



PARTNERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATION BOOKLET.
“New Generation Churches and Ministries – Impacting their Nation and Generation!”

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WHO WE ARE

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP, also referred to as IIAF, is an extension of IMPACT INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, a non-profit corporation established in the USA, to further the purpose of the gospel ministry. IIAF has been established to develop and coordinate an affiliation of like minded covenant Pastors, churches and Ministry Leaders to impact the nations with an apostolic emphasis on the love of Jesus Christ. IIAF is an apostolic covering that honors the autonomy of the local church and ministries. IIAF is committed to the Great Commission of our Lord Matthew 28:19-20) and the vision of the IIAF, to train God’s people to reign on the earth as ambassadors for Christ. IIAF-Africa, is an extension of this vision for the Southern Africa Region,

WHY JOIN IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP

As the end of times is drawing near it is apparent that there is a need to return to foundational leadership truths (Eph. 2:20). There is a cry for apostolic leadership to build, pioneer, and father ministries. God is raising up an increasing awareness of the apostolic ministry. It has been reported that 40 % of churches close down in a ten year period but IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP, sees a need for churches and ministries to operate under God-given apostolic leadership and structure so that they can go the distance and not be defeated. Too many pastors and church leaders have felt confused and alone. This is not the original plan of God but rather the results of a religious spirit. By joining with an apostolic fellowship, individual ministries are strengthened to become part of a global team of ministries. Instead of operating as an “individual island” the affiliate ministry becomes a part of a greater cause. The minister receives love, nurturing, and instruction that will help him or her fulfill all that God has destined.

Prior to joining together both the organization and the desiring party must understand the vision and goals of one another. The church, organization or individual desiring to join IIAF - Africa must carefully ask itself the following questions:

1. Do we have a true understanding of the need for this kind of relationship? Do we realize our own limitations as a local ministry and appreciate the need for a greater team effort? Is this knowledge based on a Biblical conviction of the need for apostolic relationship?
2. Are we in agreement with the articles of faith, governmental structures, policies and procedures of IIAF - Africa? Will any points of difference jeopardize the relationship in the future?
3. Are we willing to follow IIAF - Africa recommendations for the impartation of IIAF leaders to share their hearts and impart apostolic vision to both the leadership of the church and the people as well?
4. Are we willing to trust God to develop the relationship, praying and fasting, believing that it can work, putting forth the necessary effort and being patient as God defines it?

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All these considerations must be honestly, realistically and prayerfully assessed. It will take faith in God as you pray and allow Him to develop this relationship. Once the decision is made that both parties share the same vision and the same heart as IIAF - Africa, then an Affiliation Agreement is drafted. This is a membership that can last a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 24 months. It allows an interim period of active participation in which the church/individual/ministry can come into harmony with both the spirit and the structure of IIAF-Africa.

OUR FUNCTION

- The planting, adopting and strengthening of member churches and ministries or individual ministers.
- Provide spiritual covering for affiliates
- Provide a safe place of fellowship for pastors and ministry leaders
- Provide ministry resources to help develop affiliates
- Provide a cooperative world missions program for IIAF members

OUR FOCUS

Our focus is on the heads of churches and ministries. We believe that the well being of the heads of ministries is the catalyst for the success of churches and ministries to advance the cause of Christ.

PURPOSE

Our purpose is to impact the nations with the Power of God.

VISION

To build a network of new breed ministers and ministries.

MISSION

Our mission is to pioneer and maintain an international apostolic ministry reaching to the ends of the earth.

AFFILIATION POLICY

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP desires to create a covering that will have multiple entry levels.

The levels are as follows:

A) PARTNER

These are churches, ministries or individuals that believe in what IIAF - Africa is doing and want to give financially. These churches or individuals, churches and ministries will receive monthly teachings and other tools from the IIAF. They will not have to apply for Partner status, but simply notify us of their desire to partner with us.

B) ASSOCIATE CHURCH OR MINISTRY

These are churches or five fold ministry gifts that have been independent ministries but have no covering or affiliation with any association. They desire to have a covering but wish to operate with their existing organizational development. They will maintain an independent name and identity but join on a "fellowship" level.

