



## International Ministerial Fellowship<sup>®</sup>

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# APPLICATION FOR PARA-CHURCH ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP<sup>SM</sup> (A Minnesota Corporation)

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



IMF Headquarters Building

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Name of Para-Church Organization

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Name of Director

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Date



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY AND FILL IN COMPLETELY  
(Use additional pages as needed)

APPLICATION FOR  
PARA-CHURCH ORGANIZATION  
IN  
INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP<sup>SM</sup>  
(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. Organization Fax No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

7. Organization 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 Organization (use additional paper as needed): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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. Attach a copy of your Statement of Faith and/or your recognized creed.
14. When was the Organization organized and describe the purpose and mission of the organization? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do members have voting rights? List any controls the members of the organization have over the board. Most 50(c)(3) religious corporations are board/staff driven (controlled): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

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|----|-------------|------------------|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| 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) |

17. Please list the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Chairman of the Board and the Director of the organization:

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|----|--------|------------------|--------|---------|-------|--------------|----------|
| 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.

18. Please enclose a copy of official governing board's minutes showing an approved resolution authorizing IMF as the 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation of choice by the Board to receive any real or chattel property after all legal debts have been paid should the Board not specify any other non-profit 501(c)(3) to receive said property upon the dissolution of the church organization or corporation.
19. Financial Responsibility. All applicant para-churches organizations are required to pay a \$100 non-refundable application fee.  
 Membership Commitment:
  - Under \$1 million in revenue: \$250 annually
  - More than \$1 million in revenue: \$450 annually
20. Ministry cooperation: Member organizations are encouraged to review IMF missionaries for possible support as led by the Lord.

## COVENANT AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 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.

We agree to comply with the para-church organization membership criteria as designated in Appendix A of this agreement. Either party may terminate this agreement by written notice to the other at least 90 days in advance of the effective date of termination. Any notice hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed first class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

IMF:                    Membership and Credentials Committee  
                              International Ministerial Fellowship  
                              P.O. Box 32366  
                              Minneapolis, MN 55432-0366

Para-Church Organization:

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Organization Name)

International Ministerial Fellowship

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Its: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Its: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature _____	Date _____
Subscribed and affirmed to before me this ____ day of _____, 200__.	
Notary Public _____	Notary Stamp

## Para-Church Organization Criteria Appendix A

The criteria for para-church membership in IMF is as follows:

- a) Send International Ministerial Fellowship a letter on organization stationery, signed by the Director or Board Representatives requesting membership in IMF and stating how you believe we could be mutually beneficial to one another. Include a completed application form with requested documents and a signed Covenant Agreement (see page four of the Application Form).
- b) The organization must be directed by a minister, licensed or ordained by IMF, and in good standing with the Association. If the Director has been previously ordained by another organization, said credentials may be transferred to IMF.
- c) The organization must be incorporated, have a governing board, a Statement of Faith and a mission statement (purpose and goals) consistent with those of IMF.
- d) Each organization is requested to enter into the minutes of their governing board's minutes or their by-laws, a statement inviting IMF to serve as an arbiter concerning issues of conflict only upon written request by the Director or a majority of the Board of Directors. God has used IMF leadership in helping to resolve organizational conflicts in a biblical and sensitive way.
- e) Should the organization ever be dissolved, in order to help prevent any personal and real property from defaulting to the State, it is requested that the Board of Directors consider including the following article in the By-Laws or Board Minutes:

### **Distribution Upon Liquidation or Dissolution Clause**

*(This is optional - only a safety net)*

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, the remaining property and assets of the corporation shall be distributed in such a manner as the Board of Directors shall by majority vote determine, either exclusively for the purposes for which the corporation is formed or consistent with such purposes, to such organization or organizations organized and operated for those purposes as shall at such time qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in effect at the adoption of these Articles of Incorporation, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. Should the Board of Directors fail to designate a qualifying non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, the property and remaining assets, after making provision for payment of all liabilities shall revert to International Ministerial Fellowship (a Minnesota non-profit corporation) as long as it has continued to be a 501(c)(3) corporation, which shall utilize the assets in conformity with its corporate purposes and non-profit status as a 501(c)(3) corporation. No voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation shall be effected except by duly authorized acts of the Board of Directors.

- f) Membership Commitment:
  - Under \$1 million in revenue: \$250 annually
  - More than \$1 million in revenue: \$450 annually
- g) Each organization shall sign a "Covenant Agreement with International Ministerial Fellowship." (See page 4 of the application form).
- h) Each organization's application for membership must be approved by the IMF Membership Committee.

## **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 endowment 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.

**Para-Church Organization Criteria  
Appendix B**

We agree and sign below to the following terms upon becoming Para-Church Organization Members of International Ministerial Fellowship:

- a) Ministry quarterly reports (which can be printed off of the IMF website) will be sent into the IMF office in a timely manner.
- b) Annual financial statements will be signed "true and correct" by the Corporate Secretary and provided to the Accounting department on your own initiative.

Failure to comply with the above requests will result in a ministry review by the Membership Committee.

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- I have read, understand and agree to these requests. (Please sign, date and return to the IMF Office along with your application)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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