

# FELLOWSHIP

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INTERNATIONAL  
MINISTERS  
FELLOWSHIP



## International Ministers Fellowship at a Glance

International Ministers Fellowship is a network of ministers of the gospel across the globe that share a common passion for holiness, yielding to the Holy Spirit for leadership and empowerment and a recognition that fellowship with likeminded co-labourers is central to gaining divine approval. It is thus an organism, a living, loving network of like-minded ministers of the gospel who share a passion for intimacy with the Lord and genuine relationship with each other for accountability in an increasingly hostile world.

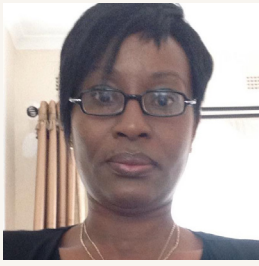
### Our Unique 7-Point Vision

The International Ministers Fellowship is unique in a number of respects.

- **Firstly**, it is inclusive, embracing senior and younger ministers of the gospel, male and female who have a felt need to encourage one another to make pursuit of holiness a prime pursuit.
- **Secondly**, it breaks down standard walls that divide the Body of Christ as members cut across denominational barriers, united by faith in Christ Jesus, purity of life and dependency on the Holy Spirit for empowerment.
- **Thirdly**, IMF does not charge any affiliation fees. Members support the network, as they are led, through love offerings and free will endowments.
- **Fourthly**, members are free to belong to other fellowships /networks they deem beneficial to achievement of their ministerial mandates.
- **Fifthly**, the Fellowship shall encourage its members to make their lives and those of the flock of Jesus Christ committed unto their trust, the light and salt of their communities; to stand out for righteousness and contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints and not to be ashamed of the preaching of the Cross though it seem foolish to brethren of the Laodecian complex (Matthew 5:13-16, Jude 5, 1 Cor. 1:18).
- **Sixthly**, the Fellowship shall proactively engage with other Christian organizations to ensure unity of the spirit in the bond of peace so that the High Priestly intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ shall be a reality without compromising the essentials of the gospel. (Ephesians 4: 1-7, John 17 to attain Ephesians 5:26,27). Accordingly, the Fellowship will encourage all Christian ministries and organizations in the country to prayerfully define essentials or fundamentals of the faith to which all must subscribe in perfect unity; ascertain those issues to which preachers are at liberty to propound their perspectives, insights and revelations received.
- **Seventh**, the Fellowship offers its members a clear win-win supra platform where they are able to exchange information on programmes and projects and support each other. We are all blessed as we bless each other in love and sincerity!

**Mission Statement:** *“We are a living, loving network of ministers of the gospel who have a passion for intimacy with the Lord and genuine relationship with each other for accountability in an increasingly hostile world”*

