



## **Membership Application Process**

1. Each Church seeking membership in the Association shall submit a completed Membership Application along with supporting documents to the Association Directors.
2. The Association President shall appoint an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Association Directors to review the Application and provide any needed assistance to the Church throughout the membership application process. If the church seeking membership is a new church plant with a sending/sponsoring church which is a member in good standing with the Association, the pastor of that sending church will be invited to be part of the Ad Hoc Committee.
3. The Ad Hoc Committee will make recommendations to the full Association Directors regarding membership of the Church in the Association.
4. Upon the acceptance of the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee by the Association Directors, the Church will be received into Provisional Membership of the Association for a period of at least one year. The Association Council will be informed of this decision at the next scheduled Council meeting.
5. During the Provisional Membership period, pastors/leaders of applying churches will be encouraged to attend events but will not be part of the Association Council and will have no voting privileges. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee will meet periodically with the applying church pastor to offer guidance and/or deal with issues/concerns discovered during the process.
6. At the end of the Provisional Membership period, the Association Directors will vote on the Church's application for membership. If approved, the Church will be presented to the Association Council for consideration as full members of the Florida Baptist Association.