

Good News Club[®] Partnership Agreement

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maryland

There are three components of this agreement:

1. A Church Profile
2. The Partnership Agreement
3. The Child Evangelism Fellowship[®] (CEF[®]) Statement of Faith/Doctrinal Protection Policy/Worker's Compliance Agreement.

All three components must be filled out and a signature must appear in the TWO (2) shaded areas marked by this icon. 

1. Church Profile

Church Information

Church Name			
Mailing/Street Address			
City/State/Zip			
Church Web Address			

Pastor Information

Pastor's Name			
E-mail Address			
Primary/Secondary Phone			

Key Contact Information*

Key Contact's Name			
E-mail Address			
Primary/Secondary Phone			

Language Information

Church's Primary Language (Circle one)	English	Spanish	Other _____
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*The key contact is the individual who is responsible for working with the appointed CEF representative to plan the details of this ministry outreach. If the pastor desires to assume this responsibility, the only portion of this section that needs to be filled out is the secondary phone contact information.

2. Partnership Agreement

My church agrees:

	To provide a key contact from the church to work with a Child Evangelism Fellowship representative to plan and execute the Good News Club® Outreach.
	To identify and adopt at least one public elementary school to establish an After School Good News Club® program.
	To recruit a team of at least five to ten people per school to serve in the After School Good News Club program and complete the specified training provided by CEF.
	To embrace the Good News Club as a ministry of the church, praying for the children and families of the club and for the ministry of CEF.
	To provide follow-up of the children and families of the adopted school, establishing them in the church, when possible.
	To provide the monthly GNC reports to CEF by the 5 th of each month.
	To have all Good News Club volunteers sign CEF's Statement of Faith/Doctrinal Protection Policy/Worker's Compliance Agreement and to comply with CEF's Child Protection Policy.
	To give CEF of Maryland a 45 day advance written notice of any intention to discontinue the After School Good News Club program so CEF can identify another Bible-believing church to continue the club ministry.
	To financially support the Good News Club program for a <i>minimum</i> of \$1,200 per year.*

CEF agrees:

	To supply the church free of charge with 24-weeks of Bible based curriculum for the After School Good News Club Program. For each six-week period this includes six visualized Bible lessons and teacher's manual, club agendas, a resource pack (includes games, a missionary lesson and incentives, visualized memory verses), a CD of club songs, counseling tracts and two visualized songs. *This curriculum could also be used in your own children's ministry program at the church.
	To provide at no cost training for all GNC team members. This includes 1) A Procedures Workshop (2 ½ hours for all team members—covers procedures for GNCs in a public school environment); 2) Four local Curriculum Workshops to prepare the team for teaching each lesson series (2 ½ hours each—two per semester); 3) Six initial 50-minute professional training sessions for GNC personnel- includes CEF's annual Children's Ministry Conference). Admission to the CMC will be offered at a 25% discount to others attending from your church.
	To present the vision for the Good News Club outreach and provide limited promotional materials such as brochures, a church promotional DVD, club registration forms and identification badges for club personnel.
	To provide access to the elementary school and to help negotiate with school authorities, if necessary.
	To perform all necessary background checks for the Child Protection Policy.
	To provide the required liability insurance up to \$1,000,000 to cover all workers and children in the After School Good News Club Program

	To provide prayer support, mentoring, help and encouragement to the GNC team and to the church.
	To provide access to legal assistance to resolve issues which violate constitutional rights. (Liberty Counsel partners with CEF to resolve these issues).

The undersigned parties have read and understood ALL of the responsibilities involved in this Partnership Agreement and agree to work together to reach children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Good News Club outreach program. In case of any situations of conflict, we agree to resolve these according to Biblical principles.

Pastor or Authorized Signature:

_____ Title: _____ 

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

CEF Executive Director: _____ Date: _____

Payment options (choose one)

Annually \$ _____

Monthly \$ _____

Return this signed Partnership Agreement by mail to:
Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maryland, Inc.
2203 N. Rolling Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
OR email to drmarthawright@gmail.com

* CEF will work with churches that cannot support the Good News Club program for the suggested amount to seek alternative financial arrangements.

Note: A copy of CEF's Child Protection Policy and Background Authorization Check is provided as a reference. This does not need to be signed or filled out at this time, but will need to be signed and filled out by all Good News Club and 5-Day Club volunteers.

Child Evangelism Fellowship® Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE -

That "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God," by which we understand the whole book called THE BIBLE; that it is inerrant in the original writing and that its teaching and authority are absolute, supreme and final. That the Holy Spirit guided the holy men of old in all that they wrote. 2 Timothy 3:16; Deuteronomy 4:2; 2 Peter 1:21

The Godhead eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having the same nature, attributes and perfection. Romans 1:20; Matthew 28:19; Deuteronomy 4:35; John 17:5

In the personality and Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, truly God and truly man. John 1:1, 14; 10:30; Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30,31; Philippians 2:5-7; 1 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 1:19

In the personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit, the source and power of all acceptable worship and service, the infallible interpreter of the infallible Word, who indwells every true believer, and is ever present to testify of Christ, seeking to occupy us with Him and not with ourselves or our experiences. John 15:26; Acts 5:3-4; 1:8; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:12,14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:13; John 16:13-14

