

ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

ELFM is an international network of relational kingdom leaders that provide legal licensing, ordination, credentials, and non-profit status to some of the most innovative and passionate emerging leaders in ministry; including market-place ministers, missionaries, bi-vocational counselors and full-time ministers.

We are a group of men and women who desire to possess the full, rich life in Christ. We believe God is going to reach the nations with this gospel of the Kingdom, the same gospel that Jesus demonstrated when He was on the earth. We are seeking to be vessels filled with the Spirit who can reveal to the world a Living Christ. We desire to express the same divine compassion that Jesus did and release the same violent hatred for the works of darkness. We are not so much interested in being great men and women of God as we are in revealing a great and mighty God who uses average human beings. They that know their God shall be mighty and do exploits.

We seek to walk with those who long for the full, rich life that Jesus died to obtain for us. As Paul said, "Follow me as I follow the Lord." It is our desire that this same heart would be in us. We expect the miraculous. But we believe that the ultimate vision is to reveal a risen, glorified, victorious Savior, Who has died that all men might live. This was the passion of our Servant Leader and remains the foundational passion of ELFM.

ELFM endeavors to constantly encourage all who join to embrace the vision, emulate the integrity, embody the holiness, emblazon the boldness and emboss the authority of the Risen Christ.

Fellowship Partner

These are members of the Body of Christ who are not necessarily called to full time ministry, yet desire to partner with ELFM. Associate Ministers/Partners share the heart and vision of the ELFM and choose to support ELFM in prayer, finances, and attending ELFM functions, but do not feel the need to be licensed or ordained ministers, or become charter members. These individuals, churches or ministries can choose to become ELFM Associate Ministers/Partners. ELFM associate Ministers/Partners are invited to all conferences sponsored by ELFM and receive all mailings sent to our members.

Licensure

This level of membership is for those who require credentials to perform marriages and burials, and/or those needing access to prisons, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. Some states require ordination rather than licensing to perform these functions. In addition many of those who minister in healing rooms choose to be licensed. Licensed members include those who are in full-time or part-time ministry in churches, in ministries that operate outside the church, as well as those who are involved in market-place ministry. Licensing with ELFM involves an application process. This process requires recommendations from a pastor, a fellow minister, and a personal friend.

ORDINATION

The basic requirements for ordination are based on relationship with ELFM so we "know" you, your ministry calling, your commitment to the Lord, etc. Thus, those who have not been ordained by another organization are required to be a member of ELFM for at least one year before applying for ordination. Ordination is for those who are recognized leaders in a ministry either inside or outside of the church. We recognize the fact that it is really God who calls and ordains His people for His work. We simply come into agreement with Him and facilitate the process with the laying on of hands and prophetic presbytery by ELFM board members and other invited leaders with strong prophetic gifting at our annual conference.

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Plant Churches

Licensed or ordained ministers may desire to be chartered under ELFM. We are legally able to provide IRS 501c3 status for churches and ministries that would like to obtain this status under our covering. To be eligible for an ELFM Charter, an ELFM member must first register their ministry name and become a non-profit corporation in his/her state. The application process includes appropriate paperwork for our records and the necessary IRS paperwork that is required for consideration of charter status. We provide sample forms from other ministries who are chartered under ELFM to help applicants fill out all the necessary forms. When the application process is complete, the IRS is notified and the member receives their Certificate of Charter.

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Fellowship of Churches Application

Working together to network churches and ministers to fulfill the Great Commission.

Church Affiliation Governing Guidelines

I. Churches desiring partnership with the Fellowship should:

1. Be in agreement with the vision and values of ELFM
2. Be in agreement with ELFM Statement of Faith.
3. Be in agreement with ELFM Mission Statement.
4. Agree to build relationship with other ministers in the Fellowship.
5. Agree to actively participate in building the Kingdom of God through this body to the best of their ability.

II. Church affiliation requirements:

The Senior Minister of the church desiring affiliation must carry or obtain ELFM credentials.