## Some Photos of Presidents of Model Chapters:



**Apostle Pat Gowera**  
President,  
IMF-Zimbabwe



**Ap. Amos & Pst. Faith Freeman**  
President,  
IMF-Liberia



**Ap. Paul & Pst. Maureen Katongole**  
President,  
IMF-Uganda



**Ap. Jacob & Pst. Daisy Chacko**  
President,  
IMF-India



**Ap. Alex & Pst. Janet Osei-Kofi**  
President,  
IMF-Germany

## The 11 Core Offers of International Ministers Fellowship:

1. Provide spiritual support that enable members to excel in life and ministry by challenging them to live holy lives, as part of the Bride of Christ and keep heaven in constant view so that they will not be castaways after ministering to others
2. Provide members a process of continuing ministerial education through a regular school of ministry where they tap into the depth of wisdom available for all.
3. Provide resources to members at minimal or no cost such as books, CDs, DVDs, Cassettes, magazines, information, etc.
4. Network ministers of the gospel with each other across racial, ethnic, Denominational and geographic boundaries to create the spiritual synergy needful to positively impact cities, nations and regions. IMF has become a powerful tool of achieving our Acts 1:8 mandate as it equips ministers travelling to cities, nations and regions other than their own with contacts and recommendations that enable them to be received and assisted on their missions. Pulpits are thus exchanged seamlessly without fear as all members subscribe to the same basic code of conduct.
5. The network runs an information network through which members are able to know the gifts and callings of each other. By tapping into the divine resources represented by different callings and gifting, ministers are able to build stronger and more effective churches according to Ephesians 4: 7-16
6. The network provides a platform for younger ministers to receive clean, honest mentoring by elder ministers endowed with grace of fatherhood.
7. For ministers who have not been ordained, the Fellowship provides ordination. For ordained ministers, IMF provides ministerial licences. For those travelling to other cities or nations, the Fellowship provided recommendations. Ministers in need of attestations/references can look up to the Fellowship to fill this need.
8. The network provides the platform for ministers, ministries and churches within the same localities/boroughs to cooperate, pool resources together for reaching the unreached and community impact projects. The Lord has revealed that this is a key strategy for bringing this nation back to Christ.
9. International Ministers Fellowship will partner with any ministers/ministries or organizations that promotes the teaching and practice of holiness, church health Church growth and corporate evangelism.
10. International Ministers Fellowship members are constrained to do all within their God given ability to be a blessing to others in need; support the weak and build up the Body without pecuniary motives. Strong inter personal relationships and mutual support is thus encouraged.
11. The Fellowship shall organize conferences at such intervals and in such locations as are deemed beneficial to the membership. We shall freely share every information, which will bless our brethren in fulfilling their God given vision.

# Structure of the Fellowship

As a spiritual organism, International Ministers Fellowship needs minimal organizational structures. However, because of the realities of civilization, law and order, basic structures are hereby activated for the purpose of ensuring due order in the fellowship, ensure that purity of the vision is preserved and to ensure adequate documentation which will guide national and local chapters in how to set up. The Fellowship is structured to tap into the widest possible spectrum of ministers rooted in the Word and pursuing intimacy with the Lord.

## 1. (i) Global Board of Trustees

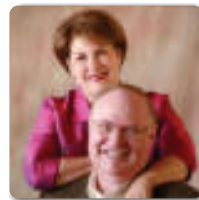
1. International Ministers Fellowship shall have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 senior ministers who will hold the vision in Trust at the Global level to ensure there is no diversion or derailment.
2. These shall act within the ordinary and regulatory meaning of the word 'Trustee' and serve as Board of Directors where that is the nomenclature in the national jurisdiction of global registration.
3. They shall exercise due diligence to ensure that all regulatory requirements concerning the Fellowship are met with regulatory authorities at the National and State level.
4. They shall, on behalf of the Fellowship sign relevant documents at global level.
5. Trustees of the Fellowship shall take charge of each and every asset and ensure that such are accounted for as and when required. This includes assets that former regional or national officers are required to release upon exit.



**Ap George &  
Ps. Grace Akalonu**



**Dr. Cosmas &  
Dr. Mrs. Adeola**



**Apostle Vance &  
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**Bishop Stafford &  
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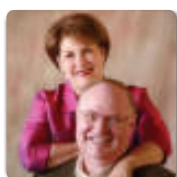
## 1. (ii) Global Governing Council

The Global Governing Council will be a policy making organ of the Fellowship. It will, among other functions:

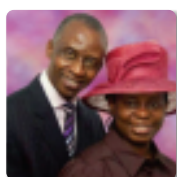
- 1.1. Make policies for implementation
- 1.2. Approve the Constitution of the Fellowship
- 1.3. Review the Constitution where need be
- 1.4. Provide oversight of the Fellowship as its functional Elders' Board
- 1.5. Provide spiritual direction for the Fellowship world-wide
- 1.6. Ensure that biblical principles are upheld in matters pertaining to the Fellowship
- 1.7. Approve appointments of International Officers
- 1.8. Take responsibility for biblical conflict resolution in matters that concern International officers
- 1.9. Ensure that biblical discipline is applied within the Fellowship
- 1.10. Provide guidelines and approve qualifications for issuance of ministerial credentials to applicants in the network



