**Constitution of International Ministers Fellowship**

**The spiritual compact for our relationship**

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1. **Preamble**

International Ministers Fellowship (hereafter referred to as The Fellowship or IMF) is a network of ministers of the gospel across the globe who share a common passion for holiness, yielding to the Holy Spirit for leadership and empowerment. We recognize that fellowship with likeminded brethren is the antidote to isolation.

Walking in Love and Unity of Faith, we are essentially an organism rather than organization. We are therefore 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.

After 20 years of continuous existence as a catalyst of love, and unity across racial, tribal, gender, age and socio-economic divides, it is obvious that International Ministers Fellowship has come to stay. Accordingly, the time is ripe to upgrade the Constitutional framework to undergird its life and growth going forward.

**Section I: The Spiritual Compact which holds us together.**

We whole heartedly agree to be in fellowship based on the ***Mission Statement***, ***Vision*** and ***Mission*** outlined hereunder which collectively constitute the Spiritual Compact of our Kingdom Relationship.

1. **Mission Statement**

“We are a living, loving network of 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.”

1. **Spiritual Basis of our relationship**

Our mandate is to be used of the Lord to bring together, Ministers of the gospel from different backgrounds and parts of the Body. In affirming the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures and oneness of the Body as an organism connected by Holy Spirit, we draw down Grace to grow up into Jesus the Messiah in all things and be there for each other. We operate as an organic Fellowship at Local, City, State, National and Global levels.

In this regard, we are driven by the two parameters that Jesus gave for recognition of those who are His disciples in the world, regardless of their locations, gender, ages, and status in life:

**John 13:** ***34****A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.****35****By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

**John 17:** *20Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;21That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.22And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:23I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

On these two pillars of Love and Unity rest all that are articulated in the Vision and Mission of International Ministers Fellowship. That is why we agree that all of us who are in Fellowship should consciously receive each other; invest in the spiritual growth of each other and forgive easily, retaining no offence so that the enemy is given no room to smite individuals or scatter us.

1. **THE UNIQUE 8 POINT VISION**

The International Ministers Fellowship is unique in that we are:

1. Inclusive, embracing older and younger ministers of the gospel, male and female who have a felt need to encourage one another to make holiness unto the Lord a prime pursuit.
2. Our spiritual relationship breaks down walls that divide the Body of Jesus Christ, as membership cut across denominational barriers. United by faith, we are committed to purity of life and dependency on the Holy Spirit for empowerment.
3. As an organic fellowship, we do not charge any affiliation fees. We willingly and freely support the network, through love offerings at meetings and other free will endowments.
4. Members are free to participate in other fellowships /networks they deem beneficial to achievement of their ministerial mandates. We recognize that other Kingdom networks that are established by leading of Holy Spirit add value to their members.
5. Members shall make their lives and those of the flock of Jesus Christ they lead to be the salt and light of their communities. This enables them to stand out for righteousness and contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. As a Fellowship, we embrace preaching of the Old Rugged Cross. (Matthew 5:13-16, Jude 5, 1 Cor. 1:18).
6. 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: 1-23; Ephesians 5:26-27).
7. The Fellowship will intentionally pursue the completion of the Great Commission as given by our Lord in Matthew 28:18-20, by ensuring, in every possible way, that the saving gospel of Christ is preached to every remaining unreached people group, particularly those within “The Resistant Belt” comprising of North Africa, Middle East and Asia.
8. The Fellowship offers its members a clear win-win platform where they can exchange information on programmes, and projects and support each other. We are all blessed as we bless each other in love and sincerity!
9. **11 CORE OFFERS WITHIN THE MISSION OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Working together by what all joints supply, we offer those in fellowship at local, National, and global levels, these benefits:

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 Jesus 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 approach to Fellowship meetings where they tap into the depth of wisdom available for all.
3. Provide resources for spiritual, formation, growth and empowerment of members at minimal or no cost such as eBooks, Livestreams CDs, DVDs, Cassettes, magazines, information, etc.
4. Provide opportunities for members to Network with each other across racial, ethnic, denominational, gender, and geographic boundaries to create the spiritual synergy needful to positively impact cities, nations, and regions. The Fellowship supports ministers travelling outside their locations with contacts and recommendations that enable them to be received and assisted on their missions.
5. Through interaction and interpersonal relationship, members can know the gifts and callings of each other. By tapping into the divine resources represented by different callings and gifting, ministers can build stronger and more effective ministries and churches according to Ephesians 4:7-16.
6. The network provides a platform for younger ministers to receive clean, honest mentoring by older ministers endowed with grace of genuine spiritual fatherhood and motherhood.
7. For ministers who have not been ordained, the Fellowship provides ordination when they have been in fellowship for a minimum of 1 year and meet standards certified by the National Ordination and Licensing Board. For those who are already ordained ministers, International Ministers Fellowship provides ministerial licenses.
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 engaging in community impact (transforming) projects. This is the biblical strategy for bringing nations back to Christ.
9. International Ministers Fellowship will partner with ministers/ministries or organizations that promotes the teaching and practice of holiness, church health, true Church growth and corporate evangelism.
10. Members of International Ministers Fellowship are charged 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 are thus encouraged.
11. The Fellowship shall organize conferences and seminars at such intervals and in such locations as are deemed beneficial to the membership, starting with the annual Open Gates Global Conference, this shall extend to National Conferences of member chapters. We shall freely share information, which will bless our brethren in fulfilling their God given vision. Through Open Gates, our global congress in the United Kingdom and National Conferences across the world, brethren have been sharpened, edified, and empowered to excel in their walk with the Lord and in discharge of ministries committed to their trust.

