

How Do Churches Join the ARC?

- The church and its leadership take time to get to know the flavor of the ARC and speak with the ARC Leadership Team until they discern a strong sense of unity with the ARC's vision and values.
- The church requests an application from the ARC office.
- If we are not familiar with your congregation, an ARC representative will visit your church and meet with its leadership.
- The ARC Leadership Team will review the application and make a decision within one month after receiving the application.
- Churches must have a 75% affirmative vote, or consensus of the leadership if membership is not voting.

What Fees are Required of ARC Members?

To join the ARC, there is an application fee of \$100 for congregations or \$50 for individual ministers. The ARC is funded solely by the contributions of its supporters, and we encourage ARC churches and individual members to make this a matter of prayer.

Are Non-Lutherans Welcome to Join the ARC?

Churches from other denominations and non-denominational congregations are whole-heartedly encouraged to join the ARC.

Can My Church Belong Both to the ARC and Another Association?

Yes. Some of our ARC churches retain their membership in another denomination, while others consider the ARC their only network.

Does the ARC Provide Retirement Services?

Yes. The ARC provides a 403 (b) 9 plan to ARC ministers and ministry employees. For more details about this plan, please contact the ARC office.

Does the ARC Provide a Group Health Plan?

No. However, the ARC has formed a contractual relationship with The Stanton Group to provide employee benefit programs and human resource support services. We recommend The Stanton Group for health, dental, life, disability, and other employee insurance products. They can also help you in employee relations, labor law, and other human resource needs. For information on any of these services, please contact:

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*To read the ARC's Statement of Faith,
and for more information about the ARC,
please go to our website: www.arcusa.org.*

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**a kingdom-driven network
of leaders and congregations
that fully embraces the
evangelical, charismatic, and
sacramental streams of the
Christian faith**

We are a network of kingdom friendships and strategic relationships between leaders and congregations who:

- Live under the lordship of Jesus Christ and are radically dependent on the Holy Spirit.
- Are kingdom-driven.
- Embrace a convergence of the evangelical, charismatic, and sacramental streams of the Christian faith.
- Are united by shared mission and vision.
- Appreciate a shared Lutheran heritage.

The Lordship of Christ. We are committed to operating under the headship of Jesus Christ as Lord of the Church, and to discovering and doing His will.

The Bible: God's Word. We believe the Word of God is without error. The Spirit works through it to equip and empower Christians for every good work.

Radical Dependence on the Empowering Presence of the Holy Spirit. The ARC is a network in which the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit are celebrated, not simply tolerated. The empowering presence, gifts, and fruit of the Holy Spirit are non-negotiables in the ARC.

The Empowering Grace of God. God's empowering grace enables Christians to live responsibly, victoriously, and in real and authentic relationship with one another.

The Importance of Developing a Kingdom Mindset and a Missional Culture. We intentionally seek spiritual renewal so God's people may be transformed, equipped, and released to go wherever God sends them to be His missional people on special assignment from Him.

Team Ministry. We believe we can accomplish more as a team than we can as individuals. Therefore, we are committed to fostering and growing in what it means to be "team" on both a leadership and congregational level.

A Safe Place for Dangerous People. We will be a safe place where people can live authentically as they are encountered and transformed by the outrageous love, empowering grace, and truth of God. We are committed to equipping and coaching dangerous people who are bold in what they ask of God and risk-taking in what they attempt for Him.

Intentional Leadership Development. We are committed to developing and mentoring leaders through a variety of strategies and approaches. We will believe in emerging leaders before they believe in themselves and will "call out of them" that which God has placed within them.

Church Planting. We are committed to encouraging, equipping, and supporting leaders to plant churches in a variety of forms.

Revelatory Decision-Making. We choose to make decisions based on hearing God's voice. We believe we hear Him through His Word, prayer, fellow believers, circumstances, and the Person of the Holy Spirit.

Revolution, not Religion. Revolutionaries respond to the presence and principles of God whenever and wherever possible, without regard to historical or societal inhibitions. The ARC will encourage leaders and congregations to be blessed, but not bound, by their heritage.

Why Join the ARC?

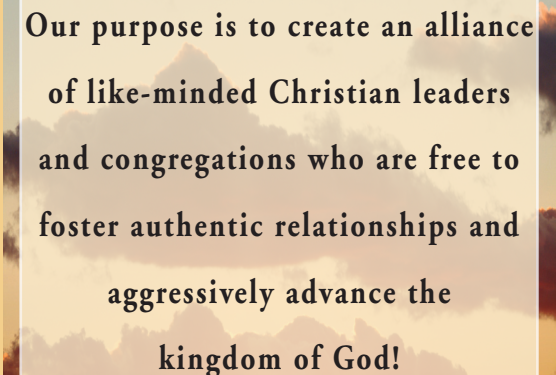
Leaders and churches can expect:

- Strategic alignment and networking for mission.
- A prayer network.
- Help in bringing congregational renewal.
- An atmosphere that fosters accountability.
- Resources for improving church health, bringing renewal, and planting churches.
- Strong training for Christian leadership through The Master's Institute.

Some leaders and churches have been in a far country and want to "come home." Many who share a Lutheran heritage desire the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to be a central part of their identity.

Is the ARC Lutheran?

We are Lutheran in our Reformation theology: Scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone. We minister in Lutheran churches around the country and around the world, though not exclusively. We are Lutheran in theology and ecumenical in spirit.



**Our purpose is to create an alliance
of like-minded Christian leaders
and congregations who are free to
foster authentic relationships and
aggressively advance the
kingdom of God!**