1. Each church will be an autonomous body and, therefore, must have its own charter/bylaws. If the church is just beginning, ELFM can assist in establishing its charter/bylaws.
2. Each church has the option of obtaining its own 501(c) (3).
3. Each church must agree to certain standards in order to come under the 501(c) (3) Group Exemption of the LACC.
4. Each church will give a minimum of \$1.00 per member each fiscal quarter to the Fellowship on a monthly or quarterly basis to support the Fellowship and provide for its on-going growth.
5. Each church will be required to apply for affiliation and then be interviewed by a ELFM Presbyter.
6. Each church will be required to complete a 12-month entry review period. An ELFM Apostolic Team will visit newly affiliated churches within that period and give a report.
7. A proper system of financial recording must be functional in the ministry, reflecting financial integrity. The affiliated church must submit a copy of its financial report at a minimum once a year, and within 30 days after the end of the financial year.
8. Once a year the affiliated church will submit a report describing the ministry activities through the past year.
9. Each church should be committed to relationship, responsibility and accountability to the Fellowship and its apostolic team.
10. Each affiliated church should attend minimum 1 out of every 3 annual ELFM conferences (Senior minister or representative for the leadership.)

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III. Fellowship with the ELFM Fellowship:

1. Recognized ministerial staff of affiliated churches is eligible to apply for and receive credentials from ELFM.
2. If an individual member of an affiliated church congregation desires to obtain credentials through ELFM he/she must submit an application. The application must be complete and accompanied by a written referral from the pastor of the affiliated church.
 - a) The application will be thoroughly reviewed by members of the ELFM Presbytery.
 - b) If the applicant is accepted for licensure or ordination, representatives of the ELFM Presbytery will be present to conduct or oversee the credentials ceremony in the affiliated church (if feasible). Otherwise, the applicant must make arrangements to attend a credentialing ceremony on the campus of Christ For The Nations.

IV. Benefits:

- a. Increased credibility through identification with a worldwide organization that emphasizes integrity and responsible Christian conduct.
- b. The Church has the opportunity to come under ELFM's 501(c) (3) Group Exemption status for tax exemption (Case-by-case basis).
- c. Churches will be able to receive guidance from the ELFM Presbytery and Executive Board.
- d. Presbyters will be available to minister to the local congregations and bring outside wisdom to the body..
- e. Churches may send their senior leaders and spouses for an all expense paid retreat to the ELFM Campus in IL. Travel to and from IL not included.
- f. Churches may use Placement services at LACC.
- g. Churches will have the opportunity to partner with ELFM mission's projects.

V. Fellowship Accountability:

1. We, as a fellowship, have the authority to remove a church from membership/affiliation if it is noncompliant with our vision, values, and statement of faith or charter.
2. The ELFM Fellowship of Ministers and Churches offers accountability to autonomous bodies.
3. As an affiliated member your church would be accountable to this fellowship only.

Please be aware that affiliation with ELFM Fellowship of Ministers and Churches DOES NOT entitle your church to include the wording "ETERNAL LIFE" in its name. You may, however, indicate that your church/ministry is affiliated with ELFM.

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Mission Statement Vision Statement & Core Values

Services we provide:

ELFM will provide the following services/benefits:

- Coaching
- Covering
- Credentials
- Death Benefits
- 403 (b) Retirement Plan
- Ministerial Support

R.E.A.C.H.

R- Resource

E- Encouragement

A- Accountability

C- Credential & Training

H- Headship (Oversight/Apostolic Leadership)

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Apostolic & Church Oversight of a Minister's License

- **Acts 13:2**-- As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent hem away.
- **Matthew 5:23-24**--Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift (NKJV).
- **Mark 11:25**--And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses (NKJV).
- **Romans 13:1-2**--Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (2)Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves (NKJV).
- **1 Cor. 9:22**--...I have become all things to all men that I might by all means save some (NKJV).
- **1 Cor. 9:23**--Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you (NKJV).

Stages of Credentialing

- **Ordination:** (This is issued for life) Acknowledges and recognizes God's calling you to operate your gift in ministry.
- **License:** (This is issued conditionally) Authorizes you to operate in your gift under the LOVING ARMS WORLD MINISTRIES & APOSTOLIC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES/OPEN ARMS FAITH ASSEMBLY banner.
- **Commission:** (This is issued conditionally and requires membership in the LACC). Approves you to fully operate (independently) with the full support and covering of the LOVING ARMS WORLD MINISTRIES & APOSTOLIC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES/OPEN ARMS FAITH ASSEMBLY banner.

