



ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Criteria For Attaining Group Status

- A. There must be a minimum of 20 baptized members and must work together in harmony with a sponsoring church.
- B. The following leadership positions must be filled:
 - 1. Leader
 - 2. Adult Sabbath School Superintendent
 - 3. Children's Sabbath School Leader
- C. The board of the sponsor church will act as the board for the Group.
- D. Financial Base:
 - 1. There must be at least 10 giving units.
 - 2. There must be tithe base of at least \$20,000 per year.
 - 3. There must be offerings sufficient to support all local needs.
 - 4. Money is not to be handled by the Group. All tithes and offerings must be handled by the treasury of the sponsor church.
- E. Evangelism
 - 1. There must be specific plans for conducting two evangelistic meetings each year.
 - 2. It must have a goal of becoming a company within two years. If the Group does not reach this goal within two years, the Group will automatically dissolve.

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Executive Committee must approve the sponsor church and the new Group.

Any association of members that does not meet the above criteria will be considered a branch Sabbath School of the sponsor church.

While in Group status, a Group cannot purchase a building or property. However, provisions should be made for starting a building fund as soon as possible.

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Executive Committee Voted as of December 10, 2020