



Why Belong to the ACC NSW?

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES in NSW is a movement of Pentecostal Churches in voluntary cooperation. Each individual church is self-governing, but commits itself to work together with other churches in the movement, for the purpose of mutual support and the spread of the gospel in Australia and the world.

The vision of the NSW ACC is: ***“Hungry Leaders, building Healthy Churches that have Strong Reach in our Communities.”***

In our churches, you’ll find vibrant, contemporary Christians who love the Lord Jesus Christ and express that love in lively praise and worship and in caring relationships. Australian Christian Churches are Bible-loving, evangelical, Pentecostal and are about connecting people to Jesus Christ.

There are many great relational and financial benefits in belonging to the Australian Christian Churches, which include:

1. **Church Governance** - We continually seek advice and receive updates from professionals for legal, taxation, child protection, and other governance issues that help your church stay within the law.
2. **Credentialing of Ministers** - We provide Pastor credibility with the government, Not-For-Profit and community sectors through a recognised credentialing process. A credential also gives Pastors a covering and support system.
3. We are a **church planting movement** and we continue to invest in the planting and health of local churches.
4. We **champion and resource missions** work throughout the world.
5. We provide **training opportunities** for Pastors throughout the year.
6. We celebrate as a family through our conferences and encourage **sharing of resources, expertise and information** between our churches and Pastors.
7. Our **Regional Executives** brings local assistance and resources to our churches.
8. The hand of God has been evident on our fellowship throughout its history. We have a **great heritage** that we continue to build on in each generation.

9. We remain **focused on the important things** – planting new churches, training and releasing new Pastors, calling people to repentance, salvation and discipleship.

10. We **value local church autonomy** within an environment of relationship and friendship. Our fellowship offers autonomy to each local church to pursue the individual ministry vision of that church.

Why Does Every ACC Church Pay Annual Dues?

The Pastors and Churches of ACC NSW have agreed and committed to paying church dues at a rate of 1.5% of undesignated tithes and income to the NSW ACC and to pay Pastors dues annually.

The NSW ACC State Executive and Office act as a peak body for the fellowship, taking on the roles of:

- Credentialing
- Pastoral Care
- Training and Development
- Discipline and Code of Conduct matters for Pastors
- Church Planting
- Church Health Initiatives
- Regional Structures and Events
- Government Compliance Issues
- Conferences
- Child Protection Training
- Database Management
- Communications

There is no doubt that the scope of matters addressed by the State Executive has grown exponentially in recent years, with the increased government regulation and community expectations.

In NSW, our church dues have not changed or increased for many years. The annual state pastor's dues, for each credentialed Pastor, have only increased recently to subsidise the cost of Safer Churches Training,

In summary, when one joins the ACC, we all agree to abide by the United Constitution and State By-Laws. We also agree to fund the operation of our State Office and Executive. While the analogy is not exact, the principle is the same; just as we need the cooperation and support of our church members in tithes and offering for the local church to operate, so too does the state need the partnership and support of our member churches to carry their share of the obligation in state church dues.

When you choose to be an ACC Church and Pastor, you are choosing to be part of strengthening our wider movement of churches and supporting the collective church family.