**Section II: The Governance Structure at the Global level.**

As a spiritual organism, International Ministers Fellowship connects individual saints in an organic relationship as led by Holy Spirit. In order to maintain standard operating procedures in various national jurisdictions and to ensure that different people do not pursue their perspectives of what the Fellowship is all about, there is need for structures for its governance to be put in place at the global, national and local levels. This governance structure therefore is designed to ensure that purity of the Vision is maintained.

**1 Corinthians 14**: ***26****How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.*

**1 Corinthians 1**: ***10****Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

The undermentioned structures therefore serve the purpose of ensuring due order in the Fellowship, preservation of purity of the vision and to create adequate documentation to guide governance of national and local chapters as well as the Global leadership. At each level, leadership of the Fellowship is structured to tap into the widest possible spectrum of ministers rooted in the Word and pursuing intimacy with the Lord. This corporate approach is at the heart of Kingdom leadership patterns as evidenced in these scriptures:

**Isaiah 65:** ***8****Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.*

**Ephesians 4:** ***11****And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;* ***12****For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

The undermentioned Kingdom Operating System of the Fellowship balances the two biblical principles of Liberty and Order with the need for discernible authority in line with biblical requirements.

**Romans 13**: *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.****2****Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.****3****For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:****4****For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.****5****Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.****6****For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.****7****Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*

Yet, the Lord does not permit leaders to be bosses like unbelievers. Authority is therefore an opportunity for serving the saints with grace, spiritual gifts and other capacities that will help those in the Fellowship to be optimised.

**Matthew 20: *25****But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.****26****But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;****27****And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:****28****Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many*.

The opportunity to be in any of the organs of the Fellowship is therefore an opportunity to serve the brethren.

**Qualifications for Leadership Service**

At all levels of leadership service, the following qualifications shall guide location of the right vessels and determine continuity in same.

1. Calling, Character, and Competence for office
2. Availability to serve
3. Passion to fulfil the vision and mission of the Fellowship
4. Faithfulness to the Fellowship
5. A Teachable spirit which yearns to lean, understand, and walk in knowledge of the mandate of the Fellowship.
6. Where the office is held by a married brother or sister, it is deemed to that the couple are in office. However, the principal person is the officer who received the mandate in the first place.
7. **Global Board of Trustees**
8. International Ministers Fellowship shall have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 senior ministers who will assist the visionaries to hold the vision in Trust at the Global level to ensure there is no diversion or derailment.
9. 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.
10. Trustees shall continuously model ideals of the Fellowship and be evidently invested in its growth.
11. They shall exercise due diligence to ensure that all regulatory requirements concerning the Fellowship are met.
12. They shall, on behalf of the Fellowship sign relevant documents at global level.
13. Trustees of the Fellowship shall take charge of proprietary assets 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.
14. Global Trustees shall approve membership of the Global Governing Council.
15. Unless incapacitated by age, infirmity; moral failure, health failure, repudiation of the vision, mission and distinctives of the Fellowship, backsliding or apostasy, Global Trustees shall serve if they are productive, adding value to the Fellowship.
16. **The Global Governing Council**

The Global Governing Council is the **policy making organ** of the Fellowship. It will comprise the Global Trustees and members representing each continent where the Fellowship has taken root. Subject to qualification and experience, some will sit on their own merit. It will, among other functions:

1. Make polices for implementation
2. Approve the Constitution of the Fellowship
3. Review the Constitution where need be
4. Provide oversight of the Fellowship as its functional Elder’s Board
5. Provide spiritual direction for the Fellowship world-wide
6. Ensure that biblical discipline is applied within the Fellowship
7. The Global Governing Council shall approve the annual budgets of the Global Executive Committee
8. Provide guidelines and approve qualification for issuance of ministerial credentials to applicants in the network
9. The term of office of the Global Governing Council shall is 5 years.
10. Subject to satisfactory levels of performance, Members can serve for another term
11. Membership of Council shall cease by reason of age, infirmity; moral failure, persistent health failure, repudiation of the vision, mission and distinctives of the Fellowship, backsliding, or apostasy.
12. The Chairman shall preside over meetings of the Global Governing Council and cast the deciding vote where there is a tie.
13. **The International President**

This officer shall serve the Fellowship in this regard:

1. Coordinate the work of all the officers and organs of the Fellowship her to ensure synergy
2. Act as official spokesman of the Fellowship at the Global level
3. Provide spiritual leadership and direction according to the scope delegated by the Visionary and Global Trustees.
4. Ensure that all the objects of the Fellowship are attained.
5. Embody biblical leadership principles and motivate all officers to follow
6. Function as delegated by the Global Board of Trustees and Global Governing Council
7. Chair the Global Executive Committee which functions as the implementation agency of the Fellowship.
8. Serve as Secretary of the Global Governing Council and link between the policy making and policy implementation arms of the global leadership.
9. **Global Executive Committee**