BENEFITS OF ASSOCIATE CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES

- Strategy & Teaching Material
- Church Planting Advice
- Help with Church and Ministerial Governmental Issues
- Help with Church Hiring Personnel
- Help with Church Financial Advice
- Personal counsel and impartation from the Director of IIAF-Africa

C) AFFILIATE

These are churches and/or five fold ministry gifts and individuals that are raised through IIAF-Africa Associated Churches, Bible Colleges and Apostolic Outreaches or have a close relational identity. They desire to fully subscribe to the teachings and apostolic structure of IIAF. They ultimately desire to become an extension of IIAF-Africa (Impact) and can adopt the name and branding where applicable.

BENEFITS

- The use of a growing ministerial identity (name branding, logo, publications, etc.)
- Networking with other IIAF churches/ministries Strategy & Teaching Material
- Church Planting Advice
- Help with Church Governmental Issues
- Help with Church Hiring Personnel
- Help with Church Financial Advice
- Personal counsel and impartation from the Director of IIAF-Africa.

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STEPS TOWARD AFFILIATION

A. Upon request IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP – Africa’s administrative office will forward an application for affiliation to the requesting party. The senior pastor, and/or official council of that church, will complete the application and return it to IIAF. Application for affiliation should be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an IIAF affiliate or a respectable minister of God.

- * A Church or Ministry Vision Statement.
- * A Statement of Faith of the Church or Ministry.
- * A recent photograph of the Applicant.

B. After the application is reviewed an interview will take place between the President and Director of IIAF-Africa and the pastor or board applying for Associate or Affiliate status.

C. If the application is accepted, a letter will be forwarded to the applicant stating its acceptance.

LOCAL CHURCH REGULATIONS

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP – Africa, believes that the pastor should have the vision for the church and surrounding area so that the model is based on his apostolic giftings.

Many churches function within a legal authority of its governing body. Some churches operate excellently under this structure but the structure is only a tool of the man that has been called over the people under his care.

In the IIAF-Africa Affiliation Membership we have allowed for the functioning of local church governments as the pastor appointed sees fit.

IIAF-Africa sees that the pastors should act as the CEO with the majority of authority as he will be answerable for the teachings and maturity of the congregation.

Some churches operate great under the direction of an advisory board while others operate well with a board of directors and deacons but all methods are not equal to the pastor's personality or giftings. All the churches have to meet the SARS or (Receiver of Revenue of that Country's) statutes of nonprofit status qualifications. IIAF will through a process help new church governments and work with existing churches on acceptable church regulations.

We will discuss under the Affiliation Membership Levels where an individual fits or the new church will fit in and how an existing church can continue to operate with what is working on the local church's behalf.

IIAF vision is to allow the Holy Spirit to move with the gifts of the Spirit so that people can live in the liberty for which Christ died. IIAF believes that integrity and honor to God the Father is what will make the difference and not governmental regulations and to this end IIAF operates within a code of ethics. All levels of affiliation will be held to the code of ethics principles so that all levels work in unity for the deliverance of the power of God.

COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

I. ADMINISTRATION

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP, through its affiliate churches, fund administrative offices and staff, handle the day to day operations and carry out the recommendations and decisions of IIAF Council of elders.

These expenses come under the heading of Administrative Expenses.

II CHURCH PLANTING AND ADOPTING

We believe that IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP - Africa is called of God to birth and to plant new churches in areas of the Southern Africa Region which have no strong and continuing witness, and planting of new churches and Bible Colleges, working the common vision that God has given the IIAF. For that reason IIAF, through its affiliated churches, is responsible to give financial assistance to plant these new works as needed, based upon available funds and vision priority.

Allocations of these funds are based upon the recommendation of the Council of elders with final approval by the Council of elders of IIAF.

We believe that years, perhaps even decades of precious time can be saved through the cooperative effort of our members binding together to fund significant works in strategic areas of our nations. These disbursements come under the heading of *Church Planting*.

III. EXISTING CHURCH SUPPORT

IMPACT APOSTOLIC INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP - Africa may financially assist pioneering or struggling member churches. IIAF feels responsible to prayerfully consider each request as to how, when, and in what manner the cooperative funds should be allocated. Each request for assistance will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

IV. FOREIGN MISSIONS

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP - Africa maintains the administrative ability to offer our members the opportunity to become involved in a cooperative missions program by:

1. Being a part of a short or long term mission team trip.

Team members may participate by:

- a. Serving as Intercessors
- b. Ministry of the Word in churches, bible schools, conferences
- c. Medical Missions
- d. Building Projects

2. Planting of Local Churches and bible schools.

3. Financially donating to missions projects.

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FINANCES

The existence of Impact International Apostolic Fellowship hinges upon the vital principles of relationship and covenant. God has drawn each unique ministry to be a part of the global network. Together we form a mighty army reaching to the ends of the earth.

