
HARVEST INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP



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Statement of Purpose

Harvest International Ministerial Fellowship exist to provide a covering of spiritual edification, counsel, support, as well as being a source of unity and true fellowship for God's ministers.

Our aim is to provide ministers with mutually respectful leadership in the framework of an International Ministerial Fellowship. Therefore, we are not a denomination we issue ministerial credentials based on your personal confession of faith in Jesus The Christ as your Savior and your affirmation to follow a **FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR CLERGY**.

Our aim is to provide and become a part of a fellowship that will unify God's ministers in love, spiritual strength, encouragement, comfort mutual support, acceptance and restoration.

Harvest International Ministerial Fellowship offers: skills, fellowship and experiences of anointed men and women of God from many cultures and ethnics backgrounds internationally, we believe in "accountability" to God and each other. We operate in an atmosphere of trust and confidence between our members.

We will constantly strive for excellence by drawing on gifts and talents that God has divinely connected in this international fellowship. We provided teaching, training, seminars and conferences to help leaders enhance their skills and education. We committed to helping you maintain integrity and Godliness in all that God has in your ministry.

This fellowship enjoys ministers from different traditions, backgrounds and disciplines. Our common goal is to save the lost by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bring them into the Kingdom of God.

After you have read this information, agree to Statement of Purpose, **THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR CLERGY** and pay the **LICENSE** Fees:

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO:

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Type of License	Fee
Ordained Minister	\$150.00
Ministerial License	\$125.00
Christian Worker's License	\$100.00

What We Believe

We believe in the autonomy of the Local Church and in the development of the Local Church with the help, direction, truth, instruction, guidance, and counsel of the Five Fold Gift Ministries and Local Church Leadership.

We firmly believe that the Local Church should be built on a sound understanding and revelation of God's Word.

We believe in the necessity of watching over and protecting one another from harm, error, and deception through mutual commitment and accountability.

We believe that we should live and lead in accordance with the principles of God's Word.

We believe in quality input and relevant equipping to help make other ministries more effective.

We believe in opportunities to work closely with friends in extending Christ's Kingdom.

We believe in identifying with others who share a common faith and vision.

We believe in a fellowship of ministers dedicated to nurturing relationships and strengthening bonds of love between each other and not to control or usurp Local Church Autonomy.

We believe that as ministers we should uphold the highest moral and ethical values taught in the Bible in order to be effective around the world for Jesus Christ through a strong Local Church.

We believe in being available to sincerely share our personal and ministerial lives in order to strengthen and edify relationships among member-ministries.

We believe in providing balance for one another, the impartation of new spiritual truth and strengthening of existing truths that are a blessing to the member-ministries.

We believe in the offer of enrichment, teaching, counsel, and fellowship with fellow member-ministries and ministers around the world

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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR CLERGY

THE PURPOSE FOR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL

CONDUCT FOR CLERGY: The public generally expects clergy to practice certain personal and professional ministerial ethical conduct. These guidelines are for clergy and other church professionals who wish to be a part of Harvest Internationals Ministerial Fellowship.

These guidelines do not presume to speak to all areas of ministers' lives. These ethical principles articulate minimum expectations of Holy Scripture, personal conscience, counsel and Christian tradition of the clergy. The clergy shall always practice moral purity as guided by Holy Scripture, civil law, honesty and integrity of conduct. This Code of Ethical Conduct set forth essential ***Fundamental Principles of Ethical Conduct For Clergy*** that must be accepted by all those who wish to hold credentials in Harvest Internationals Ministerial Fellowship.

I will conduct my life in a manner that is faithful to the gospel and consistent with the *Fundamental Principles of Ethical Conduct For Clergy* in my public ministry and private life. Therefore, I will:

- 1) I hereby profess before God and man that I myself am a Christian, having received Jesus Christ by faith as my Savior,
- 2) I believe in one true God and Jesus Christ as Savior, I acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and to and the Holy Spirit
- 3) Be obedient to Christ, under the authority of Scripture.
- 4) Practice the disciplines of study, prayer, reflection, worship, stewardship and service.
- 5) Be honest and truthful in my relationships with others.
- 6) Be faithful, keeping the covenants I make and honoring marriage vows;
- 7) Treat all persons with equal respect and concern as beloved children of God;
- 8) I affirm holy matrimony between one man and one woman as the only appropriate union for sexual intimacy, and to model this affirmation in my own lives.
- 9) I understand that any person who has a civil or criminal record of child abuse, who has admitted prior sexual abuse or is known to have a pedophiliac diagnosis (e.g. pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism) as defined by the American Psychiatric Association is prohibited from any interaction with children and youth.

