and with the approval of the Board of Representatives. Membership in ACPE is open to organizations whose purpose is to enhance the mission and vision of ACPE. This membership includes the right to send a representative to regional and national conferences. It also includes a subscription to the ACPE News. Members in this category may send a delegate to the Agency/Denomination/Faith Group Advisory Council, which meets annually at the time of the ACPE National Conference. The Advisory Council also maintains an At-Large seat on the ACPE Board of Representatives.

Applications are reviewed at the bi-annual meeting of the Board of Representatives in the spring and fall. The board follows a dialogical process that seeks to determine the compatibility of your institution’s mission and vision with that of the ACPE. Membership costs $275 annually and will be invoiced the following year.

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

Name of Agency / Denomination / Faith Group: ____________________________

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CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORT THE ACPE STANDARDS? (see www.acpe.edu):

Yes___________ or No___________________

If no, explain on an attached sheet.

Signature of authorized respondent: ____________________________________________

Printed name/title of authorized respondent: ________________________________

Agency Address: ____________________________________________________________

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Telephone: (_____) _______________________ Fax: (_____) ______________________

Email: __________________________________________
Estimated Number of Members: ________________________________

Name of Contact Person: ________________________________

Address (if different from above): ________________________________

Please attach to this face sheet: a copy of your articles of incorporation, bylaws or governance manual, your mission/vision statement; an organizational chart; a list of accrediting or credentialing bodies with which your organization is affiliated; a description of the requirements and process if you are a credentialing agency; and an explanation of the value of ACPE membership to your organization. Please attach any other information that would help determine your affirmation and interest in the mission of ACPE.

Faith Group/Denomination/Agency membership in ACPE shall provide documentation of:
1. A clear endorsing/accountability process or office or agent or agency.
2. A clear spiritual or theological tenet and a standard of practice in the larger faith group community.
3. A constituency in which there is a form of communal spiritual expression.
4. The process of designating persons as faith group leaders or clergy.
5. An accountability structure that is clearly written, adopted by the religious/spiritual organization and has more than one level of accountability.
6. Their willingness to support the mission, vision, and values of ACPE.

ACPE Mission Statement
Advancing exceptional experience-based theological education and professional practice to heal a hurting world.

ACPE Vision Statement
We will be an organization where people of diverse faith traditions, backgrounds, and cultures collaborate to provide innovative experiential education. We will lead in the theory and practice of clinical education for spiritual care. We will promote and broaden the provision of quality professional theological education in a variety of settings.

ACPE Values
Education: We value a process model of education that is student centered, vigorously reflective and potentially transformative. We understand professional competence as the integration of personal story, religious heritage and theological understanding and knowledge of the behavioral sciences. This integration leads to personal awareness, integrity in relationships and receptivity to diversity.

Diversity: We value diversity and strive to educate culturally competent clinical pastoral educators and spiritual care providers. We engage in professional development in order to increase cultural awareness.

Collegiality: We value relationships marked by accountability, mutual respect, clear communication and ethical practice that supports personal and professional integration and care of self and others.