

Deaf Teen Connect Ministry Association

*"There is one body and one Spirit—
just as you were called to one hope
when you were called—one Lord,
one faith, one baptism; one God
and Father of all, who is over all and
through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6*



Membership Application for churches or individuals

Date of Application _____

Church Name _____

Pastor's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Church Website _____ phone _____

Contact Name _____ position _____

Contact Email(s) _____

Contact's Phone(s) _____

Individuals (\$50 per year)

Churches/Ministries (\$200 per year)

- 1) Keep current background checks on all volunteers and staff who are in direct contact with teenagers; oversee adult interactions and contact with young people to optimize their safety.
- 2) Attend at least one local, regional or national training event on youth and/or deaf ministry each year.
- 3) Commit to a cultural approach to ministry that welcomes students of any communication preference.
- 4) Commit to acquiring and using current and effective resources for ministry with Deaf teenagers.
- 5) Join the National Network of Youth Ministries (free membership at www.nnym.org) which provides a connection with general youth ministry resources.
- 6) Keep association membership current with an annual membership fee and agree to relinquish program identification as a **Deaf Teen Connect** associated ministry, if membership is canceled or revoked.

*Your signature confirms your ministry
will comply with these standards:*

Please sign here

*submit with payment to: Deaf Missions, 21199 Greenview Road, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503
or register online at www.deafmissionsstore.com*

Deaf Teen Connect Ministry Association membership does not imply any liability or direct authority over member ministries by DeafYouth Ministries or Deaf Missions. The right to refuse membership to groups determined to be out of compliance with membership requirements remains the exclusive prerogative of DeafYouth Ministries and Deaf Missions.

DTConnect Ministry Association members have exclusive permission for use of the name **Deaf Teen Connect** and the registered trademark, **DTConnect**[®]. Use of this name and identity for your church-based youth ministry is not required for membership. If membership is canceled, the **Deaf Teen Connect (DTConnect**[®]) identity will be relinquished by any non-members. This program identity is the intellectual property of DeafYouth Ministries and may only be used by specific permission.

Membership Benefits

- Identification with a professional association for standards of excellence.
- Seal of Membership for display on website and printed material.
- Program counsel from national experts in ministry with deaf and hard of hearing teens.
- Information updates about youth ministry materials and resources.
- Youth ministry resources through the [National Network of Youth Ministries](#).
- 25% discount at the **DeafYouth Ministries National Convention**.
- 25% discount on registration fees at **Deaf Christian Leaders Conferences** and **Christian Interpreters Conferences** sponsored by Deaf Missions in Council Bluffs, IA.
- Receive *Daily Devotions for the Deaf* every four months.
- Discounts on ministry resources purchased from [Deaf Missions Store](#).

Training opportunities:

- **God Loves Deaf People Seminar**, a two-day program on Deaf culture/awareness and establishing and/or sustaining a Deaf Ministry.
- **The Bible: American Sign Language Translation Seminar**, a program teaching people how to use the ASL Bible effectively with deaf people.

Membership Conditions:

- Association members in good standing may enjoy these benefits while membership standards are kept and annual contribution is paid.
- Recently expired memberships can be renewed by payment without re-application.
- Membership begins with the processing of the application and continues for one year from that date.



ASSOCIATION

Once you have submitted your signed application with payment and have joined the **National Network of Youth Ministries**, you may begin use of the **Deaf Teen Connect (DTConnect**[®]) name and logo.

Optional slogans which may be used:

- **DTConnect**[®] —“Connecting with Jesus; Sharing with Others”
- **DTConnect**[®] Ministry Association—“Excellence in Ministry with Deaf Teenagers” and “A Network of Churches Committed to Excellence in Ministry with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teenagers.”