This shall be a body of ministers who will essentially focus on implementation of the vision and mission of the Fellowship at the global level. Working collectively, they will:

1. Assist the International President who chairs the Committee to ensure implementation of policies approved by the Governing Council
2. Ensure that the provisions of The Constitution are adhered to by National Chapters
3. Take responsibility for expanding the Fellowship into all nations of the world and supervise activities of national chapters
4. Approve appointment of officers of the various national chapters
5. Approve appointment of Regional Officers
6. Resource and provide national chapters with the required direction and support so that they can be strong and viable.
7. In this regard the GEC shall initiate and engage in ethical fund raising using biblical principles and account for revenue through annual reports and accounts
8. Implement guidelines approved by Council for issuance of credentials to applicants
9. Initiate and recommend networking with other Fellowships and Organizations so that the Fellowship will walk in the unity of faith with other networks to generate the required level of synergy
10. Prepare annual budgets and present for approval of the Council
11. Provide letters of recommendation for members of the fellowship travelling outside their National borders
12. Plan and organize annual Council meetings; Annual General Meetings and other meetings involving different chapters such as Open Gates and Global Apostolic & Prophetic Summits
13. Execute other policies, resolutions, and deliberations of the Governing Council
14. Recommend to the Governing Council, issues which require its attention
15. Ensure the generation and maintenance of a detailed data bank of membership for the purpose of production of annual directories
16. The International President and Members of the Global Executive Committee shall oversee the global network on behalf of the Global Governing Council and Global Trustees
17. The term of office of Members of the Global Executive Committee shall be Five years of which the first is probationary subject to confirmation.
18. Officers who backslide, apostatize, renounce the vision and mission of International Ministers Fellowship, or engage in actions which sabotage it shall lose the right to continue in office.

**Directorates**

Members of the Global Executive Committee shall function corporately as a leadership working with one mind according to the principle in 1 Corinthians 1:10. Within the team however, there shall be specific officers who will be assigned by the International President to manage portfolios or Directorates. This is for the purpose of taking responsibility for providing specific services where they have demonstrated competence, skills, and capacity to enable the fellowship to achieve its overall mission.

Those assigned to IMF Global Executive Directorates are expected to invest their time, talents, and various assets to serve with distinction. However, we recognize that the weight of responsibilities in their primary ministries may interfere with their capacity to render the services expected in this schedule of duty. Where such situations arise, Charity and integrity require that they willingly step down without drama so that those with the capacity to drive the directorates can be given the opportunity.

The Directorates provide platforms for specific services to the Fellowship at the Global level:

**D.1. The Global Executive Director of Administration.**

The Director in charge shall undertake the following brief:

* 1. Provide administrative skills that will enable the Global Office to run efficiently.
	2. Ensure proper documentation and safety of all official documents of the Fellowship
	3. Work with the International President to ensure that data of the Fellowship is stored in a manner which meets the standards of National jurisdictions where the International Office does business.
	4. Shall provide and manage a platform for Secretary Generals of National Chapters to compare notes, learn from each other and learn how to excel.
	5. Execute other functions as directed by the International President.

**D.2. The Global Executive Director of Finance**

This officer shall be responsible for the following functions:

* 1. Ensure that funds due to the Fellowship at the Global level are collected as and when due
	2. Ensure that all funds of the Fellowship are properly documented.
	3. Ensure that funds of the Fellowship are properly banked as and when due
	4. Disburse funds as directed by the International President
	5. Prepare the draft budget in accordance with the vision expounded by the International President and Global Executive Committee
	6. Liaise with and lead the Treasurers of various national chapters of the fellowship to ensure excellence in service delivery and that remittances to the Global Office are made promptly.
	7. Undertake other such assignments as given by the International President

**D.3. The Global Executive Director of Marriage and Family**

This officer shall be responsible for the following functions:

3.1. Drive the vision of the Lord to use the Fellowship to promote a return to the Biblical concept of Marriage as a union between male and females which can only be broken under the strict standards set by the Lord in Matthew 5:31-32, Matthew 19: 3-9 and 1 Corinthians 7

3.2. In liaison with the International Office, utilize various platforms to ensure that this objective is achieved. Liaise with Directors of Marriage and Family at National levels to ensure that the Kingdom Concept of Marriage is constantly re-emphasized.

3.3. Perform other duties as directed by the International President.

**D.4. The Global Executive Director of Business, Professionals and Public Affairs**

This officer shall be responsible for the following functions:

* 1. Promote the Biblical doctrine of Priesthood of all believers
	2. Encourage national chapters of the Fellowship to embrace and promote the concept of Teach, Train, Equip, Activate and Release which leads to a constant stream of ministers who are added to the network.
	3. Promote the concept of Market Place Ministry in the Fellowship
	4. Work with the International President and National President to set up a data base of members of the network who have competencies in Business, Professions and Public Affairs
	5. Chair the functional network of members who are in Business, the Professions and serve in Public Office or operate in public affairs settings so that they can connect, support, and patronize each other.

