



# DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*Member congregations agree to provide support for the work of the organization through the giving of volunteer time, financial support (at a suggested level of \$1.50/member per year), and/or the donation of food, diapers, and personal products for distribution by our network of 11 pantry sites. Member congregations agree to designate at least one faith leader and one lay member as DMARC delegates to our spring and fall assemblies. Delegates are asked to be a primary point of contact between DMARC and their congregation as well as having voting rights in the Assembly.*

We wish to become a member of the Des Moines Area Religious Council.

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Leader Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Person from Congregation

Office Held \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- We agree to our fair share of support for the work of DMARC.
- We will elect or appoint delegates to the DMARC Assembly, at least one of whom will be a faith leader of our congregation, and will provide the names and contact information for these individuals annually.

Please send to: DMARC  
1435 Mulberry Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309

or, [info@dmarcunited.org](mailto:info@dmarcunited.org)

# APPENDIX

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (from Articles of Incorporation)

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to provide interfaith means for cooperation among the people of the Greater Des Moines, Iowa area, to study the religious needs of the community, and to promote, through cooperative effort, the spiritual, moral, social, and civic welfare of the community.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 3.2. New Member Eligibility. Any religious congregation of the Greater Des Moines, Iowa area, not presently a member of the Council, which accepts purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Council, is eligible for membership and acceptance as a member pursuant to the procedures set forth in these Bylaws.

Section 3.3. Membership Application and Selection. Written application for membership shall be submitted to the Board, which shall make its report to the next meeting of the Delegate Assembly, which shall act on the application provided that ten (10) days' notice of such application has been given to each member congregation and its delegates. A simple majority vote by written ballot shall entitle the applicant to membership.

Section 3.4. Membership Responsibility. In applying for membership in the Des Moines Area Religious Council each congregation agrees to assume its proportionate share of the cost of the Council's work, including administrative costs, and to appoint a member of its congregation to serve as the key liaison between the Council and the congregation.

### **ARTICLE IV - THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

Section 4.1. Membership and Vote. The Delegate Assembly of the Council shall consist of at least one faith leader and one lay person from each member congregation. This lay person shall be the key liaison between DMARC and his or her congregation. The names of these delegates shall be submitted to the Council office in writing annually. Members of the Board of Directors are also members of the Delegate Assembly. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on matters submitted for action before the Assembly.

Section 4.2. Regular Meetings. The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least two times a year in March and October. The March Assembly shall be the annual meeting of the Council and include the election and installation of officers and others whose terms commence at such annual meeting.