



# MEMBERSHIP ROSTERING CREDENTIALS AND REQUIREMENTS

## General Clergy Requirements

International Ministerial Fellowship is an Association of Christian churches, ministers and missionaries. Our Membership & Rostering Review Board recognizes various levels of ministry service based on one's spiritual call, gifts, biblical and theological training, ministry experience, field of service, as recognition by church and ministry leadership. Membership and rostering (credentials) include:

### PROFESSIONAL CLERGY

**Ordained Minister** – Those prepared and experienced in local church ministry having a clear calling, biblical and theological education and training, having an established and proven pulpit ministry, and regularly practicing all sacerdotal services. **\$245 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**

**Licensed Minister** – Those who have a clear call to local church ministry and are in the active process of biblical and theological education, or in ministry training in the local church or in a recognized para-church ministry. They are authorized to preach and perform all sacerdotal services (baptism, communion, weddings, funerals and administration in the church), and are doing so under recognized ministry leadership. **\$215 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**

**Special Ministry License** – Those who have a clear call to Christian ministry in the local church or a recognized para-church organization who do not have a call to pulpit ministry, but serve in directly-related support ministry with biblical and theological education demonstrating spiritual gifts and ministry skills under recognized ministry leadership. They are authorized to perform all sacerdotal services. **\$195 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**

**Commissioned Minister** – Those who have a clear call to Christian ministry and service who have some biblical and theological education and training, who serve in evangelism, outreach ministries or community service under recognized ministry leadership. They are authorized to perform all sacerdotal services. **\$195 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**

**Commission to Preach** – Those who have a clear call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ who are in a mentoring relationship under a local church Senior Pastor. They are encouraged to pursue their biblical and theological education and training, preach and teach as given opportunity in their local church, and to submit to their church leadership and ministry mentor. They are NOT authorized to perform sacerdotal services. **\$135 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**

### LAY MINISTERS

**Lay Pastor** – Those who are called to pastoral care ministries under the leadership of professional clergy in the local church. They must have a clear call, Lay Pastor's training, and an understanding of the difference in roles as defined and accepted in their denomination or local church. They are NOT authorized to perform sacerdotal services. **\$135 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**

**Christian Worker** – A Christian layperson who evidences any number of spiritual gifts as defined in Scripture and who is actively serving under the authority and leadership of a mentoring pastor. They may have varying degrees of biblical education or training. They are NOT authorized to perform sacerdotal services. **\$120 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**

### OTHER

**Associate Member (Non-Credentialed)** – An Associate Member is entitled to all the rights and privileges accorded to a General Member. Ordained or licensed clergy who join IMF as Associate Members are accorded the same respect as an IMF member with their clerical standing. Although the Associate Member may be credentialed by their own denomination, we honor them and the ministry God has established through their faithful service to Christ. Since they are not credentialed with IMF, they are NOT authorized by IMF to perform sacerdotal services. **\$100 annual fee + required monthly faith promise of member's choice.**