**D.5. The Global Executive Director of Church Growth**

This officer shall have specific responsibility for:

* 1. Fanning the flame of revival amongst membership of the Fellowship
	2. Keeping members of the Fellowship in full consciousness of the primacy of the Great Commission
	3. Conducting training and impartation sessions for Directors of Church Growth at National levels as well as evangelists, ministers, and members of their evangelism teams
	4. Chair the Church Growth working group of the Fellowship
	5. Provide guidance for the National Directors of Church growth on how they can organize cooperative evangelistic campaigns/crusades in various nations across the world through which multitudes stream into the Kingdom
	6. Perform such other functions as delegated by the President.

**D.6. The Global Executive Director of Prayer, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare**

This officer shall be responsible for:

* 1. Igniting the fire of prayer amongst members of the fellowship through a variety of media including the Internet, prayer sessions of Fellowship meetings, telephony, text messages, etc.
	2. Conducting prayer and spiritual warfare training sessions for intercessors and prayer warriors of member churches
	3. Design and oversee implementation of a prayer and spiritual warfare shield for the Global Governing Council, Global Executive Committee, National Officers and members of the Fellowship; the Body of Christ in the area, the government and civil society including issues of public safety and the making and implementation of just laws.
	4. Chair the Prayer and Spiritual Warfare Network comprise National and Area Chapter Directors and Coordinators of Prayer, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare as well as other brethren who are passionate in the Ministry of Prayer.
	5. Ensure effective networking with other Kingdom prayer movements.
	6. Perform other responsibilities as may be assigned by the International President.

**D.7. The Global Executive Director of Youth and Next Generation**

This officer shall have responsibility for:

Chairing the Next Generation Project which will develop policies and strategies for engaging youths born of Christian and ministerial homes with the faith of their parents in other to secure a godly leadership for the next generation. The committee will also explore ways and means that the full Gospel can be preached to reach youths of the nation irrespective of their colour or background.

* 1. Lead the IMF effort to embrace and encourage young ministers to take their rightful place in the emergent revival.
	2. Enable young ministers to find acceptance and support within the Fellowship
	3. Ensure that the Fellowship is youth friendly.
	4. Use various platforms to constantly remind ministers to invest in the next generation in their churches and the community.
	5. Organize various programmes designed to empower youths in the Body of Christ and communicate with them through retreats, conferences, Internet, podcasts, literature, CDs, DVDs, etc.
	6. Provide research reports and proposals to national governments and International agencies dealing with Youth Development
	7. Perform such other responsibilities as may be assigned by the International President.

**D.8. The Global Executive Director of Women in Ministry**

This officer shall have responsibility for:

* 1. Chairing the Women in Ministry working group that will constantly develop actionable, biblical concepts for ensuring that the priesthood of all believers and the endowment of power upon prepared vessels both of which occur in the realm of the spirit, irrespective of gender, is constantly kept in the public domain so that the Body of Christ sets aside traditions of men and remove all limits to women in ministry.
	2. Through the Women in Ministry working group, she will organize various educative and enlightenment programmes designed to equip them for ministry and excel in their lives, families, and callings.
	3. Ensure that women who are called to ministry receive practical encouragement, support, and assistance to yield to God.
	4. Ensure that women in ministry love, appreciate and strengthen each other
	5. Ensure that a calendar of various women events of various national chapters is produced and circulated to avert clash of events/dates.
	6. Ensure that female ministers in the fellowship participate in events organized by various women ministries connected with IMF or which the Fellowship connects with.
	7. Organize retreats, seminars, and conferences for women in ministry
	8. Perform other responsibilities assigned by the President.

**D.9. The Global Executive Director of Mobilization**

This officer shall have responsibility for:

9.1. Developing strategies for promoting the work of the fellowship to ministers of like faith who need to know across the world.

9.2. Use all types of media to each out to such people, invite them to Fellowship meetings and follow them up until they are properly integrated.

* 1. Where knowledgeable about those with the right competence and capacity, recommend candidates for office of National Director of Mobilization in emergent chapters.
	2. Chair the mobilization committee of the Fellowship comprising National Directors of Mobilization.
	3. Work with the International President to Initiate, participate in and recommend networking opportunities with other networks of ministers.
	4. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the International President.

**D.10. The Global Executive Director of Special Duties**

This officer shall be responsible for:

* 1. Performance of special assignments in the Fellowship
	2. Develop and advise on strategies for fulfilling the mandate of the fellowship in areas where its presence is limited or non-existent.
	3. Undertake assignments such as liaison with external bodies
	4. Property acquisition and or development/redevelopment
	5. Liaison with special interest groups, other networks, and kingdom-oriented organizations the Fellowship should relate with.
	6. Undertake special assignments by Chairman of the Global Governing Council
	7. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the International President.

**D.11. The Global Executive Director of Communication**

This officer shall be responsible for:

* 1. Designing a communication strategy for relating with the various publics of the Fellowship
	2. Design and execute various promotional and marketing strategies for advancing knowledge of the Vision, Mission and Structure of the Fellowship to various stakeholders
	3. Develop rapport with the mass media and ensure effective liaison
	4. Advise the Fellowship on sponsorship opportunities
	5. Ensure that the Fellowship enjoys a house style for easy identity.
	6. Manage the website, newsletter, TV/Radio, and other Social media outlets.
	7. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the International President.

