



**THE DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION**  
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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE DAVIDIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION**

I hereby solemnly affirm before God that I accept that the Shepherd's Rod is the very last message, "the Elijah message," that restores all things. I believe that Brother Houteff was the sole antitypical embodiment of the antitypical roles of both ancient Elijah and John the Baptist, and that the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association, headquartered at Bashan, is the sole prophetically ordained Association which God is using today to accomplish the work for the church, and shortly for the world. I subscribe to the whole credenda without reservation and embody in my life the whole agenda of the aforesaid Association. I believe in the traditional understanding of the Trinity and all the other fundamental beliefs. I believe and practice all of the following:

1. I keep the temple of the Holy Spirit pure and healthy by following **all** applicable health standards of the message.
2. I follow the present truth dress reform standards.
3. I practice faithful Davidian stewardship with all my means.
4. I support and practice in my daily life the Association's drug teachings.
5. I am at peace with all men. I am not troublesome or easily offended and I never "thrust" another person.
6. I embody in my life a calm, strong, courageous, stoical mindset, knowing that if God wants me dead, it is for the best, and if He wants me alive, nothing can override His will.
7. I practice the Golden Rule in every facet of my life and treat everyone with Christlike kindness.
8. I keep busy with appropriate work 6 days a week to the greatest extent my health and strength permit.
9. I would be happy to be a full-time worker in the Vanguard, if called and chosen.

I Am Applying for A Full Certificate of Fellowship (You have read all the required literature.)

I Am Applying For An A5:84 Membership Card (In the process of reading the required literature.)

**GIVE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/WhatsApp Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I solemnly affirm before God that with God's help I meet all of the above qualifications for membership in the DSDA Assn.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP LEADER'S ENDORSEMENT**

I affirm that this person is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, qualified for membership in the DSDA Association.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions for Filling Out the Membership Application

To be a real Davidian today you must accept that the Shepherd's Rod is the final message from God and Brother Houteff is the last messenger prophet of God. You must accept that the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association at Bashan Hill is God's ordained Association today, and in the future. To "subscribe to the whole credenda and embody in my life the whole agenda" of the Association means that you believe, without reservation, in the message and current work of Bashan, and you believe Bashan today holds the Keys of the Kingdom. To be a Davidian member, you must believe in one God, revealed as the Trinity (that is, three persons in One Godhead), God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, without equivocation or reservation.

It is vital to understand and practice the 9 principles listed. You must bring your life into full conformity with the message. The standards are very high. Don't attest with your signature to being qualified if you are not. It is no sin to work strongly with the help of the Lord to meet the eligibility standards, but it is a grievous sin to falsely swear to something that you know is not true. Not having a Certificate is fine IF you are working all out to qualify for one. Never quite paying the full price is to come short of salvation in the end.

**No. 1**—Keeping the "temple of the Holy Spirit pure and healthy," means much more than just abstaining from alcohol, tobacco, and flesh. It means you are not living an unhealthy life by eating devitalized food, or too much food, or exercising too little. It also means you are not unhealthfully overweight and that you get enough sleep on average.

**No. 2**—Following present truth dress reform standards means we follow the current, present truth teachings for our day.

**No. 3**—Practicing faithful Davidian stewardship means that you are faithful in paying your first and second tithe, except when your fixed (basic) expenses exceed your income, in which case you will cheerfully submit, without prompting, a second tithe exemption request form. (Get one from Membership or the Treasury department.) It means also that if you owe back tithe, you will submit a back tithe plan (from Membership or the Treasury department) without prompting and follow it faithfully. It also means that you will be a careful steward of the rest of the means entrusted to you, saving and increasing your talents of gold and silver like the faithful servants in the parable.

**No. 4**—Means that you are willing to use safe drugs when your physical or mental health requires it.

**No. 5**—Means you are a peaceful person, able to live and work with others without constant friction.

**No. 6**—Requires us to be brave and mentally strong and fearless as was David.

**No. 7**—Requires us to practice the Golden Rule in every facet of our life and treat everyone with kindness and courtesy.

**No. 8**—Is based on the Rod's teaching that to be a Sabbathkeeper you must work 6 days a week. All Davidians work to the fullest extent they can.

