



THE TEXAS CONGREGATIONS UNITED FOR EMPOWERMENT, INC.

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Who is TCUE?

Texas Congregations United for Empowerment, Inc. (TCUE) is a collective body of primarily African American churches in Travis, Williamson and Bastrop counties. TCUE is a 501(c) 3 Texas corporation offering a mutually beneficial business partnership between churches and financial institutions, designed to generate increased revenue for the participating banking partners, and better services and savings for the partner churches, congregations and strategic partners. Texas Congregations United for Empowerment (TCUE), Inc. is an affiliate of the Collective Banking Group, Inc.

Currently, TCUE represents Christian churches in three Texas counties with congregations of more than 5,000 persons. We believe that there is strength in numbers and that is why your participation and membership is so important. Our collective message will help the banking industry understand that... **It's a New Day!**

What are the benefits?

The churches and congregations of TCUE will gain **economic empowerment** with financial institutions to ensure equitable access to banking and lending services at a bank that:

- Offers the same **economic rates** and **services** offered to other institutions of our collective size and budgets.
- Demonstrate **appreciation**, through **favorable rates** and **services** and **access to capital**, for the money regularly deposited in their banks by our members.
- Enter into **business relationships** with **businesses owned** by our **members** and our **strategic partners** and **associates**.
- Help meet the **credit needs** of the **communities** served by our congregations, including but not limited to low and moderate income neighborhoods.
- Engage in **educational programs** for youth and adults, proactive community participation, partnerships with our community, and
- **Employ persons** from the community we represent at all levels of their institutions.

Membership Requirements:

To be a Member Church of TCUE, the following commitments are required:

1. Pay an annual membership fee and...
 - Transfer all banking to covenant banks within 30 days of membership
 - Encourage church members to do the same.
2. Pastor to select 1 liaison to handle TCUE affairs for your church.
3. Actively seek and bring in 3 member churches during the first year of membership, if at all possible church.
4. To ensure that you or your representative attends at least 50% of the monthly general meetings as they are scheduled
5. Be willing to host at least 2 TCUE seminars and/or events at your church (if appropriate).
6. Participate in all annual events, conferences and meetings.
7. Promote Covenant Banks to congregational members through announcements, newsletters, etc.
8. Encourage church members and others to attend and participate in TCUE events and conferences.



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Membership

In an effort to formalize any and all agreement(s) between the **Texas Congregations United for Empowerment (TCUE)**, Inc. and its member churches, the following guidelines outline the requirements to becoming and maintaining your status as a member of the **Texas Congregations United for Empowerment (TCUE)**, Inc. an affiliate of the **Collective Banking Group, Inc.**

TCUE Membership Application

Name of Church: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone#: _____

Church #: _____ Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____

Denomination Affiliation, if any: _____

Church Membership Category: _____

Membership Categories:

<input type="radio"/>	1 – 100 = \$ 100
<input type="radio"/>	101 – 250 = \$ 150
<input type="radio"/>	251 – 500 = \$ 250
<input type="radio"/>	501 – 750 = \$ 500
<input type="radio"/>	751 – 1000 = \$ 1000
<input type="radio"/>	1001–1500 = \$ 1500
<input type="radio"/>	1501 –2000= \$ 2000
<input type="radio"/>	2001 + = \$ 2500

For banks and other institutions, The Texas Congregations United for Empowerment, (TCUE) Inc. will provide you with:

1. Access to our member churches and pastors.
2. Unprecedented marketing opportunities to our members.
3. The privilege of advertising in the quarterly church Newsletters at a reduced rate (where appropriate).
4. The opportunity to conduct special programs and client gathering sessions at our member churches.
5. The ability to conduct seminars and prospecting sessions as a part of our speaker series.
6. Key speaker role and presence at Texas Congregations United for Empowerment, Inc. conferences and annual meetings.

Contact Information:

Texas Congregations United for Empowerment - **Membership**

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Liaison Roles & Responsibilities

In an effort to formalize any and all agreement(s) between the **TCUE**, Inc. and its Member Churches, the following guidelines outline the commitments and responsibilities to be a liaison for your church.

To be a Liaison for a Member Church of Texas Congregations United for Empowerment (TCUE), Inc. the following commitments are required:

The liaison must be appointed by the pastor.

- To ensure that you or your representative be willing to attend at least 75% of the monthly liaison meetings. Monthly liaison meetings are generally 90-minutes in length and are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month or as otherwise scheduled.
- Actively seek and bring in 3 volunteers at your church to assist the liaison in carrying out their **TCUE** functions.

Liaison responsibilities include

Responsible for responding to **TCUE** information request.

- Responsible for an orderly and timely plan for dissemination of **TCUE** information to church members.
- Coordinate, plan and host at least 2 **TCUE** seminars and/or events at your church (if appropriate).
- Coordinate efforts for your church to have representation and/or delegates at annual events, conferences and meetings.
- To ensure that **TCUE** and Covenant Bank information is available and distributed.
- To coordinate special visits and presentations by our Covenant Banks and Strategic Partners.
- As an added benefit, Liaisons and/or their representatives will receive training opportunities that will be beneficial to the churches and them personally, as that training becomes available.