In order to fulfill vision we must be able to finance it. How is this accomplished? We believe that the Apostle Paul's relationship with the Phillipian church provides the ultimate model. The Philippians joined in ministerial partnership with Paul and supported his ministry there and abroad through their giving. IIAF-Africa asks every participant to pray and sow according to the leading of The Lord.

Members will be encouraged to sow on a monthly basis. Churches and ministries may elect to send a tithe to the fellowship if they feel led. We encourage all individuals to tithe to their local assembly.

In addition to freewill offerings members may be encouraged at times to sow into special projects such as church planting, missions, or other IIAF-Africa projects. All giving will be at the discretion of the participant. It is our belief that provision follows vision and therefore we are confident members will be willing to sow as they have received.

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP-Africa is committed to any participating minister or ministry is to provide an annual finance report to its members upon request. This insures the integrity of our hearts and our fellowship as we continue to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Affiliate churches and ministries** (Impact church plants, satellite campuses, and Impact adopted churches) will be held to a higher level of financial responsibility. They are expected to tithe back into the fellowship due to sponsorship and greater level of relationship.

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ORDINATION POLICY

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP believes that ministers of the Word must operate completely under the direction of the Holy Spirit of God and will under the direction of the Holy Spirit ordain individuals that they feel have a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ORDINATION QUALIFICATIONS

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP believes that the candidate must fulfill the qualifications as outlined in 1Timothy 3:17 in terms of maturity and character.

1. Must be actively pursuing the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Must demonstrate a call to the ministry consistent with the need for ordination as a minister.
3. Must have completed a minimum of two years of ministry training in a Bible College, School of Ministry, Seminary or other proven institute. A waiver will be considered if the applicant has two years of hands-on experience in a credible ministry. Church attendance does not meet this requirement. Applicant must have been functioning in a ministerial capacity for two years. The applicant must prove experience by acquiring a ministry training waiver form from IIAF-Africa and having their ministry supervisor complete said form. Please note: it shall be at the discretion of the President of IIAF if said form meets the criteria.
4. Must be active in a local church. If the applicant does not display stability and submission to a local church Pastor, the applicant will be denied.
5. We believe that ordination is holy and constitutes a validation of the individual's ministry by a governing body. As the representatives of that governing body, we feel that relationship with IIM and its leaders is the key. The applicant must know that God has called him or her to "link-up" with the IIAF-Africa's vision.
6. Should it be determined that the applicant does not meet the criteria for ordination at the time of application, it is possible that ministerial licensing may be awarded for a period of one year. At the end of that year, the applicant may resubmit an application for ordination.
7. Ordination is a privilege subject to annual evaluation and may be revoked at anytime should IIAF-Africa directors deem it appropriate.

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TENANTS OF RELATIONSHIP

1. Fellowship - Active attendance at events hosted by the IIAF-Africa. i.e. Minister's Conferences, Camp meeting, Seminars, Rallies, etc.
2. Communication - Stay abreast of growing vision and ministries at IIAF-Africa. Also, provide information and updates on your ministry.

3. Common Goals - Ultimately when two parties come into covenant they should be pursuing the same vision. Make sure that you know, understand and agree with the vision of IIAF. Agreement is one of the most powerful tools in the world.
4. Giving - Throughout the Word of God, we see that money is a tool to spread the Gospel. Paul commended the Philippian church for supporting his ministry. Where your heart is, your wallet will follow. If you are in covenant with IIAF-Africa, there should be communication in the area of giving and receiving.
5. Loyalty - We are a family. We are only as strong as each other. We need to be loyal to one another.
6. Must agree with the following: IIAF Tenants of Faith, IIAF Vision and IIAF Leadership Requirements.
7. Must be a tither / regular giver in the local church. In whatever local church the applicant fellowships, they must be faithfully tithing and giving.
8. Must display financial stability and character. Recent bankruptcy, delinquent accounts, etc. will be considered in determining readiness for ordination.
9. Must display Godly character consistent with Christian faith and ministry.
10. Doctrine must be sound and consistent with the philosophy of IIAF-Africa.

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TRANSFER OF ORDINATION

Candidates for ordination who hold current credentials of ordination with another evangelical church organization will be required to complete a review process at which time the review will be conducted by the Regional Director or his designated representative.