**No. 9**—Requires members to be willing to answer God's call anytime to be full-time members of the Vanguard work.

To apply for a full Certificate of Fellowship, you must have read (or listened to) all the Mt. Carmel literature **EXCEPT** the old and "new" Codes and The Shepherds' Rod, volumes 1 and 2. It is recommended that you read those things when you finish the required reading. Also, there is much in the Bound Up that will be a blessing to read. The requirement is to read straight through the required part of the message. This is not the same as slow, methodical study, which is also a benefit **AFTER** you read through the message. Reading the message straight through is beneficial for many reasons. Mainly, it helps you quickly get an overview of the Rod before you start an in-depth study. Some say they don't feel right reading the message straight through. If you are one of these, you are making a serious mistake in thinking your way is better than the method followed by both old Carmel and Bashan today.

**REQUIRED READING:** Volumes 1 & 2 of the TGs, Tracts 1-15, Answerers 1-5, Miscellaneous Tracts, including White House Recruiter, 1950 General Conference Special, Jezreel Letters, Reporting UnAdventist Activities, SR Pocket Edition, Leviticus, Fundamental Beliefs, Entering Wedge, Military Stand and VTH Drug Letter.

The rules and standards for qualifying for an A5:84 membership card are exactly the same as for a regular card **except** for the following points: You do not have to read all the literature first. If you are an English speaker, you will be able to renew

your A5:84 membership once, for a total of 2 years, which is more time than needed to read through the Rod. If you are not an English speaker, you can renew your A5:84 membership indefinitely. There is no set time you must be in the message before you can apply for either card, but you must be genuinely practicing all the principles of the message in your life.

When your Application is received, you will receive an email or text within 3 working days telling you that it has been received. Within 2 weeks of receiving your Application, you will get a text or email telling you that your application is either accepted or denied, and, if denied, why it was denied. If you do not get a confirmation within 3 weeks of our receiving your Application, please contact us immediately. If you do get a confirmation that your Application was accepted, you will receive a picture of the front and back of the card, and the physical card will be sent to you. If you never receive the actual card, please let us know. However, whether or not you have a physical card, you are counted as a full member, if your Application was accepted.

If you print out the Application form, you should try to send it back as a PDF if you text it WhatsApp to us. WhatsApp degrades the quality of forms sent as pictures to the point it is sometimes hard to read the text. You should send your Application directly to Bashan, if you are able, to either 1-417-665-8421 (WhatsApp) or to certificates@bashanhill.org. You can text or email the Application PDF to the co-signer and then ask them to send it back to you to send on directly to us. The PDF form is now a fillable form. Bashan will only accept the new form as of July 1, 2024.

Each Application must have your leader's endorsement, if you qualify. In some cases, you may not have a group leader so the membership department will authorize either a field worker or Bible teacher who is familiar with you to endorse your Application. Also, if you are isolated, you can ask the membership department to endorse for you.

Being an accredited Davidian should mean something. It is not a small thing to be a Davidian. It is not something to do because of social custom or standing. Being a real Davidian could mean a call from God for full service at any time. It could mean giving up everything in your current life to serve the Lord just as Paul and the other apostles did. It eventually cost most of them their lives and it could cost you your life, if God sees it is in the interest of the work. It is certain that the work will be finished with as great a sacrifice today as it was begun with in apostolic times. To be a Davidian today you must be willing to become strong through God's help. It is not a pretend strength, for the difficulties and dangers we will face are not just spiritual, but mental and physical.

The standards are not new, but our understanding of them is new. Often, those who protest the loudest, like Peter, are the first to fall away. A real Davidian will not respond with emotional excitement or discouragement, but will rather roll up their sleeves and get working on any issues they may have that need to be taken care of. We should all be of good courage. We are going home soon.

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"Who receives the Certificate? -- Those who have personally studied all the Message and believe It; those overcoming temptation; those complying with all the requirements; those who put their treasure where moth and thieves cannot enter; those who keep all the commandments; those who are not flesh-eaters, drunkards, or tobacco users; those who do not rob God of tithes and offerings.

"We would freely give literature to those who ask for it, but that does not give the light. **It is only when one appropriates the oil, the Truth, to his everyday living that the oil becomes transformed into light.** It is when one pays this price, and thus becomes eligible to receive a Certificate, signifying he has complied with all the requirements, that he has the light. Hence, though we can freely hand out tracts, we cannot freely hand out the Certificate of Fellowship.

"All the parables show different lessons. That is why there are so many parables. The one of the talents shows that we must work, for we are to double our talents. **Studying and believing alone does not open the door.** We must comply with all the requirements -- pay the price in other words. And we cannot steal the oil. Those desiring the Certificate of Fellowship must pay the price. It does take time and effort, and the individual alone can determine how soon he can get his Certificate, for it all depends on how soon he pays the price." 11SC3:11.