



## International Ministerial Fellowship®

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# APPLICATION FOR CHURCH ALLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP® (A Minnesota Corporation)

*IMF is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals and the Association of International Mission Services (AIMS).*

Attach photograph  
of church building  
or congregation

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Name of Church

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Name of Pastor

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Date



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY, FILL IN COMPLETELY  
& RETURN WITH YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE.  
(Use additional pages as needed)

APPLICATION FOR CHURCH ALLIANCE  
WITH  
INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP®  
(A Minnesota Corporation)

1. Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_
2. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_
4. City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_
5. Church Office Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Church Fax No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
7. Church Website \_\_\_\_\_
8. Legal Structure (check accordingly):
  - Non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation (enclose a copy of your Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws)
  - Letter of Recognition as a Tax Exempt Organization (enclose a copy if you have a letter of recognition from the IRS).
  - Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Organizational structure (if your organization has more than one Board or Council, check only the governing board):
  - Board of Directors
  - Board of Elders
  - Board of Trustees
  - Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. State the religious history of the Church (use additional paper as needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 11. Have you considered the IMF Statement of Faith and are you in agreement with it?  Yes  No
- 12. Have you read the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of IMF and are you in agreement with them?  Yes  No
- 13. Have you read the Constructive Discipline Policy and do you agree to abide by it?  Yes  No
- 14. Attach a copy of your Statement of Faith and/or your recognized creed.
- 15. When was the Church organized and regularly scheduled services begun? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. When are your regular services conducted? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Indicate average attendance at your Sunday morning services (or whenever your primary weekly service meets):  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. Describe your place of worship. Also, if the Church does not own the property, please list the name, address and phone number of the owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Describe the specific requirements for church membership (attach copy as needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. Do members have voting rights? List any controls the congregation has over the pastor(s) or any voice it has in choosing the pastor(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. Please list the names, addresses and phone numbers of officers and members of the Board of Directors:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(President) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Treasurer) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone)

22. Please list the names, addresses and phone numbers of the pastor(s):

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone) (E-mail)
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Phone) (E-mail)

*Use additional pages as needed.*

- 23. Financial Responsibility. It is requested that alliance churches consider tithing one percent (1%) of the congregation's income to the Fellowship. Most alliance churches make it part of their annual missions giving budget. It is required at a minimum, that alliance churches receive two free will offerings a year for the Fellowship (many churches use May and October). IMF will supply free bulletin inserts for those two Sundays upon request. These free will offerings are not requested for IMF if the church is giving 1% per annum.
- 24. Ministry cooperation: member organizations are encouraged to review IMF missionaries for possible future support as led by the Lord.

***AGREEMENT FOR CHURCH ALLIANCE WITH  
INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP***

We hereby covenant and agree together as individual organizations to promote and propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to encourage the establishment of Christian missions and church planting among the peoples of the world and to participate in works of charity as led by the Holy Spirit.

We agree to comply with the congregational requirements as designated in Appendix A of this application. Any notice hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed first class, prepaid postage, addressed as follows:

IMF: Church Alliance Committee  
International Ministerial Fellowship  
P.O. Box 32366  
Minneapolis, MN 55432-0366

Church: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Our purpose and statement of faith are defined in the Articles of Incorporation of International Ministerial Fellowship (a Minnesota corporation).

In witness whereof, this has been executed by an authorized representative of the church and accepted by International Ministerial Fellowship in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

_____ (Church Name)  By: _____ Its: _____ Date: _____	International Ministerial Fellowship  By: _____ Its: _____ Date: _____
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Stamp \_\_\_\_\_



# Agreement for Church Alliance with International Ministerial Fellowship Appendix A

As an authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of Congregation) (Street Address)  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City) (State)

I agree on its behalf to the following requirements for partnering alliance with International Ministerial Fellowship (IMF), a Minnesota corporation, and an Alliance of Churches, ministers, missionaries and other Christian ministers and laymen:

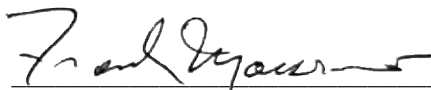
- 1) Submission of a letter on church stationery requesting partnership in the IMF Alliance of Churches along with a completed and notarized Church Alliance Application.
- 2) The pastor of the congregation shall be a member of IMF or shall agree to take steps within 30 days of the submission of the Church Alliance Covenant to become an individual member of the Fellowship.
- 3) Submit with the application a copy of the congregation's Constitution and By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation (whichever is appropriate), along with your \$150 non-refundable application fee.
- 4) In support of the Missions Department of the Alliance, provide one percent (1%) of the church's contributions or submit twice per year (May and October) a free-will offering. IMF will supply free bulletin inserts for those two Sundays upon request. (Check accordingly):
  - One percent (1%) of tithes and offerings
  - Two free-will offerings per year (May and October)
- 5) Annually, upon request, complete a Nomination Ballot provided by the IMF headquarters nominating one or more persons to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association. The By-Laws of the Association require that no less than fifty percent (50%) of the Board of Directors members be nominated by churches in covenant with the Fellowship.
- 6) By God's grace seek to be an active partner church and participate in this Association's activities as guided by the Holy Spirit.
- 7) Seek to be faithful to our commitments.

This Alliance Agreement may be terminated by a majority vote of the congregation to withdraw, and a sixty (60) day written notice to the Association.

Read and agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor or Chairperson of Board

Read and agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Masserano, General Secretary



## International Ministerial Fellowship Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired, undivided, infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and redemptive death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is biblically essential.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling and empowerment the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and through whom the Spiritual enablements are operational in the Church today.

We believe that God has provided to desiring believers an enduement of Spiritual power for the evangelization of the lost.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the Spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Benefits of a Church Alliance with International Ministerial Fellowship

1. Alliance with other churches and mutual relationships for the pastor and congregation.<sup>1</sup>
2. Fellowship with 1,250 members in 50 states in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.
3. Provides a Biblical and systematic process by which your ministers coming up in your church can be developed and credentialed that is recognized by the IRS. This is one item (out of 14) by which the IRS recognizes a local congregation as a legitimate church (subject to all benefits as provided by IRS law).
4. A recognized Ecclesiastical Endorsing agency to your church to provide not only proper ministerial credentials, but Ecclesiastical Endorsement which is required by all military services, Federal prison systems and many civilian chaplaincy programs for individuals coming out of your congregation who desire to serve as professional chaplains
5. In case of unexpected death or incapacitation of the Senior Pastor, membership provides a godly and compassionate staff and a group of Senior Pastors to help guide the congregation through what can be a most devastating time of transition (upon request only).
6. Provides regular short-term mission trips for smaller churches that find it difficult to staff and plan trips for their youth and/or adults.
7. Provides a well-recognized and effective Mission Sending Agency with 100+ missionaries in 51 countries. Services to missionaries from your congregation include: mission training; deputized fundraising; budget development (including 1-, 3- and 5-year plans); prompt receipting of all donations; maintaining missionary donor lists; desktop publishing of bi-monthly color newsletters, printing, posting and mailing; insurance plans and medical evacuations. This is a great resource to your church missionaries.
8. Also regarding missionaries, if you are a newer church without missionaries or simply need to add to your missions program, you have immediate access to our Agency missionaries and can choose the person and countries you wish to support. Pledges for the support of individual missionaries are separate from the 1% Solution or bi-annual free will offerings which go to help cover the costs of operating the Mission Sending Agency.
9. Provides a network for you to turn to when desiring to hire additional qualified ministry staff.
10. IT (Information Technology): Partnering Churches are offered (upon request) free labor, free server services and free set-up of a three (3) page website. The church must pay for its own website domain name, equipment and software.
11. Area Ministry Partner Luncheons held in a different state each month to help provide the opportunity for IMF ministers and pastors to meet and fellowship.
12. Biennial National Conference with nationally-known speakers; including preaching, teaching, singers, dancers and Christian entertainment.

**Note:** Please review the many additional services provided for individual ministers and pastors listed in our various brochures.

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<sup>1</sup> IMF carefully protects the independent status of our Alliance of Churches. It in no way has, nor attempts to exercise, any legal authority over the pastor, church, congregation or church property. Our partnership is relational only by mutual consent as led by the Holy Spirit. Please see the Agreement for Church Alliance on Page 4 of the Application for Church Alliance. The relationship can be dissolved by a majority vote of the congregation to withdraw, and a sixty (60) day written notice to the Association.