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The purpose of a ministerial credential is to:

- **Affirm** God's call upon a person's life
- **Verify** that this person meets the qualifications and standards for ministry in the LAWWM/LACC/OAFA
- **Approve** this person for ministerial service under the auspices of the LAWWM/LACC/OAFA
- **Provide** legal status in the exercise of that person's ministry There are five types of credentials in the

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- Ministry License (Vocational)
- Ministry License (Non-Vocational)
- Certificate of Ordination
- Certificate of License
- Certificate of Commission

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MISSION STATEMENT

ELFM is an international, interdenominational organization that exists to train and equip men and women with the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit and with a lifestyle of worship, to reach the nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to expand the Kingdom of God worldwide by providing resources for the completion of church buildings, caring for orphans, supporting the nation of Israel, humanitarian relief efforts, establishing and strengthening international Bible schools, and the distribution of Christian literature.

VISIONS STATEMENT

The vision of ELFM is to fulfill the Great Commission by:

1. Training and equipping men and women in the Word of God to be effective leaders who, with godly character and in the power of the Holy Spirit, will transform nations for the glory of God.
2. Conducting annual short-term international missions' outreaches.
3. Investing in the next generation by training and equipping Holy Spirit empowered children's ministers.
4. Producing an annual worship recording.
5. Conducting an annual evangelism youth outreach program through Youth for the Nations.
6. Hosting annual conferences for women, worship, and the ELFM Fellowship of Ministers and Churches for the growth and nurturing of the body of Christ.
7. Providing resources through our Native Church Program to assist indigenous pastors and church leaders in completing their church buildings.
8. Providing resources for the care of orphans.
9. Supporting Israel and the furtherance of the Gospel among the people of that nation.
10. Establishing and strengthening international Bible schools through the ELFM Association of Bible Schools.
11. Providing resources through the Literature Program for the distribution of Christian literature throughout the nations.
12. Providing resources for the furtherance of missionary endeavors worldwide.
13. Reconnecting the earth's history with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through affirming the biblical view of Creation.

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CORE VALUES

These core values serve as our guiding principles and foundational commitments:

- Exalting the Person and work of Jesus Christ.
- Upholding the Word of God as our standard for life and ministry.
- Training and ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Teaching and encouraging apostolic ministry worldwide.
- Commitment to passionate worship.
- Commitment to prayer and spiritual warfare.
- Providing an atmosphere for the development of increased faith.
- Fostering a lifestyle of giving.
- Commitment to evangelism and world missions.
- Commitment to strengthening the local church by encouraging graduates to return to and actively serve their home church.
- Affirming the biblical view of Creation.
- Fostering biblical character, integrity, and faithfulness.
- Emphasizing a life of holiness and sanctification.
- Commitment to the priority of family relationships.
- Upholding the sanctity of life and valuing each child as a gift from God.
- Compassionate outreach to the needy.
- Supporting the nation of Israel as a vital part of God's eternal plan.
- Releasing women as equal partners in ministry.
- Interdenominational in fellowship.
- International in outreach.

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LAWM/LACC/OAFA STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Fellowship holds to the Statement of Faith espoused by ELFM while recognizing the diversity of beliefs among Spirit-filled Christians of scriptural integrity. Therefore, we open the arms of this Fellowship to include and embrace all who hold to the foundational truths of the Christian faith.

1. The One True God: There is one living and true God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19).
2. The Scriptures Inspired: The Bible is the only infallible, inspired, authoritative, written Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16).
3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ: We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this Earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (John 1:1).
4. Original Sin and the Fall of Man: We believe that man, created in the image of God, by voluntary disobedience fell into the depths of sin and iniquity, therefore passing on sin's nature and consequences to all mankind, with their accompanying loss of intended meaning and purpose (Gen. 1:27; Rom. 5:12).
5. The Salvation of Man: Man's only hope of redemption and salvation from the power of sin is to willingly choose repentance and faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that it is possible for a believer to lose his or her salvation by willfully turning away from the provisions of salvation which Christ has made. Salvation is a free gift from God and is available to any and all who call upon the Name of the Lord (Acts 4:12; Rom. 5:8-13, 15; 10:9, 13; Jas. 1:21; Eph. 2:8; Heb. 3:12, 6:4-6, 12:15; Matt. 13:22; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Tim. 1:19).
6. The Church and its Mission: We believe in the Great Commission to go into the entire world to make disciples (Matt. 28:19).
7. The Ordinances of the Church:
 - a. Baptism in water in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All who repent of their sins and believe in Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. This is a declaration to the world that they identify with Christ in His death and have been raised with Him in newness of life (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Rom. 6:4).
 - b. The Lord's Supper consisting of the elements—bread and the fruit of the vine—is the symbol expressing our sharing the Divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 1:4), a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Cor. 11:26), and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26), and is enjoined on all believers until He comes!

