



SEEDS

Sending Economic Encouragement to the Distressed

SEEDS San Diego New Member Packet

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Who We Are

SEEDS San Diego (Sending Economic Encouragement to the Distressed) is a giving circle of Christian women with a vision to make a substantial difference in the lives of the needy. SEEDS is a ministry of High/Ground.

Our mission statement reads, “The purpose of this Christ-centered giving circle is to direct financial gifts to selected evangelical Christian nonprofit ministries that serve those in need.”

What We Do

- Our objective is to bring a large group of women together to participate in a simple plan of pooling resources to impact lives in a greater way. We are doing away with traditional fundraising—i.e. events, sales, dinners, etc. for a particular cause— in favor of a yearly contribution split between two nonprofit organizations, one local and one international, chosen by our members, that help those in need.
- Membership meetings will consist of one meeting (late January/early February) to give updates, answer questions, introduce SEEDS to interested newcomers, and enjoy the company of our members. There are also optional opportunities to visit local ministries in the fall in preparation for voting.
- We have a two-tier membership. Members pledge \$1000/year, Associate Members pledge \$500/year, both for 3-year renewable terms. All pledges are paid to the National Christian Foundation designated to The SEEDS San Diego Fund.
- The National Christian Foundation (www.nationalchristian.com) is a nonprofit corporation 501(c)(3). As with all donor advised funds, all SEEDS contributions are the property of NCF. NCF will receipt and invest the pledges made by our members, and direct them to the ministries SEEDS recommends. The interest from our invested pledges will offset the 1% NCF handling charges.
- During the year the SEEDS Leadership Committee will investigate different evangelical Christian nonprofits (members may recommend nonprofits to the Committee) with ministries here and abroad, including site visits where possible, and present them to the membership for consideration.
- The full membership will choose the gift recipients, one in or around San Diego County and one international. Voting and most communication will be via email or the internet. The gifts will be awarded in the fall.
- SEEDS has virtually no overhead costs. All our donations go to the selected ministries chosen by the members.
- SEEDS San Diego is a ministry of High/Ground, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit since 1987 (www.high-ground.org).

Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. the Bible to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the only infallible, authoritative, written word of God in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. there is one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit – perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love.
4. in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate. We believe in His continuous intercession for His people and in His personal return in power and in glory.
5. in God the Holy Spirit and His ministry to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
6. that man was created in the image of God but, because of the fall of the first man Adam, he is born with a sinful nature, separated from God and in need of salvation. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for salvation through the repentance from sin and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
7. that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation.
8. that the true church is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ, of which He is the head.

SEEDS San Diego is pro-life.

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Member Requirements

Requirements and Responsibilities for the Members of SEEDS:

- Willing to commit to giving \$1000 or \$500 yearly, for a three-year term (barring unexpected circumstances) with option of renewal
- Encouragement of spouse, if applicable
- Understanding that the entire membership will vote on the direction of the gifts with the SEEDS Leadership Committee breaking any tie
- Agreement with Member Pledge by signature
- Reading of Statement of Faith
- Willingness to communicate via email and internet
- Attendance at our limited membership meetings
- Committed to biblical injunctions for conflict resolution, if necessary (Matt. 18:15-17)

Members may be asked to resign for reasons deemed necessary by the Leadership Committee. The affected Member is welcome to respond to such a request in person or through a written statement. Reasons for being asked to resign include but are not confined to:

- a. Non-payment of pledges
- b. Unduly influencing other members toward a specific vote

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Member Pledge

I support the stated purpose of SEEDS San Diego to be a Christ-centered giving circle that will direct financial gifts to selected evangelical Christian nonprofit ministries that serve those in need. I have read SEEDS' Statement of Faith.

As a Member, I pledge \$1000 yearly for a term of three years; as an Associate Member, I pledge \$500 yearly for three years. I understand my pledges will be paid to the National Christian Foundation by March 15th of each year.

I understand that, as with all donor advised funds, all SEEDS contributions are the property of NCF and are nonrefundable, and that NCF will disburse our gifts as recommended by SEEDS.

I recognize that in addition to my financial pledge, I can also participate (but without obligation) in SEEDS by committing to prayer, by volunteering my services, by recommending nonprofits to receive gifts, and by going on site visits.

I agree that the SEEDS Leadership Committee will make the final decision of where to direct our gifts, based upon partnership votes, the careful review of applicant qualifications, site visits when possible, and by the further vetting on our behalf by NCF.

I agree that the direction and management of SEEDS and entire control of its affairs shall be vested in the SEEDS Leadership Committee, as a ministry of High/Ground.

Signature _____ Date _____
Member

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Contact Information - Please Print:

First Name Last Name

Email Address Member Assoc. Member

Address Street City, State, Zip

(____) _____ (____) _____
Home Phone Cell Phone

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How Do I Become a Member?

- Download and read the New Member Packet in its entirety
- Print out page 6 and complete the contact information, including checking the box for Membership or Associate Membership
- Sign Member Pledge

Mail completed Member Pledge/Contact form to:

SEEDS San Diego
P.O. Box 28124
San Diego, CA 92128

Write Check to “The National Christian Foundation” and Mail donation to:

The National Christian Foundation
19742 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 230
Irvine, CA 92612
On the Memo line: The SEEDS San Diego Fund, **618922**

Or go online to www.SeedsSanDiego.org and click on “Donate!” to give by credit card, the ***only*** way for credit card giving to SEEDS. (There is a processing fee imposed by the credit card companies for credit card donations – 2.5% for MC and Visa, 3% for AmEx, 2.2% for Discover. That amount is not an extra charge to you but is taken out of your gift. Checks entail no processing fee.)

Your membership will be finalized when:

- your signed Member Pledge (including contact information) is received by SEEDS,
- your donation is received by the National Christian Foundation (at which point you will receive a tax deductible receipt from NCF on behalf of SEEDS)

Please Contact Us with Any Questions at:

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