**D.12. The Global Executive Director of Community Engagement and Social Action**

The officer in charge of this portfolio will:

* 1. Be responsible for challenging all National Chapters of the Fellowship to go beyond their locations and meeting places and take the Church to the Community where it demonstrates the love of Jesus our King to the most vulnerable and marginalized individuals in the society more so as the social safety net of governments world-wide seems broken. In so doing, we fulfill the biblical injunctions of Matthew 25:31-46 and Matthew 5:13-16
	2. Be responsible for encouraging all national chapters to develop robust systems for caring for members of the Fellowship when they go through situations and circumstances which can be solved through Loving action of charitable deeds.
	3. As Chief Executive, be responsible for coordinating various national chapters of We Care International to ensure that they are actively pursuing their mandates.
	4. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the International President.

**Scope of Activities of We Care International, the Non-Governmental Organization**

We Care International shall develop programs for supporting members of the Fellowship who truly need help or are going through issues such as transition, bereavement, and such necessary social issues such as marriage and family. When properly capacitated, it will impact sectors of the populace who are most affected by social and economic imbalance and effects of natural disasters. These includes but not limited to generating Kingdom responses to these issues:

1. Engender a culture of love and charity within the Global leadership as well as at national chapters of the Fellowship.
2. Ensure that as a Fellowship, we truly bear each other’s burdens in love.
3. Ensure that the mantra that we are Better, together is practicalized in the Fellowship.
4. We Care shall be the catalyst for encouraging members of the Fellowship to look beyond the four walls of their congregational meeting places. In this way, they shall serve their host communities and invest in the wellbeing of residents.
5. Research: We Care International shall, subject to availability of resources, commission research into prevalent issues in society such as these and encourage National Fellowships with capacity to invest in specific programmes to address same:

Poverty Reduction, Prostitution, Sex Trafficking, Crimes against women such as: Rape, Domestic Abuse and Widowhood, Child Trafficking, Homelessness, Orphanhood and Natural Disasters.

1. **Open Gates: The Annual Convention**

This is the annual global convention of the International Ministers Fellowship and may be held early in January of each year (pegged at the second week/weekend). It is a time of:

1. Brethren from various national chapters to meet, under one roof for live interaction.
2. Deep spiritual introspection into personal Christian life.
3. Enhance Quality of ministerial lifestyle and labour in the Lord’s vineyard
4. Spiritual refreshing in the presence of God
5. Warm fellowship with brethren of like faith and passion.
6. Strong exposition of the Word and receiving fresh insights thereof
7. Receiving the fullness of 5-fold ministry as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers are used of the Lord to bring perfection, correction, guidance, and encouragement (Eph.4:11,12).
8. It is a time of receiving the Keynote address which breaks down the theme of the year so that the Fellowship has clear guidance on the way forward.
9. It is a time for presentation of the Annual State of Fellowship Report from the International President
10. The Global Governing Council meets to conduct business listed on the agenda including receiving and discussing the Annual State of Fellowship Report from the International President.
11. The Global Executive also utilizes the opportunity to meet.

**Section III: The Governance Structure at National and Local Chapter levels**

As the Global Officers reach out to ministers in each nation, they will be encouraged to come into Fellowship, interact and meet. A real national chapter is deemed to come into being when it has sufficient personnel to serve in the various organs listed below. In so doing, the same principles of servant and cooperative leadership that is practiced at the global level is replicated at the national chapter.

1. **National Board of Trustees**

**In each national chapter, there shall be a Board of Trustees**

1. International Ministers Fellowship shall have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 senior ministers who will subscribe to this Constitution and hold the vision held by the visionaries and the Global Board of Trustees in Trust in the national chapter to ensure there is no diversion or derailment.
2. Such officers 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.
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 levels.
4. They shall, on behalf of the Fellowship sign relevant documents.
5. Trustees of the Fellowship shall take charge of each asset and ensure that such are accounted for as and when required.
6. The Board of Trustees shall have a Chair and Secretary who brought into office by the International President and Global Executive Committee.
7. Trustees shall approve the annual budgets of the Fellowship
8. Members of the Board of Trustee shall be available to teach, exhort and minister to brethren at major conferences and meetings.
9. The tenure of Trustees shall be 5 years.
10. Subject to real engagement, effective participation in meetings, Trustees can be re-appointed to a second term.
11. Trustees shall vacate office on the grounds of unsound mind, health conditions which impair ability to function; backsliding, lack of commitment to the vision and mission of International Ministers Fellowship, moral failure or apostasy.
12. **The National Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council shall fulfil the following responsibilities:

1. It shall function as This is a body of elect ministers who have attained seniority by reason of long walk with the Lord and consistency in serving in His vineyard, braving all manner of odds in the process.
2. Members shall make themselves available to bring their individual wisdom and insight available to the Executive Council and brethren on any issue of interest.
3. 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.
4. Members of the Advisory Council shall offer themselves as instruments of mentoring younger ministers who desire same.
5. Members of the Advisory Council shall be available to teach, exhort and minister to brethren at major conferences and meetings.
6. The Council shall arbitrate on issues or brethren at dispute within the Fellowship.
7. 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.
8. The Advisory Council shall have a Chair and Secretary
9. The tenure of office is 5 years.
10. Those who have a proven track record of embracing and running with the vision are eligible to serve a second term of office.
11. The President, Deputy President and Secretary General shall be co-opted members to serve as bridge between the National Advisory Council and the National Executive Committee.
12. **The National Executive Committee**

This shall be made up of ministers confirmed in prayer by the visionaries, Global Executive Committee, and trustees as worthy to direct affairs of the Fellowship towards 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. Except where the Lord specifically limits an officer to a single term of Office, those who serve well may be given opportunity to serve another term.