Upon completion of the review, a decision will be issued as to necessary steps to complete ordination.

NEW PASTORS

IIAF is an apostolic building ministry and welcomes the opportunity to launch new pastors into the ministry. Candidate must meet all requirements for ordination by IIAF.

ORDINATION PROCEDURE

Requests for ordination shall be made in writing by the pastor who has oversight of the candidate to the IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP local executive.

The candidate shall be interviewed in person by the Regional Director or the Director's designated representative of IIAF-Africa.

The ordination certificate shall be signed by the Regional Director of IIAF-Africa.

IIAF is willing to help in restoring ministers that have previously held ordination papers and have allowed the call of God to lie dormant or that need help in overcoming problems in their life.

IIAF believes that the enemy of the church has been successful in destroying individuals that have been called and is willing to help them as repentance is evidenced and restoration is completed.

CODE OF ETHICS & CODE OF ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP shall practice and maintain the highest standards of evangelical conduct and ethics in the ministry of Christian leadership. Affiliates of IIAF-Africa are supporters of an association that operates with the understanding for apostolic outreach, recognizing that we are servants of God, submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. They hold themselves accountable for their God-given ministries. The accountability is through the voluntary acceptance and practice of the principles and procedures expressed in this CODE OF ETHICS. Members of IIAF-Africa on any of the affiliation levels must be willing to accept the statement of faith that IIAF supports and by signing this CODE OF ETHICS are hereby agreeing with the Statement of Faith.

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PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED

The Code of Ethics is to be applied to all levels of IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP affiliation. These standards are not intended to be weighty and oppressive measures, but the highest standards that each member can aspire to, in ethics and professionalism.

COVENANT OF STANDARDS

We, as IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP members, in order to maintain the highest CODE OF ETHICS do covenant to abide by the following foundations.

We are:

1. Committed to maintain current, responsible affiliation with IIAF-Africa.
2. Committed to a non-discrimination policy with regard on the basis of race, gender, national origin.
3. Committed to continued personal and professional conduct through participation in: conferences and seminars of this affiliation.
4. Committed to personal spiritual, physical and emotional health.
5. Committed to representing this association with awareness that we are servants and co-laborers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We covenant together to be His representatives in the communities that we serve. We take full and complete responsibility for our own individual behavior in personal, social, ministerial and professional arenas.

PRINCIPLES FOR LIABILITY OR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

1. Each member of the IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP with regards to the professional ministry and practice of pastoral counseling should carefully consider the value of professional liability insurance, as IIAF will NOT accept responsibility or liability, for any actions or misconduct of any member.
2. Members may contact the IIAF Regional head office for recommended carriers and providers of liability insurance.
3. A lawsuit, whether justified or not, could drain the financial resources of your ministry. Be aware that individual misconduct is the sole responsibility of the member of IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP. Membership in the IIAF does not, in any way, imply culpability or liability on the part of IIAF for any individual's misconduct, unethical behavior, or criminal actions.

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GENERAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND REVOCATION POLICY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

The following are the general procedures, for filing a formal complaint with the IIAF-Africa. INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP regarding a member of the IIAF who is held to be a member in good standing. These procedures may be changed from time to time, and it is up to the complainant to review the process and the procedures of the IIAF to determine if the action of complaint to the IIAF is the proper forum for filing the type of grievance held by the complainant.

Disclosure notice: Any formal complaints submitted against IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP members in good standing must be of importance to bring

to the Regional Director of IIAF-Africa. IIAF-Africa has no desire, or the ability, liability, or culpability, to police or chaperone, its members in their ministries, churches, or pastoral practices. Should a fellow member of the IIAF, or a member of the general public, believe a member of the IIAF is in violation of good Christian behavior, then the following is the generally accepted, and Biblically-based process:

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL REVOCATION ITEMS

- 1) Heresy
- 2) Conduct which violates Biblical principles
- 3) Unwillingness to comply with the CODE OF ETHICS
- 4) Choosing not to support IIAF with financial support
- 5) Failure to keep adequate records, and/or the destroying of church records.
- 6) Immoral or alternative sexual behavior not Biblically based.

Complaints regarding of actions and behaviors of a member of the IIAF must be sent to the Regional office of IIAF-Africa in writing and must be signed by the individual submitting the complaint. Additionally, the individual who is filing the complaint must provide the IIAF with their address and telephone number(s). Anonymous complaints are not accepted and the complaint must be submitted to the IIAF within 180 days (six months) of the member's alleged failure and/or unethical action/behavior.

