

Pastoral Care UK Membership: Categories and Fees



Pastoral Care UK exists as part of the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) to resource the work of pastoral carers. It advocates pastoral care is offered in the best way it can be and has developed Guidelines for Good Practice which can be downloaded from the Pastoral Care UK website www.pastoralcareuk.org

Pastoral Care UK requires its members work within a framework for good practice. Whilst some individuals, churches and organisations may wish to adopt Pastoral Care UK's Guidelines, they may also have their own in place. Pastoral Care UK agrees to its members working with their own Guidelines but requires that these do not contravene those of Pastoral Care UK.

Where a church or organisation needs to revise its framework or guidelines, or has not as yet developed any, Pastoral Care UK can offer support to do so as part of its membership benefits.

Membership Categories	
Individual Membership	<p>Any individual who wishes to be part of Pastoral Care UK and who can confirm they:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with Guidelines for Good Practice in Pastoral Care, if they have a formal pastoral care role • are accountable to their church or organisation, if they have a formal pastoral care role, • accept ACC's Statement of Faith for Pastoral Carers
Affiliated Membership	<p>Any church or group of churches belonging to a wider denomination, or organisation belonging to a central organisation, who wish to be part of Pastoral Care UK and who can confirm they:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hold Guidelines for Good Practice in Pastoral Care for their pastoral workers • are accountable for their pastoral work to their denomination or central organisation • can nominate a named individual as the contact person for ACC/Pastoral Care UK • accept ACC's Statement of Faith for Pastoral Carers
Sole Affiliated Membership	<p>Any sole church or sole organisation, which is not accountable to a denominational structure or central organisation, who wish to be part of Pastoral Care UK and who can confirm they:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hold Guidelines for Good Practice in Pastoral Care for their pastoral workers, including a structure of accountability • agree to Pastoral Care UK's Guidelines for Good Practice in Pastoral Care, to hold them accountable as a single body, to Pastoral Care UK as a central body • can nominate a named individual as the contact person for ACC/Pastoral Care UK • accept ACC's Statement of Faith

Notes:

- i. Affiliated members do not need to identify their individual pastoral workers as part of their ACC/Pastoral Care UK membership application but will need a nominated individual who will be issued with an affiliate membership number.
- ii. Any individual within an affiliated category may also join as an individual member and receive individual benefits.
- iii. ACC/Pastoral Care UK expects those who are working in any formal pastoral care role to be accountable to their church, denomination or organisation and that any complaints will be dealt with through the latter's structures. ACC/Pastoral Care UK will not hear complaints against:-
 - individual members
 - members or individuals who are offering pastoral care under affiliated membership
- iv. ACC/Pastoral Care UK will hear complaints against a church or organisation who are sole affiliated members.

Membership Fees (renewable annually)		
Individual Membership (UK)	Affiliated Membership (UK)	Sole Affiliated Membership (UK)
£47-00	£80-00	£100-00
Individual Membership (Overseas)	Affiliated Membership (Overseas)	Sole Affiliated Membership (Overseas)
£62-00	£100-00	£115-00