**Dr. Cosmas &  
Dr. Adeola Ilechuku  
(Chair)**



**Apostle Vance &  
Apostle Debbie Russell  
(Hon. Co-Chair)**



**Apostle George &  
Ps. Grace Akalonu  
(Int. President)**



**Bishop Stafford &  
Evangelist Tina Nwaogu  
(Representing Africa)**



**Apostle Fred &  
Pastor Kathleen Harris  
(Representing  
North America)**



**Pastors Jeremiah &  
Liz Emuchay  
(Representing Europe)**

## 1. (iii) Global Executive Committee

This shall be a body of ministers who will essentially focus on these issues at the global level, working closely with the Global Governing Council to deliver on the vision and mission of the Fellowship:

- 2.1. Implement policies approved by the Governing Council
- 2.2. Ensure that the provisions of The Constitution are adhered to
- 2.3. Take responsibility for expanding the Fellowship into all nations of the world and supervise their activities
- 2.4. Approve appointment of officers of the various national chapters
- 2.5. Approve appointment of Regional Officers
- 2.6. Resource and provide national chapters with the required direction and support so that they can be strong and viable. In this regard engage in fund raising using biblical principles and account for revenue through annual reports and accounts.
- 2.7. Implement guidelines approved by Council for issuance of credentials to applicants.
- 2.8. Initiate and recommend networking with other networks so that the Fellowship will walk in the unity of faith with other networks to generate the required level of synergy
- 2.9. Prepare annual budgets and present for approval of the Council
- 2.10. Undertake ethical fund raising projects to ensure that the resources for running the network are available
- 2.11. Ensure that national chapters which need help are supported.
- 2.12. Provide letters of recommendation for members of the fellowship travelling outside the National borders
- 2.13. Plan and organize annual Council meetings; Annual General Meetings and other meetings involving different chapters such as Open Gates and Global Apostolic & Prophetic Summit..
- 2.14. Execute other policies, resolutions and deliberations of the Governing Council
- 2.15. Recommend to the Governing Council, issues which require its attention.
- 2.16. Ensure the generation and maintenance of a detailed data bank of membership for the purpose of production of annual directories.

The International President and Members of the Global Executive Committee shall oversee the global network on behalf of the Global Governing Council and Trustees.



**Apostle George & Ps. Grace Akalonu**  
(Chair)



**Bishop Barth & Pastor Juliet Orji**  
(Director of Prayer, Intercession & Spiritual Warfare)



**Apostles Terance & Victoria Blount**



**Apostle Candace & Pst David Star**  
Director of Communication



**Bishop Xavier & Proph. Audrey Obasogie,**  
Director of Business



**Apostle Pearl Kupe**  
(Director of Community Engagement & Social Responsibility)



**Apostle Mike & Pastor Jumoke Nwoye**  
(Director of Special Duties)



**Pastor Kolade & Nk echi Akin**  
(Director of Finance)



**Min. Stephanie Foster**  
Director of Administration



**Apostle Albert & Chinwe Obadeyi,**  
Director of Mobilization

## 2. (i). National Board of Trustees

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## **2. (ii) The National Advisory Council**

This is a body of elect ministers who have attained seniority by reason of long walk with the Lord and consistency in serving the Lord in His vineyard, braving all manner of odds in the process. The Advisory Council shall fulfil the following responsibilities:

1. Members shall make themselves available to bring their individual wisdom and insight available to the Executive Council and brethren on any issue of interest.
2. Members shall make their corporate wisdom available to the Fellowship on issues of Doctrine and biblical standards so that errors are not allowed to creep in.
3. Members of the Advisory Council shall offer themselves as instruments of mentoring younger ministers who desire same.
4. Members of the Advisory Council shall be available to teach, exhort and minister to brethren at major conferences and meetings.
5. The Council shall arbitrate on issues or brethren at dispute within the Fellowship.
6. The Advisory Council will function as the National Ordination Board of the Fellowship to ensure that members who desire to be ordained and licensed in ministry are properly processed and supported to attain same.
7. The President, Deputy President and Secretary General shall be co-opted members.

