

On a separate sheet, please include a brief, but detailed Church History. The summary should include: history since organization, name changes, address and date of property acquisition, etc. See "Sample Church History" below for guidance:

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Pastor John Smith founded Example Church, Inc. of Amarillo, Texas, in 1971 as an affiliate of the National Example Church based in Anywhere, U.S.A. In the beginning, services were held in the auditorium of Amarillo Middle School. In August of 1977, the church membership of 200 purchased land located at 1001 Main Street and built the first church owned structure. This building served as the meeting place for Example Church for 15 years. By this time, the financial strength of the congregation was increasing and ministries were expanded to include outreach to the elderly, assistance for needy families, and support for overseas missions. Also, church attendance necessitated three church services every Sunday morning.

Due to sustained growth, the 1,250 church members purchased 25 acres of raw land in 1992 at 501 Line Avenue and constructed a new church facility with a sanctuary to accommodate all church attendees in one service along with an educational building and gymnasium. At this time, Example Church incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Texas. In April of 1995, Pastor Joe Adams joined Example Church as its new Senior Minister while Pastor John Smith shifted his focus to community outreach for the church.

At the present time, the average Sunday attendance of Example Church is 1,800. In 1997, the church began offering two Sunday morning services to accommodate all those in attendance. Because the church continues to experience such outstanding, steady growth, it is the desire of the congregation to build a new auditorium and expand the existing educational facilities.

On a separate sheet, please include a brief, but detailed Biographical History of the Senior Minister / Pastor / Administrator. See "Sample Biographical History" below for guidance.

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Pastor Joe Adams serves Example Church, Inc. of Amarillo, Texas, as Senior Pastor in a full-time capacity. Pastor Adams was born February 20, 1963, in Claude, Texas. He and his wife, Jane, have three children ages 8, 10, & 17. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Plains University in 1985. He has been in ministry for 18 years and served First Church in Lubbock, Texas, as Senior Pastor prior to joining Example Church. During his years in Lubbock, Pastor Adams earned a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Caprock Christian University.

Pastor Adams is very active in the community of Amarillo. He often serves as a guest speaker for special functions hosted by surrounding churches, and he also serves on the board of the local outreach shelter.

