



ANBI COMPLIANCE DETAILS

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Policy Plan

This Policy Plan consists of an Introduction, a view on the Articles of Association as far as ANBI rules and regulations are concerned, and a summary of the Activities of Grace Church Amsterdam, its Finance and Governance structure.

Grace Church is a gospel-shaped community that leads people to follow Jesus in all of life.

The mission of Grace Church is to be a community of faith with a worldview that is defined by the word of God and is committed to making disciples and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is important because a Christian community is where individuals come together to learn about Christian values and encourage and support one another in faith, family, friendships, career, and all other areas of life.

The vision of Grace Church is to provide unrestricted access to biblical teaching in corporate meetings and more intimate settings in various locations in Amsterdam and the surrounding areas. The church gathers weekly at a rented facility located at Stadhouderskade 89 on Sundays at 11:00. Smaller groups meet in what is called Missional Communities in homes throughout the city at least twice monthly. Currently, there are around 80 people who are part of both weekly and semi-weekly meetings. Our hope is the number of people joining us will grow steadily by 20-30 per year.

Objectives and goals

Grace Church encourages people to set aside time every week to gather and learn what the Bible says and how it applies to everyday life. The main objective is two-fold; first, to encourage others as they attempt to live lives that focus primarily on honoring God, and second on attending to the needs of those around them.

Grace Church began as a small group of people gathering weekly in homes to study the Bible and pray for each other. As groups grow and multiply, we aim to provide a small group atmosphere for interpersonal growth and dialogue and a corporate atmosphere where groups meet for preaching and encouragement. An integral teaching from the Bible is that Christians should share their time and resources to help others in need. Needs can vary from financial needs, like food or clothing, to emotional support. Within the context of the church, individuals can join with others in giving as they can, increasing the potential for meaningful and lasting endeavors. Anyone is welcome to

attend, but the teachings and activities are directed toward people who are interested in learning more about what the Bible says about faith and its relation to living healthy, happy lives. Usually, attendees are invited by a friend, colleague, or family member who has already attended. Still, people sometimes join because they learn about us via social media or our website.

Our Values

- **Biblical Worldview:** Every person has a worldview. A worldview is a set of beliefs by which an individual determines what is right and wrong, what is true and what is false. For a follower of Jesus, the Bible is what establishes our worldview. This is because the Bible is the Word of God. Through its writings, we learn the heart of God and understand His desires for His people. We believe it is the compass by which we navigate all issues of faith and life.
- **Mutual Accountability:** God designed the journey of faith to be one we do not take alone. Every follower of Jesus needs others in their life who will graciously, yet clearly, point them toward the truth of Scripture. Through mutual accountability, the church is transformed to look more and more like Jesus. This accountability is not one-sided. All believers should be willing to speak the truth lovingly and also humbly receive it.
- **Missional Living:** All missional living starts with worship and leads to more worship, both personally and corporately. Just as faith without works is dead, good works, separated from active trust in the person and work of Jesus, is also dead. We are called by Jesus to follow Him into the world as an expression of our worship. As carriers of heaven's DNA and the aroma of Jesus in His world, we want to carry His grace, truth, and beauty into all the places where we live, work, and play.
- **Gospel Generosity:** In the gospel's message, we see the perfection of generosity. All that God had, even His own Son, was freely given for the purpose of His glory and our good. As followers of Jesus, we too, should express generosity with our time, abilities, and resources. This means that the work and responsibilities of the church are not accomplished by only a few but by the body as a whole.
- **Church as Family:** Too often, the church is considered an institution instead of a family. It was never meant to be an event simply attended but an invitation into a life of divine belonging. In family life, you don't just consume, you give. Families are never perfect, but we believe relational differences provide an opportunity to grow and become more like Christ. We are committed to sharing our lives in Christian community, caring for one another, discipling one another, and resolving conflict.

Remuneration Policy

The funding for Grace Church happens through gifts, regular contributions, and bequests. Grace Church receives no external funding. People are invited to give voluntary weekly financial gifts in the form of an offering. Gifts are usually given either as cash donations or via bank transfer. Anyone who attends is encouraged to give as they are individually able. Funds are directed to cover the overhead of corporate worship, which includes meeting space, sound, and video equipment, etc. At times the church will adopt local and global missional projects to support and give to the needs of the poor and afflicted worldwide.

Grace Church's finances, including the annual budget, are overseen by its board of directors, who

serve without remuneration. Spending is overseen collectively by the Secretaries and Treasurer. All spending must be approved unanimously by the board. The board votes on expenditures, and the church approves an annual budget. If the board cannot make a unanimous decision, financial matters are voted on by the entire church with a majority rule.

Board of Directors

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Financial overview - Financial details for 2022 will be reported are available as separate attachments at <http://gracechurch.amsterdam/giving>