

Urban Church Association

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Affiliates – those leaders and congregations who participate in association events and resources but retain their own autonomy and identity within another church community.

Members – those leaders and congregations who voluntarily submit to the authority and identity of the association for their growth and mission.

Definition of observers, affiliates, and members.

1. Observers are allowed to attend select association events as friends of the association, with no further obligation to participate in its activities or initiatives.
2. Affiliates participate in sponsored association events, but do not sit or vote on its councils of authority. They associate voluntarily, that is, they retain their own authority and identity within their own church community. The connection they share with the association is based on shared values, resources, and mission.
3. Affiliates are not subject to decisions made by the association in regards to its doctrine, mission, and authority. They are limited to participate in those events, resource sharing, and mission projects allowed by the association.
4. Member voluntarily submit to the authority of the association, with full rights and privileges thereof, to contribute and represent it according to its protocols. Member churches are able to vote, be nominated for leadership, and participate in all levels of association business and mission.

