

Welcome to how to join in fellowship with the (CBWLA) Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Association and (SBC) Southern Baptist Convention. As stated on our www.cbwla.com HOME PAGE Web Site - “*Our Partnership*”:

Our Partnership :

The Crescent Bay Association is working in partnership with the California Southern Baptist Convention, the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board. We are an Association that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention

The (CBWLA) Crescent Bay Association is a **RESOURCING & NETWORKING** association. We were established by Southern Baptist Churches as a service organization to the local churches. We are financially supported by the local Crescent Bay Churches, the California Southern Baptist Convention, and the North American Mission Board (SBC Convention).

We thank you for your interest in uniting with our family of churches who are committed to Kingdom Building reaching the unsaved to salvation through Jesus Christ. The Following is the process to joining with the (CBWLA) Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Association and Southern Baptist Convention:

1st. The Pastor & Church should read the the current edition Book:

“Baptist Faith & Message”

2000 Year Edition

[The Pastor & Church **MUST** be in agreement the doctrinal stance of the Southern Baptist Convention]

2nd. Call and set up an appointment with the Director Of Missions. In this meeting:

- You will be given an introductory overview of what it means to be a Southern Baptist Church.
- You will learn what the Crescent Bay Association and Southern Baptist Convention offers you.
- You will learn what it means to be in “Good Standings” as a Southern Baptist Church.

[If following this meeting, you would like to proceed, a packet of materials will be given out to you.]

3rd. Fill out and return the filled out packets forms to the Crescent Bay Association office.

**APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION WITH
Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association**

To: Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association

Address: 9520 Redfern Avenue, Inglewood CA 90301

From:

Address: **City/State/Zip:**

Pastor:

Phone #'s: Church: **Home:** **Cell:**

Fax: **E-mail:**

Date Constituted:

Number of Constituting Members:

Sirs:

We, the members of the church named above, constituted on the date above, do hereby make formal petition for affiliation and fellowship with your body for the purpose of cooperating in the preaching of the gospel at home and abroad and for the promotion of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ around the world.

Through this request we officially declare as a church our desire to experience meaningful Christian fellowship with the members of the other churches affiliated with this association, and to participate with them in their efforts to foster fellowship among the churches, to foster unity in faith and practice, and to give and receive assistance in our task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ.

As evidence of our qualifications for affiliation, we attach to this application copies of the following documents which have been approved by our church: Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, Constitution and By-Laws, and any other documents we hold which testify that we are of like faith and order. We also attach a roster of our church officers. We welcome the opportunity to discuss with your representatives any matters related to our fellowship, faith and practice, or our desire to cooperate with you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Moderator:

Clerk:

Approved by vote of the church in regular conference this day _____
of [month] [year].

Statement of Faith

As a church, we have adopted a Church Covenant and Articles of Faith as approved by the Southern Baptist Convention.

We believe that New Testament baptism is the immersion of a believer in water upon the authority of the church. We agree to receive into our membership only those who have received New Testament baptism.

We believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial of the Lord's death and is to be observed as such until he comes again. We believe that only scripturally baptized are eligible to partake of the Lord's Supper as a memorial. We agree to invite only truly baptized believers to the Lord's Supper as observed by the church in its regular worship services.

We agree to co-operate with the churches of the association in promoting the programs of the association, California Southern Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention Agencies. We will attempt to give _____% of our undesignated offerings for Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association Missions.

We believe in, and will promote, the organizations of the church, such as Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood/Baptist Men, and Woman's Missionary Union/Baptist Women. We believe in Biblical evangelism and stewardship, and agree to promote and practice both in our church.

We agree to co-operate with and contribute through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program in the support of all state, national, and world mission needs. We will attempt to give _____% of our undesignated offerings to support the cause of missions beyond our city and around the world.

We agree to maintain co-operation and fellowship with Southern Baptist Churches and the denomination, and that when in true conscience, we can no longer do so, we will voluntarily withdraw.

This was approved by vote of the church in conference, this _____[day] of _____[month], _____[year].

Moderator

Clerk

[The Crescent Bay Association upon receiving the completed filled out packet of information...]

4th. The Crescent Bay Association will hand the completed packet over to the Crescent Bay Association “*Credentials Committee*” for processing.

5th. The Credentials Committee will Call the Pastor and set up a meeting with him and a couple of the Churches leaders. In this meeting:

- You will learn what is the responsibility of the Crescent Bay Association and SBC Convention is to you.
- You will learn what the responsibility of being a Southern Baptist Church is.
- An opportunity will be given to answer whatever questions that needs to be answered.

[Following the Credential meeting, if both parties feel led to continue onward...]

6th. A presentation will be calendared, for the Congregation, to overview what it means to be a Southern Baptist Church.

7th. Next, a season of fervent Prayer will be set forth, seeking the Lord’s will regarding this joining in partnership.

[It is the firm belief of Southern Baptists that one should make discussions solely according to the Lord’s leading.]

8th. If deemed so, the Credentials Committee will vote and give a RECOMMENDATION to bring the purposed Church to the (CBWLA) Executive Board for a vote.

At the same time, if deemed so, the purposed Church will vote and give a RECOMMENDATION to joining into the Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Association and Southern Baptist Convention.

9th. A date will be set for a special called Associational Executive Board Meeting. The following will be the agenda:

- The purposed Church MUST be present (Represented) at the Executive Board Meeting Vote.

- The Moderator will officiate the meeting and the Credentials Committee Chairman will bring a Recommendation to the Executive Board to Vote this purposed Church into fellowship/partnership with the Crescent Bay Association.
- The Executive Board will vote Yea or Nay.
- If Yes, the Associational Executive Board will give a warm hand of welcome into fellowship to the newly joined SBC Church family.

10th. Following, a form will be sent by the Crescent Bay Association to the California Southern Baptist Convention informing them of the newly voted in Church.

11th. The Church will officially become an affiliated Church in the Southern Baptist Convention once the Church:

- Begins sending in their monthly (CP) Cooperative Program offering.
- Begins sending in their monthly Crescent Bay WLA Association offering.
[By giving an offering monthly, you prove your desired relationship with SBC and Crescent Bay Association.]

12th. Next, the Crescent Bay Staff will make appointments to begin visiting and seeking ways to serve and resource the newly joined Church.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to call the Crescent Bay Association Office at (310) 671-4772. May the Lord lead you into His perfect will!

**The Credentials Committee
Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Association**