

# STRENGTHEN YOUR MINISTRY

in a partnership of trust



# TRUST IS EVERYTHING

## Trust takes time to build and yet can be lost in a heartbeat.

The CMA Standards Council reviews and publicly accredits Christian churches, charities, schools and other organisations which meet high standards of governance, transparency and accountability, and as their core element put God first.



TEAR believes that Christian organisations should strive for excellence in everything they do

– as stewards of God’s resources the CMA Standards Council helps affirm high accountability and encourages all ministries to strive for excellence.

– **Matthew Maury, CEO, TEAR**

If your Christian organisation is to prosper, it and its leaders must be beyond reproach, transparent and accountable.

This means that we need to ensure that there is:

- Christ centred leadership which puts God first, follows His ways and walks the talk;
- a willingness to allow your deeds to be judged by the world; and
- accountability to God, to the people you make promises to, and to the watching world.

Accreditation helps you satisfy yourself that your organisation is being run efficiently, and with integrity. It also gives your staff and supporters a high level of trust.

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“We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.”  
(St Paul: 2 Corinthians 8:20, 21)



Accreditation on Governance,  
Transparency and Accountability



Strengthens credibility  
and trust in your Ministry



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# WHY PARTNER WITH US?

## We want to be your Ministry Accountability Partner.

Accreditation is collaborative and straight forward. Throughout the process, we will assist and support you, to help you ensure that your organisation is being governed competently, meeting legal and industry standards.

CMA Standards Council accreditation is a valuable reputational asset which will help you to become more efficient, trustworthy and effective.

The CMA Standards Council provides us with sound standards, an external perspective and constructive assistance in our governance improvement journey.

– **David Angell**, Board of Elders Chairman, Gateway Baptist Church

The CMA Standards Council accreditation logo on your communications will:

- demonstrate that you are a well governed organisation, which is transparent and accountable;
- show that you meet biblical principles for governance and stewardship;
- confirm that you meet the ACNC's Governance Standards;
- give greater confidence to your existing and prospective members, donors, volunteers, employees, board members and the people you serve, leading to easier raising of funds and other resources; and
- be a signal to the world at large that Christian organisations in general, and our partners in particular, take integrity and wise stewardship of funds seriously.

Accredited organisations will be promoted on our main website and also on our donor site at [www.cmasc-generosity.net.au](http://www.cmasc-generosity.net.au), where we are drawing the attention of the Christian donor and philanthropic community to the ministries which have been accredited by the CMA Standards Council.



Increases confidence and giving



Builds resources for the Great Commission

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# THE 9 PRINCIPLES OF ACCREDITATION

## 1. God first

The organisation must declare its Christian ethos and confirm that it acts in accordance with that ethos.

## 2. Charitable status

The organisation must be a registered, legitimate and active Australian charity.

## 3. Diligent governance

The organisation must be governed by a properly structured body which acts with care, diligence and independence.

## 4. Responsible leadership

Leadership is critical and sets the culture of the entire organisation. The members of the organisation's governing body must be responsible, competent and comply with their legal obligations.

## 5. Charitable purpose

The governing body must ensure that the organisation carries out the purpose for which it exists.

## 6. Financial oversight

The governing body must undertake proper financial oversight of the organisation.

## 7. Risk management

The organisation must take steps to identify and monitor risks to which it is exposed.

## 8. Transparency and accountability

The organisation must be transparent and accountable to its stakeholders.

## 9. Honest communication

All gift appeals and stewardship activities of the organisation must be carried out in a truthful and ethical manner.

### International Christian Accountability



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