The complainant should provide certain minimum elements of fact and documentation as support of the written complaint and attach corroborating materials to the complaint. Complaints regarding the actions and behaviors of a member of IIAF must address only those actions and behaviors which would bring reproach on the member's professional standing in IIAF-Africa and might be determined to be in violation of certain ethical codes or behavior standards, as espoused by IIAF and agreed to by the member.

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IIAF-Africa will forward a copy of the signed complaint, via Certified Mail, to the IIAF member (subject of the complaint) along with notification that a written complaint has been received and that the matter will be investigated by an Ethics Committee and/or the IIAF Executive. The member must respond back to the IIAF Executive, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the certified letter notification of a filed complaint.

Upon receipt of the written complaint, IIAF-Africa will, if determined necessary, appoint a multi-member committee to serve as the Ethics Committee. This committee will receive and gather information regarding the complaint by any means deemed necessary. Upon review of the matter, IIAF will make a determination regarding the necessary action. The member, and the complainant (or a legal representative), will be notified by Certified Mail as to the final decision/action that has been determined, which will be consistent with IIAF policies and membership standards.

The member, against whom the complaint was filed, is expected to provide full and honest cooperation with any and all members of the appointed Ethics Committee and/or the IIAF Executive. Failure to do so will result in immediate revocation of all IIAF affiliation held by the individual who is being investigated. The member, as subject of the complaint, must submit, within 30 days, a written response directly to the IIAF Executive and/or Ethics Committee, limiting the response to address only the scope and content of the original complaint.

During any time in the process of investigation of any complaint against an IIAF-Africa affiliated member, the member may elect to resign their membership and relinquish any and all held positions within IIAF-Africa. The action of resignation, as elected by a member, and put in writing to the IIAF Executive, would not be construed as an admission or denial of guilt. The IIAF-Africa Executive will send notification to the member, by Certified Mail, of acceptance of the resignation, and will render the case "Closed by Member Resignation." As such, the matter will be mutually resolved. Member election of resignation is considered a permanent status and, under no circumstances, will the individual's membership be restored. Additionally, the member is required to immediately cease any advertising or inference of affiliation or relationship with IIAF-Africa.

Should discipline necessitate revocation of a member's ordination and/or membership, IIAF-Africa shall notify the member by Certified Mail. Upon receipt of this notification, the member is immediately required to return to IIAF-Africa any and all certificates or licenses awarded by IIAF-Africa. Additionally, the member is required to immediately cease any advertising or inference of any affiliation or relationship with the IIAF.

NOTICE

Acceptance of membership with IMPACT INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC FELLOWSHIP-Africa is a pledge to abide by these covenant principles and to hold harmless IIAF and its staff, members, and Executive Officers, etc., regarding any disciplinary actions taken against members by IIAF. IIAF Executive Officers reserves the right to deny membership, affiliation and/or ordination to any individual without providing reason or cause. Additionally, the IIAF Executive reserves the right to revoke membership, affiliation and/or ordination without providing reason or cause. IIAF Executive and its board members are not liable for the actions or behaviors of its members, (personally or professionally), or any schools or institutions, which use its training program and/or curriculum.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Impact International Ministries considers certain truths to be fundamental to an understanding of our relationship to the One True and Living God.

1. ONE TRUE GOD

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existence I Am, The Creator of the Universe, and the Redeemer of mankind (Deuteronomy 6: 4; Exodus 3: 14; Isaiah 43: 10 - 11). God has further revealed Himself as a being, manifested as father, son and Holy Spirit (Isaiah 48: 16; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:

2. THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED

All scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are inerrant revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3: 15 - 17; I Thessalonians 2: 13; I Peter 1: 21).

3. THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God and, as such, shares in the Divinity and Deity of God (Matthew 1: 23, John 5: 22; II John 3: Hebrews 1: 1-3).

4. ORIGINAL SIN & THE FALL OF MAN

Man was created good and upright for God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . (Genesis 1: 26 - 27). The first man, Adam through disobedience, fell from the grace of God and, thus, sin entered into the world and death by sin. Adam's transgression incurred not only physical death for man, but also spiritual death which is eternal separation from God (Genesis 2:1-18,3:4-6).

Man's propensity to sin, because of his sinful nature, necessitates salvation from the power of sin and a savior to provide that salvation (Romans 7: 13 - 25).