Those assigned to serve in the IMF Executive Committee are expected to invest their time, talents, and various assets to serve with distinction. However, we recognize that the weight of responsibilities in their primary ministries may interfere with their capacity to render the quality of services expected in this schedule of duty. Where such situations arise, Charity and integrity require that they willingly step down without drama so that those with the capacity to drive the directorates can be given the opportunity.

1. **The National President**

This officer shall

1. Model servant leadership of the Fellowship and in so doing chair meetings of the Executive Committee and the General monthly meetings.
2. Coordinate the work of all the officers and organs within the remit granted him/her to ensure synergy
3. Act as official spokesman of the Fellowship in the National Chapter
4. Provide spiritual leadership and direction according to the scope delegated by Trustees.
5. Ensure that all the objects of the Fellowship are attained.
6. Embody biblical leadership principles and motivate all officers to follow suit
7. Function as delegated by the Board of Trustees and shall walk in alignment with them and the Advisory Council
8. **The Deputy President**
9. This officer shall work closely with the President to provide leadership and take responsibility for providing inputs into policy formulation and assisting the President in spiritual formation amongst the membership.
10. Deputize for the President in his/her absence.
11. Chair the ethics and ministerial discipline subcommittee of the Executive which meets on ad hoc basis to consider and deal with reports of misdemeanor or moral failure filed against any member or officer.
12. Shall serve as a member of the National Advisory Council.
13. Execute further responsibilities assigned to him by the President.
14. **Secretary General**

This officer shall be responsible for:

1. Recording proceedings of various organs of the Fellowship other than the Board of Trustees
2. Ensure proper safekeeping of all documents of the Fellowship
3. Assist the President to coordinate the various organs of the Fellowship
4. Assist the President to ensure adequate membership services is rendered to those who are in good standing
5. Maintain a working register of all registered members with such information as are considered necessary for purpose of giving them adequate service.
6. The Secretary General shall be a signatory to accounts of the Fellowship
7. The Secretary General shall oversee the Secretariat and ensure adequate human and material resourcing of all officers and organs of the Fellowship by providing what they need to excel.
8. Organize an integrated calendar of annual conventions of members so that clash of dates and events are avoided.
9. Shall serve as a Member of the National Advisory Council
10. Execute further responsibilities assigned to him by the President.
11. **Treasurer**

This officer shall be responsible for:

1. Receiving, recording and safe keeping of all funds of the Fellowship
2. Shall be a signatory to accounts of the Fellowship
3. Shall maintain the relevant books of account
4. Shall cooperate with internal and external auditors
5. Shall ensure prudent utilization of unencumbered funds of the Fellowship so that the best possible returns on investment accrue to the Fellowship.
6. Shall ensure that the Chapter’s contribution to work of the Global Office is remitted when due
7. Perform such other responsibilities as assigned by the President.
8. **Director, Marriage and Family**

This officer shall have specific responsibility for:

1. Making the family a prime concern of members of the Fellowship.
2. Receiving revelation concerning the subject matter and sharing same with the Body of Christ.
3. Conducting research into the subject matter for benefit of the Body
4. Convening, with the approval of the Executive Committee, special meetings and conferences on family matters including knowing the will of God, courtship, marriage, parenting, and ministerial family life.
5. Chair the Family First working group of the Fellowship
6. Execute other responsibilities assigned by the President.
7. **Director, Business, Professional and Public Affairs Network**

This officer shall have specific responsibility for:

1. Provide a platform for business, professionals, and public servants such as Christians in politics, Councilors, Mayors, Members of Parliament to be trained to understand that they are on divine assignment as ministers in the marketplace
2. Chair the Business, Professional and Public Affairs network through which brethren of such standing from various churches pool their strength together to have a distinct voice and make maximum impact
3. Advancing the concept of priesthood of all believers in the Fellowship
4. Encourage members of the Fellowship to inspire brethren in the Market Place and Civil Society to discover and fulfil their callings with distinction.
5. Perform such other functions as delegated by the President
6. **Director, Church Growth**

This officer shall have specific responsibility for:

1. Fanning the flame of revival amongst membership of the Fellowship
2. Keeping members of the Fellowship in full consciousness of the primacy of the Great Commission
3. Organize training and impartation sessions for evangelists, ministers, and members of their evangelism teams
4. Chair the Church Growth working group of the Fellowship comprising Coordinators at area chapters, Evangelists and Revivalists.
5. Coordinating group evangelistic campaigns/crusades in various parts of the nation through which multitudes stream into the Kingdom.
6. Assist Members of the Fellowship with guidance on how their Congregations can experience revival
7. Perform such other functions as delegated by the President.
8. **Director, Prayer and Spiritual Warfare**

This officer shall be responsible for:

1. Igniting the fire of prayer amongst members of the fellowship through a variety of media including the Internet, prayer sessions of Fellowship meetings, telephony, text messages, etc.
2. Conducting prayer and spiritual warfare training sessions for intercessors and prayer warriors of member churches
3. Design and oversee implementation of a prayer and spiritual warfare shield for members of the Fellowship; the Body of Christ in the nation, the government and civil society including issues of public safety and the making and implementation of just laws.
4. Chair the national Prayer and Spiritual Warfare Network
5. Ensure effective networking with other Kingdom prayer movements.
6. Perform other responsibilities as may be assigned by the President.
7. **Director, Next Generation Project**

This officer shall have responsibility for:

1. Ensure that the Fellowship is youth friendly.
2. Constantly remind ministers to invest in the next generation in their churches and the community.
3. Organize various programmes designed to empower youths in the Body of Christ and communicate with them through retreats, conferences, Internet, pod casts, literature, CDs, DVDs, etc.
4. Provide research reports and proposals for Youth Development to local and national governments
5. Chairing the Next Generation Project which will develop policies and strategies for engaging youths with the gospel in other to secure a godly leadership for the next generation. The committee will also explore ways and means that the full Gospel can be preached to reach youths of the nation irrespective of their colour or background.
6. Lead the IMF effort to embrace and encourage young ministers to take their rightful place in the on emergent revival.
7. Enable young ministers to find acceptance and support within the Fellowship
8. Perform such other responsibilities as may be assigned by the President.
9. **Director, Women in Ministry**

This officer shall have responsibility for:

1. Chairing the Women in Ministry working group that will constantly develop actionable, biblical concepts for ensuring that the priesthood of all believers and the endowment of power upon prepared vessels both of which occur in the realm of the spirit, irrespective of gender, is constantly kept in the public domain so that the Body of Christ sets aside traditions of men and remove all limits to women in ministry.
2. Through the Women in Ministry working group, she will organize various educative and enlightenment programmes designed to equip them for ministry and excel in their lives, families, and callings.
3. Ensure that women who are called to ministry receive practical encouragement, support, and assistance to yield to God.
4. Ensure that women in ministry love, appreciate and strengthen each other
5. Ensure that a calendar of various women events in the country is produced and circulated to avert clash of events/dates and that female ministers in the fellowship participate in events organized by various women ministries connected with IMF or which the Fellowship connects with.
6. Organize retreats, seminars, and conferences for women in ministry
7. Perform other responsibilities assigned by the President.

1. **Director of Mobilization**

This officer shall have responsibility for:

1. Developing strategies for promoting the work of the fellowship to ministers of like faith who need to know.
2. Reach out to such people, invite them to Fellowship meetings and follow them up until they are properly integrated.
3. Recommend Coordinators at State and City levels who will act as mobilization officers in their localities as well as rallying points for local chapters.
4. Chair the mobilization committee of the Fellowship.
5. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the President.
6. **Director of Special Duties**

This officer shall be responsible for:

1. Performance of special assignments in the Fellowship
2. Develop and advise on strategies for fulfilling the mandate of the fellowship and examine legal implications of Fellowship projects
3. Undertake assignments such as liaison with external bodies
4. Property acquisition and or development/redevelopment
5. Liaison with special interest groups, other networks and kingdom-oriented organizations the Fellowship should relate with.
6. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the President.
7. **Director of Communication**

This officer shall be responsible for:

1. Designing a communication strategy for relating with the various publics of the Fellowship
2. Design and execute various promotional and marketing strategies for promoting the Fellowship to its stakeholders
3. Develop rapport with the mass media and ensure effective liaison
4. Advise the Fellowship on sponsorship opportunities
5. Ensure that the Fellowship enjoys a house style for easy identity.
6. Oversee the website, newsletter, TV/Radio, and other social media outlets.
7. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.
8. **Director of Community Engagement and Social Action**

The officer in charge of this portfolio will:

1. Work closely with the National President and Executive Committee to create a system of building up resources through which members of the Fellowship in need can be assisted and supported speedily.
2. Assist the National President and National Executive Committee to create a culture of Love and Charity which gives effect to the mantra of the Fellowship that we are better, together.
3. Encourage members of the Fellowship to joyfully embrace the Kingdom principle of bearing one another’s burdens.
4. Represent the National President and Executive Committee to ensure that The Fellowship as an entity and individual members identify with each other practically, financially, and emotionally in such instances as Weddings, Graduations and other occasions of Joy.
5. In the same manner, it will be the agency the National President and Executive Committee will rely upon to ensure that the Fellowship is well represented at funerals, bereavement of close relatives and other events where support makes a real difference.
6. Be responsible for challenging members of the National Chapter of the Fellowship to go beyond their locations and meeting places and take the Church to the Community where it demonstrates the love of Jesus our King to the most vulnerable and marginalized individuals in the society. This is important as the social safety net of governments world-wide seems broken. In so doing, we fulfill the biblical injunctions of Matthew 25:31-46 and Matthew 5:13-16
7. Be responsible for encouraging all national chapters to develop robust systems for caring for members of the Fellowship when they go through situations and circumstances which can be solved through Loving action of charitable deeds.
8. Will serve concurrently as Chief Executive of We Care International in the nation. In that capacity, this officer will be responsible for coordinating various initiatives for welfare of members
9. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the National President.