- 10) In all professional matters, ministers are to maintain practices that give glory to Christ; advance the goals of the Church; and nurture, challenge and protect the welfare of church members, parishioners, clients and the public.
- 11) Ministers are to act in such a manner as to uphold and enhance the honor, integrity, morality and dignity of the profession.
- 12) Ministers are to limit their ministries to those positions and responsibilities for which they are qualified.
- 13) Ministers will conduct all professional matters in a manner, which assures confidentiality and avoids conflicts of interest.
- 14) Ministers will seek to maintain professional competency throughout their careers.
- 15) In personal as well as professional relationships ministers are to demonstrate honest and sincere motives evidencing respect, honesty and fairness; uphold the peace, unity and purity of the church; and share faith, hope and love with all people.
- 16) The minister shall him/herself obey the civil law and insist leaders and members of his/her congregation do likewise. This includes, but is not limited to, matters related to taxes, the keeping of records
- 17) There may be times when the minister affirms the necessity of civil disobedience for moral reasons. Whether this is done alone or in conjunction with others (including officers and members of the congregation), it shall be done openly and with a willingness to accept the consequences of the law. However, in such cases no moral justification for violence against another person or property is acceptable.
- 18) Sexual abuse of or misconduct with a congregational member shall be understood as strictly forbidden. The professional has the responsibility to set the boundaries and to maintain them.

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Personal Data

Application for (category) **Ordained/Licensed/or Christian Worker** Date

Name (last, first, middle)

Address Mail Address (if different)

City State/Country Zip Code

Home Phone () Work Phone () Cell ()

Date of birth Social Security #

Marital status Name of spouse

Number of children Ages _____

Email(**print**): Race
Website:

Church Information

Name of church

Address

City

State/Country Zip Code

Name of Pastor Phone ()

How long have you been a member of your current church?

Ministry service in your local church?

Education Record

High School

Address

Dates attended

Degrees of diplomas

College/University

Address

Dates attended

Degrees or diplomas

Graduate/Business training

Address

Dates attended

Degrees or diplomas

Ministry Information

Are you now in ministry? Full time Part time Not at all

Type of Ministry Sr. Pastor Associate Pastor Missionary/Evangelist

Teacher

Other

Describe briefly your ministerial experience (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

Former Ministerial Organization

Name

Address

City	State/Country	Zip Code
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Have you ever had your ministerial license suspended or held under a disciplinary action?

Explain

References

List three ministers who are familiar with your ministry, have worked directly with you, and have known you at least two years

1. Reference

Work phone () Home phone ()

Address

City State/Country Zip Code

Relationship

2. Reference

Work phone () Home phone ()

Address

City State/Country Zip Code

Relationship

3. Reference

Work phone () Home phone ()

Address

City State/Country Zip Code

Relationship

Note:

All applicants for a Christian Workers License must be sponsored by their pastor.

All applicants for a Ministerial License should be currently in ministry position and have adequate experience.

Application for Ordination must be in a Senior Pastor's position or be recommended by a Senior Pastor and have extensive ministerial experience.

Applicant's Pastor

Date

I AFFIRM

Upon acceptance of ministerial credentials from Harvest International Ministerial Fellowship I hereby agree to the following:

To uphold the standards of Holiness and Godly conduct that is set forth in the Word of God governing ministers, in my personal life as well as in my professional life.

To submit to the leadership and spiritual covering provided by the elders and executive presbytery, and to receive the wisdom and counsel available through the advisory presbytery when the need arises.

To support the Fellowship with my prayers, financial support, moral support, and with my presence at all meetings and functions provided by the Fellowship whenever possible.

To maintain a level of professionalism and quality of ministry that will enhance and be an asset to Harvest International Ministerial Fellowship at all times.

I fully agree that in the event my personal or professional life should become hindered by conduct unbecoming of a minister of God, I will willfully surrender my credentials with Harvest International Ministerial Fellowship and submit to the Elders for counsel and restoration.

Ordination ceremonies will take place on a regional basis and shall include the laying on of hands by the presbytery of that regional district; which may be held in the local church or at regional Pastor's conferences. (Unless other arrangements are made through the Fellowship's National Office.)

I have read and willfully agreed to abide by the entire content of this document.

_____ Applicant	_____ Date
_____ Approved by HIMF	_____ Date
Recorded: _____	_____ Date
Disposition: _____	_____ Date
By: _____	_____ Date

Membership #: _____