## **2. (iii) The National Executive Committee**

This shall be made up of ministers elected by the Holy Spirit through the visionary and trustees to direct affairs of the Fellowship to ensure attainment of its purposes. Though assigned specific portfolios, the Executive shall operate as a core group and act in unity according to 1 Corinthians 1:10. Those to be installed into office will be first tested during a one year probationary period. Those who meet standards of excellence prescribed by the Trustees will be formally installed into office to serve out the remaining two years that makes a full term. In cases of excellent service, an officer may be given opportunity to serve another term of office.

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| <b>1. The National President.</b>                                     | <b>12. Director of Special Duties</b>                                   |
| <b>2. The Deputy President</b>  | <b>13. Director of Communication</b>                                    |
| <b>3. Secretary General</b>   | <b>14. Director of Community Engagement &amp; Social Action/We Care</b> |
| <b>4. Treasurer</b>   | <b>15. Ex- Officio</b>  |
| <b>5. Director, Family Development</b>                                |   |
| <b>6. Director, Business, Professional and Public Affairs Network</b> |   |
| <b>7. Director, Church Growth</b>                                     |   |
| <b>8. Director, Prayer and Spiritual Warfare</b>                      |   |
| <b>9. Director, Next Generation Project</b>                           |   |
| <b>10. Director, Women In Ministry</b>                                |   |
| <b>11. Director of Mobilization</b>                                   |   |

Ex Officio officers include all Regional Coordinators of the Fellowship and not more than four people chosen on the merit of the grace of God on their lives. It must be noted that in the Fellowship, couples minister together in the same office, provided the spouses concerned live right and show a great sense of responsibility. National chapters that are still growing can put in place what is required to take off and fill the vacancies as the Lord brings more committed people into Fellowship.

#### (iv) Administrative Director/Secretary/Officer

Subject to need and resource availability, the Fellowship shall engage the full time services of an Administrative staff who, depending on experience and capacity may be designated Administrative Director/Secretary/Officer. His/her responsibilities for day to day management shall be defined by the Executive Committee.

#### (v) Meetings

- 1. The Advisory Council & Executive Committee** – Officers of the Fellowship shall make good use of technology to ensure that communication is smooth and functional. Accordingly, the Fellowship shall avail itself of Conference call telephone lines; Skype, face book, group mail and other video conferencing facilities that are free or cost effective. Where necessary, officers shall leverage special occasions that bring them together to schedule meetings.
- 2. Regular live meetings of the Fellowship** will take place at State and City chapter levels, due to the logistics of the vast territory.
- 3. General Fellowship meetings** will tap into modern technology including conference calls, video

#### Some Photos of Presidents of Model Chapters:



**Pastor Dupe Adefala**  
(UK)



**Apostle Ron &  
Pastor Janda Shepherd**  
(USA)



**Bishop Ezennaya &  
Pastor Christy Egbo**  
(Nigeria)



**Apostle Peter Motshitela**  
(South Africa)



**Apostle Jerry &  
Pastor Betty Okojie**  
President, IMF-Ireland

#### (vi) State/City Chapters

For logistic purposes, brethren living within geographic territories such as States or even cities shall be encouraged to constitute Area chapters. These will act on behalf of the Executive Committee to:

1. Ensure warmer inter-personal loving relationships amongst members of the Fellowship so that the world is made to see the power of unity.
2. Provide a platform for joint action to tackle existing spiritual, social and economic challenges prevalent in the area.
3. Promote deeper understanding of the gifts and callings of each other so that brethren can utilize same in pulpit exchanges to ensure that the flock of Jesus Christ is well nourished.
4. Act as instruments for affirming information required for purposes of issuing references and or recommendation letters.
5. Brethren located within such environments shall support and strengthen each other so that together they all can be fulfilled and succeed.
6. Area chapters shall be vital instruments of promoting the work of the Fellowship and inducting prospective members.
7. In all things, State/City shall focus strongly on catalysing revival. State/City chapters shall have officers and offices modelled after the national chapter making allowance for local peculiarities-