That man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, as stated in the Word of God, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam. Not only was his moral nature grievously injured by the fall but he totally lost all spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins, and subject to the power of the devil. "The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:7,8). Therefore, he cannot see nor enter the kingdom of God until he is born again by the Holy Spirit. That no degree of reformation however great, no attainment in morality however high, no culture however attractive, no humanitarian and philanthropic schemes and societies however useful, no baptism or other ordinance however administered, can help the sinner to take even one step toward Heaven; but a new nature imparted from above, a new life implanted by the Holy Spirit through the Word is absolutely essential to salvation. Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; John 3:3,6,7; Titus 3:5

That Jesus Christ became the sinner's substitute before God, and died as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. That He was made a curse for the sinner, dying for his sins according to the Scriptures; that no repentance, no feeling, no faith, no good resolutions, no sincere efforts, no submission to the rules and regulations of any church can add in the very least to the value of the precious blood or to the merit of that finished work wrought for us by Him, who tasted death for every man. 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 2:9; Galatians 3:13; Romans 3:25; 4:4-5; 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14,20-21

In the resurrection of the crucified body of Jesus Christ; that His body was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and that He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God as the believer's high priest and advocate. Luke 24:39; Acts 1:10-11; Ephesians 4:10; Hebrews 1:3; 1 John 2:1

That Christ in the fullness of the blessings He has secured by His death and resurrection is received by faith alone and that the moment we trust in Him as our Savior we pass out of death into everlasting life, justified from all things, accepted before the Father according to the measure of His acceptance, loved as He is loved and made one with Him.

At the time of acceptance of Christ as Savior, He comes to dwell within the believer and to live out His life of holiness and power through him. Hebrews 9:15; John 5:24; Romans 3:28; 4:3,23-25; Ephesians 1:3; John 17:23; Galatians 2:20; 4:6-7; 5:16; Acts 1:8

That the Church is composed of all those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. It is the body and bride of Christ. That every believer, whether Jew or Gentile, is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and having thus become members of one another we are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian prejudices and denominational bigotry and loving one another with a pure heart fervently. Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 12:22-27; 1:10-13; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:3-6; 5:32; Philippians 2:1-5; Galatians 5:13-15

That all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices, and should abstain from such amusements and habits as will cause others to stumble, or bring reproach upon the cross of Christ. Believers are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). 1 John 2:15-16; Romans 13:14; 14:13; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:10

In the evangelization of the world, that the supreme mission of the people of God in this age is to preach the Gospel to every creature. That special emphasis should be placed upon the evangelization of children. Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 18:14

In the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that the coming again of Jesus Christ is the "blessed hope" set before us, for which we should be constantly looking. "Our citizenship is in Heaven from whence we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; John 14:1-3; Titus 2:13; Philippians 3:20-21

That the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence, and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul and body reunited shall be with Him forever in glory. Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Luke 16:22,25; Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

That the souls of the lost remain after death in misery until the final judgment of the great white throne, when soul and body reunited at the resurrection shall be cast "into the lake of fire" which is "the second death," to be "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Luke 16:22-23,27-28; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:5,11-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

In the reality and personality of Satan, "that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" (Revelation 12:9). Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:1.

Doctrinal Protection Policy

Adopted by CEF® International Board of Trustees

May 6, 2002

Child Evangelism Fellowship® continues in its commitment to its Statement of Faith, which embodies the non-negotiable and historic beliefs of evangelical Christians.

Within the community of evangelical believers various distinctives exist which do not prevent our fellowship in the Lord and our effectiveness as child evangelists.

We therefore resolve that *CEF* workers are qualified by their unreserved commitment to *CEF*'s Statement of Faith and their further commitment in all *CEF* activities to refrain from teaching or otherwise advocating doctrinal distinctives either contrary to or in addition to the Statement of Faith.

Child Evangelism Fellowship Worker's Compliance Agreement

Recognizing the spiritual need of boys and girls in our community and around the world, I would like to assist in the work of *Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)*.

I understand that *CEF* is without specific denominational affiliation, and have read the Statement of Faith and *CEF* Doctrinal Protection Policy. In becoming a coworker with *CEF*, and in order to protect the ministry, I agree not to propagate or practice in *CEF* ministries any distinctive or controversial doctrines, methods and practices that would go beyond the *CEF* Statement of Faith and the approved *CEF* curriculum. These would include but not be limited to such things as modes of baptism, alteration of the Gospel message, speaking in tongues, interpretation of Scripture by experience, healing on demand, etc. I understand that anyone who does not adhere to this agreement cannot serve with *CEF* as paid staff or volunteer.

In teaching Bible lessons in core *CEF* programs I will use exclusively materials approved by *CEF*.

In offering my services I trust the Lord to make me a faithful servant, and should problems arise between *CEF* and me that cannot be fully reconciled, I will quietly withdraw to preserve the harmony essential to having an effective Christian witness.

By signing below, I indicate:

- a) My agreement with the Statement of Faith and that
- b) I will abide by the above Worker's Compliance Agreement, and that
- c) I will abide by the Doctrinal Protection Policy of *CEF* as long as I am actively involved.

Signed _____  Date _____

Address _____ Church Affiliation _____