



# 2018 PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Referred by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commodities Produced

\_\_\_\_\_  
Farm Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAX

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Township, Lot, Concession #

\_\_\_\_\_  
District/Area/County

*Agreeing with the basis and purpose of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, I accept membership.*  
*(Please read attached CFFO Basis & Purpose Statements before signing!)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 2018 Personal Membership Fee - \$254.25 (HST included)

The CFFO annual fee extends membership to one person and spouse. If both wish to be eligible to hold elected office, both should sign this form. CFFO memberships are based on the calendar year.

**Enclosed is my \$254.25cheque** for my personal CFFO membership.

**Note:** Personal CFFO membership is available **only** to those who are **NOT** required to be part of the Farm Business Registration program (e.g. retired farmers; farmers whose low farming income makes them ineligible for farm business registration; 2<sup>nd</sup> families of registered corporate farms; or non-farming individuals). If you are a farmer whose gross farming income exceeds the \$7,000 level, you must register your farm business by contacting AGRICORP at 1-866-327-3678 (toll free number).

**\*\*This form is NOT a substitute for Farm Business Registration \*\***

## 2018 Personal MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - continued

CFFO has a variety of activity levels and you may wish to participate in some or all of them!

- As a CFFO member, you will automatically be put on our mailing list to receive our quarterly newsletter, which will provide you with an overview of the Federation's activities.
- Also as a CFFO member, you will also receive notices of District meetings, which are usually held in the late Fall and early Spring, depending on the District you are in. (Some of you are in areas where there is no formal district association as of yet, but we hope to change that in the future!) District meetings are usually information-oriented and are designed to keep the membership across Ontario up-to-date on current policy issues and other Federation activities.
- Our Provincial Council is responsible for debating and adopting the CFFO's position statements on public policy. It meets four times per year in Guelph and is the heartbeat of the Federation. All members are welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Voting is done by District delegates. If you would like to become actively involved in the work of the Federation, ask for the agendas of these meetings. If you are further interested in serving on a District Board, check off the appropriate box below.
- If you are interested in the workings of our Standing Committees: Pork, Sheep, Supply Management and Stewardship & Policy (West & East), we would be happy to send you the agendas, minutes and other materials from these meetings. You are welcome to ask for these whether you wish to attend the meetings or not! However, you are just as welcome to join the committees if your interest is keen in one of these areas.
- We have CFFO member signs for you to put up on your farm's gateway or laneway – and will be happy to mail you 1 or 2 at your request.

### **Would you like to:**

- Serve on a District Board of Directors?
- Electronically receive Provincial Council agendas & minutes?
- Electronically receive Stewardship & Policy Committee agendas & minutes?
- Receive a CFFO sign to put on your farm gatepost?
- All of the above
- None of the above

# CFFO BASIS AND PURPOSE STATEMENTS

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## **BASIS**

The organization is based on the conviction that the Holy Scriptures, as the infallible Word of God, is the supreme standard for all human life. Consequently, the organization pledges to uphold the following principles in its activities:

1. Farming, as all other human endeavour, is a response to God's act of creation. By God's grace it is possible for us to respond obediently. Through the renewing power of Jesus Christ, farming can glorify the Creator by the stewardly care of His creation.
2. God's Word through the Holy Spirit sets norms for all areas of life, and consequently also governs farming and the farming industry.
3. God has given farmers the mandate of being responsible food-producers for the peoples of the world. This creates three major responsibilities in the agricultural industry:
  - a) As producers they are co-responsible for adequate quantity and quality for this nation and others in this Creation;
  - b) As marketers they are co-responsible for seeing to it that the food they produce in fact gets to those for whom it was intended; and
  - c) As citizens they are co-responsible with others for the structures and systems in which they work.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to promote and apply Christian ideas and principles to the solutions of agricultural problems and to promote the social and economic interests of farmers in order to contribute to the solution of the problems of our society in a Christian spirit. The Federation tries to achieve this goal by:

1. Organizing those farmers who agree with our basis and purpose;
2. Doing research, organizing discussions, publishing ideas, promoting justice, and engaging in whatever activities are conducive to increasing the knowledge of its "members" and "supporters" with respect to their responsibilities as Christian producers.
3. Doing research, organizing discussions, publishing ideas, promoting justice, and engaging in whatever activities are conducive to increasing the knowledge of its "members" and "supporters" with respect to their responsibilities as Christian marketers.
4. Doing research, organizing discussions, publishing ideas, promoting justice, and engaging in whatever activities are conducive to increasing the knowledge of its "members" and "supporters" with respect to their responsibilities as Christian citizens.
5. Presenting the Christian voice with respect to farming to other farmers' organizations;
6. Presenting the Christian voice on matters pertaining to agriculture, to government and to government-established committees and commissions;
7. Presenting the same voice to the public at large via all means of communication; and
8. Co-operating with other organizations who strive for similar goals by lawful means, provided we do not compromise our principles in so doing.