# Programme for Open Gates 2018

**Friday, 12th January 12noon – 5.00pm** – Arrival, Settling in; Registration

**Session 1: Moderator: Pastor Liz Emuchay**

1. 6.00 – 7.30pm Brief Rally for Prayers in the Hall. House Keeping Rules; Announcements by Director of Open Gates, Pastor Liz Emuchay. Opening Buffet Banquet (6.30 – 7.30pm)

**Session 2 - Moderator: International President**

2. 7.30 – 8.00pm Worship/Prayers/Worship
3. 8.00 – 8.30pm Welcome by International President
4. 8.30 – 9.00pm Prayers to open the Gates of 2017
5. 9.00 – 10.00pm Key Note address by Dr.Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair Global Governing Council
6. 10.00 – 10.15pm – Praying in the Word -
7. 10.15 – 10.30pm Offering/Worship by Evangelist Enoch/Announcements
8. 10.30 – 11.30pm Ministration and laying on hands by Global Governing Council; Global Executive + National Officers

**Day 2 Saturday, 13th January**

**Session 3**

1. 6.00 – 7.00am Day Break with the King – led by Bishop Barth, Director of Prayers;
2. 7.00 – 9.00am – Breakfast (Meeting of Global Governing Council will hold at this time)

**Session 4 - Moderator: Bishop Barth**

3. 9.00 – 10.00am: Brief releases by G.E.C members: Bish Barth & Pst. Juliet; Ap. Mike & Pst. Jumoke; Apostle Pearl; Pst Kolade & Nkechi Akin; Bishop Xavier; Apostles Albert & Chinwe; Apostle Candace; Min. Stephanie
4. 10.05 – 11.05am. **State of the Fellowship** Address by International President
5. 11.00 – 12 noon. **Grace to Build IMF According to Divine Plan** – Apostle George
6. 12.noon – 1.00: **General Session/Business Meeting/ Presentation of Ministerial Licenses + Presentation of Newly Ordained seek IMF Membership/Q & A**
7. 1.00 – 2.00pm: **Lunch** (G.G.C & G.E.C will share lunch together)
8. 2.00 – 4.00pm Break & Rest

**Session 5 - Moderator: Pastor Grace**

9. 4.00 – 5.00pm Brief releases from National Leaders: Pst Dupe (UK); Ap Ron & Janda (USA); Ap. Osei Kofi (Germany); Ap. Jerry & Betty (Ireland); Apostle Sunday Iyi (UK); Ap. Geneva; Brenda; Pastor Patrick Keshi (Italy) Corine (USA); Overseer Kirton & 3 Officers of IMF-UK; Ap Stephanie (Ireland)
10. 5.00 – 5.25pm Pastor Jeremiah & Liz Emuchay
11. 5.25 – 5.55pm Pastor Grace Akalonu
12. 5.55 – 6.30pm Prayers led by Pastor Uloma (UK); Prophetess Vivian (Ireland); Pastor Victor (Ireland)

**Session 6**

13. 6.30 – 7.30pm **Dinner**

**Session 7 - Moderator: Bishop Xavier**

14. 7.30 – 8.00pm Worship
15. 8.00 – 8.45pm **Bishop Stafford**
16. 8.45 – 8.50pm Praying in the Word
17. 8.50 – 9.30pm **Apostle Fred & Pastor Kathleen**
18. 9.30 – 10.30pm Members of GGC; GEC and National leaders minister grace by laying on hands and prophetic releases to participants at Open Gates 2016
19. 10.30 – 11.30pm GEC Meeting

**Day 3: Sunday, 14th January**

**Session 8**

1. 6.00 – 7.00am DayBreak with the King – Moderated by Pastor Kolade Akin
2. 7.00 – 8.30am Breakfast

**Session 9 - Moderator: International President**

3. 8.30 – 9.00am Worship
4. 9.00 – 9.30am GEC members release a word for 5 minutes each
5. 9.30 – 11am Global Governing Council Members release a word for 10 minutes each
6. 11 – 11.45am Chair of Global Council, Dr.Cosmas Ilechukwu
7. 11.45 – 12.25pm **Communiqué Session:** Articulating what we received and way forward

**Session 10**

8. 12.30 – 1.30pm **Lunch**
9. 1.30 – 2.00pm Departure