5. THE SALVATION OF MAN

Man's only hope of redemption and salvation from the power of sin is through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4: 12; Romans 5: 8 - 13, 10:9; James 1: 21; Ephesians 2: 8)

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6. CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd (John 10: 11) and the Great Shepherd (Hebrews 13: 20). The Lord Jesus is the head of the New Testament church (Eph. 1:22). All other ministers serve as under-shepherds.

7. THE CHURCH & ITS MISSION

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Holy Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of His great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and the church of the firstborn, which was written in heaven (Ephesians 1: 22 - 33, 2:22; Hebrews 12: 23). We also believe that the local congregation of Christian believers is divinely instituted and is the chosen instrument of God for the furtherance of God's work upon the earth. While appreciating the work of parachurch groups, we believe that the local church is God's chosen vehicle for world evangelism, the nurturing of Christians and the equipping of the saints to work the ministry thereby building the body of Christ. Since God's purpose, concerning man, is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshiped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son.

It is the responsibility of the church:

- To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1: 8; Matthew 28: 19 - 29; Mark 16: 15 - 16).
- To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (I Corinthians 12: 28, 14: 12).

8. BAPTISM IN WATER

The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water is commanded in the scriptures.

All who repent of their sins and believe in Christ, as Savior and Lord, are to be baptized. This is a declaration to the world that they identify with Christ in His death and have been raised with Him in newness of Life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16: 16; Acts 10: 47 & 48; Romans 6: 4).

9. THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and the cup of the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1: 4). It is a memorial of his suffering and death (I Corinthians 11: 26), a prophecy of His Second Coming (I Corinthians 11: 26), and is enjoined on all believers until He comes again.

10. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues, as the Holy Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2: 4).

With the baptism in the Holy Spirit, comes the enduing of power of life and service, the bestowing of the gifts (or anointing) of Christ and their uses in the ministry of the Body of Christ (Luke 24: 49; Acts 1:4 & 8; I Corinthians 12: 1 - 31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8: 12 - 17, 10: 44 - 47, 1: 14 - 15, 15: 7 - 9).

11. EVER INCREASING FAITH

Faith of the heart (Romans 10: 9 - 10) is based on the hearing (spiritual understanding) of Gods Word (Romans 10:17). Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Christians are saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8), justified by faith (Romans 3: 28; 5:1) (Galatians 2:16, 3:11), shall live by faith (Romans 1: 16 - 17; Hebrews 10: 38), and overcome the world by faith (I John 5: 4).

12. DIVINE HEALING

Divine healing was provided for in the Old Testament (Exodus 15: 23 - 26; Psalms 103: 1 - 3, Isaiah 53: 4 - 5) and is an integral part of the Gospel (Matthew 8: 16 - 17; Acts 5: 16; James 5: 14 - 16).

13. APOSTOLIC POWER

Upon Jesus' resurrection, He gave gifts unto the Church for the purpose of establishing the Church, educating and equipping believers to evangelize the world and operate under the executive order of an Apostolic government. These ministry gifts are Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. The Apostolic government is led and directed first by the Apostle, secondarily Prophets and thirdly, Teachers (Ephesians 4:8-16, 1 Corinthians 12:28).

14. WORSHIP

We believe that the whole purpose of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Therefore, we believe in the act of worshipping God with one's total being as set forth in the Holy Scriptures (Psalm 150; Mark 12:29-31; Ephesians 5:18-21)

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15. MINISTERS TO THE CHURCH

We believe in the divinely called, commissioned, and equipped five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers as given to the church by the Lord Jesus Christ after His ascension. We further believe that all Christians are called to be ambassadors for Christ and that all believers have been given the ministry of reconciliation (Ephesians 4:11-13; II Corinthians 5:20).

16. LAYING ON OF HANDS

We believe in the doctrine of laying on of hands for:

- A. The confirming of believer to commitment and ministry in the local church.
- B. The confirming of one's call of God to special ministry in the local church. (Acts 13: 13; Ephesians 4:1, 7)
- C. The imparting of spiritual gifts (I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6).
- D. The experiencing of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17-18).
- E. The ministering of healing to the sick through the Lord Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:16).
- F. The blessing and dedication of children to the Lord. (Mark 10:16).

We further believe that in obedience to the Holy Spirit, we should lay hands on no man suddenly but that the laying on of hands confirms a ministry which is already observable and proven (I Timothy 5:22).

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