**Scope of Activities of We Care International National Director:**

The National Director of We Care International shall work closely with the National President and National Executive to develop welfare programs for supporting members of the Fellowship who truly need help or are going through. As a responsive network, challenges such as transition, bereavement, and such necessary social issues such as marriage and family will attract support of the Fellowship. When properly capacitated, it will impact sectors of the populace who are most affected by social and economic imbalance and effects of natural disasters. These includes but not limited to generating Kingdom responses to these issues:

1. Engender a culture of love and charity within the national leadership as well as at area chapters of the Fellowship.
2. Ensure that as a Fellowship, we truly bear each other’s burdens in love.
3. Ensure that the mantra that we are Better, together is practicalized in the Fellowship.
4. We Care shall be the catalyst for encouraging members of the Fellowship to look beyond the four walls of their congregational meeting places. In this way, they shall serve their host communities and invest in the wellbeing of residents.
5. Research: We Care International shall, subject to availability of resources, commission research into prevalent issues in society such as these and encourage National Fellowships with capacity to invest in specific programmes to address same: Poverty reduction, Prostitution, Sex Trafficking, Crimes against women such as Rape, Domestic abuse and Widowhood, Child Trafficking, Homelessness, Orphanhood, Natural Disasters.
6. **Ex-Officio**

Depending on the size and spread of the Fellowship in the nation, not less than two and not more than five brethren shall be chosen on the merit of the grace of God on their lives and experiences in life and ministry to sit on the National Executive Committee without portfolio. They are officers just like the others. The National President and Secretary General may give them ad hoc assignments according to need.

In addition, all City or State/Provincial/Regional Coordinators of the Fellowship will sit on the National Executive as Ex Officio.

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.

1. **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.

1. **Meetings**
2. The National 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 various media platforms that are free or cost effective. Where necessary, officers shall leverage special occasions that bring them together to schedule meetings.
3. Regular live meetings of the Fellowship will take place at State and City chapter levels, due to the logistics of the vast territory.
4. General Fellowship meetings will utilize various platforms to ensure adequate communication.
5. The General Congress/Annual Convention

This is the annual convention of the International Ministers Fellowship and shall be once a year as the Trustees will direct as led by Holy Spirit. It is a time of:

Deep spiritual introspection into personal Christian life.

1. Enhance Quality of ministerial lifestyle and labour in the Lord’s vineyard
2. Spiritual refreshing in the presence of God
3. Warm fellowship with brethren of like faith and passion.
4. Strong exposition of the Word and receiving fresh insights thereof
5. Receiving the fullness of 5-fold ministry as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers are used of the Lord to bring perfection, correction, guidance and encouragement (Eph.4:11,12).
6. Transacting any due ordinary or special business listed on the agenda including receiving, discussing, or receiving the leadership team that is presented for the Fellowship.
7. **State/City Chapters**

For logistic purposes, brethren living within geographic territories such as States/Provinces/Counties/Regions or even cities/Boroughs 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 catalyzing revival.
8. State/City chapters shall have officers and offices modelled after the national chapter making allowance for local peculiarities.
9. In terms of leadership, instead of Director, the designation or nomenclature shall be Coordinator
10. **Effective Membership**

For effective participation, members of the Fellowship are expected to:

1. Attend the Annual Congress/Convention/Conference, special and ordinary meetings
2. Participate effectively in the monthly continuous ministerial development Project designed to ensure continuous ministerial education and training which enables them to be personally ministered to, revived and thus instruments of reviving the flock of Jesus Christ committed to their trust.
3. Reach out in love to other members, make friends, relate as ministers, exchange pulpits based on the leading of the Holy Spirit.
4. Honour invitations to special programmes of others; contribute to enable others achieve their God given dreams; speak well of others.
5. Utilize the logistics and facilities of the Fellowship according to need: ordination, ministerial license, attestation letters
6. Use the network effectively to fulfil their Acts 1:8 mandates in short term missions and church planting projects across the world by sincere and transparent relationship with brethren in territories they are led to.
7. Support the Fellowship regularly with love offerings at meetings and as they are led,
8. Promote the Fellowship and invite friends.
9. Live a life that is above reproach, in love, faith, holiness and righteousness which decorates the gospel of the Kingdom with good deeds.
10. Based on skills, experience and capacity, a member can serve in any of these functional committees where they have deep spiritual or professional capacity:

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| 1. Marriage and Family
2. Prayer & Spiritual Warfare Network
3. Church Growth
4. Business, Professional &Public Affairs
 | 1. Women in Ministry
2. Next Generation Project
3. Mobilization
4. Communication
5. Special Projects
6. Community Engagement & Social Action/We Care International

 (National Chapter) |

**Subscriptions:**

1. Individuals, National, State and City Chapters of The Fellowship shall formally subscribe to this Constitution.
2. All national Chapters accept the authority of the Global leadership.
3. Those who wish to organize into a National Chapter need to show proof of attaining this benchmark before they can use the Name, logo, and liveries of International Ministers Fellowship.
4. The Fellowship is a living, loving organism

The Fellowship is committed to forge excellent relationships between various national chapters to enable members achieve their Acts 1:8 mandates.

The Fellowship shall cooperate with and encourage its members to work with other movements in the present phase of the Kingdom of God to ensure that we complement each other to manifest Jesus Christ to our generation.

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