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8. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit: The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit with evidence by speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance (Acts 2:4). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit comes power for life and service in the ministry of the Body of Christ. We believe in corporate prayer with the believer's prayer language. (Luke 25:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 2:11; 10:46; 1 Cor. 12:1-31).
9. Divine Healing: Divine healing was provided for all in the Old Testament (Ex. 15:22-26; Ps. 103:1-3; Isa. 53:4, 5) and in the New Testament it is an integral part of the Gospel (Matt. 8:16, 17; Acts 5:16; Jas. 5:14-16).
10. The Final Judgment: We believe that all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ: the redeemed to be delivered unto everlasting life, and the unrepentant unto everlasting punishment (Rev. 20:11, 12; 2 Cor. 5:10).

ELFM FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

ELFM was established to provide spiritual covering, pastoral care, mutual accountability, ministry resource and fellowship for its credential holders, affiliated churches and ministries which ascribe to the vision and mission of the fellowship. We also purpose to fellowship with all pastors, missionaries, leaders, Churches and ministries who manifest the Spirit of Christ and to encourage and edify the body of Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of ELFM is to be a fellowship of people who have purposed to be faithful in stimulating one another to glorify God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ and to obey Christ's mandate to preach the Gospel and to make disciples of all nations. To this end we are committed to serving and equipping our members in carrying out their respective missions. To ordain qualified ministers of the Gospel and license qualified local church elders and leaders in the body of Christ. To be a covering for local churches and fivefold ministers and ministries who decide to AFFILIATE with ELFM.

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APPLICATION FOR CHURCH AFFILIATION

**Must be submitted in a computer printout format
(May be filled in with pen)**

Date of Application _____

Ministry Name _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____ Web-site _____

Physical address

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Province _____

Country _____

Mailing address (if different from physical address)

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Province _____

Country _____

Lead Minister's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Name of Treasurer _____

Name of Secretary _____

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Is the organization incorporated? Yes No

Date of Incorporation (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ State _____

Does the ministry have:

A Constitution/Governing Guidelines? Yes No

By-Laws/Sacred Articles? Yes No

Statement of Faith? Yes No

Does the ministry have records of the minutes of the first Board of Directors meeting? Yes No

Does your ministry keep a record of finances and minutes? Yes No

If not, when will you begin to do so? _____

Does this ministry consider itself to be a church? Yes No

Do you have a church membership listing? Yes No

Current number of members _____

Average attendance _____

Does your organization apply to come under the ELFM 501(c)(3) group exemption?

Yes _____(initial) No _____(initial)

Have you received, read and agree with the governing guidelines?

Yes _____(initial) No _____(initial)

Do you agree to submit a copy of the ministry's financial report once a year, and within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year?

Yes _____(initial) No _____(initial)

Do you agree to adhere to the requirements set forth in the governing guidelines, including the financial commitment of giving a min. of 2 % the gross income?

Yes _____(initial) No _____(initial)

Do you prefer to submit the 2 % fee on the following basis:

Monthly _____(initial) Quarterly _____(initial)

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Do you agree that the wording “Christ For The Nations” may not be used as part of the Ministry’s name, but you may indicate that your ministry is affiliated with ELFM

Fellowship of Ministers and Churches? Yes _____(initial)No _____(initial)

STATEMENT OF AUTONOMY

“This affiliated church is and always shall remain solely an autonomous entity with which ELFM COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Fellowship of Ministers and Churches may work harmoniously, promoting the work and objectives set forth in its governing guidelines. ELFM shall not have nor ever attempt to exercise a single attribute of power or authority over any church or over its messengers, to in any way limit, interfere with, diminish or otherwise affect the autonomy of the church but shall recognize the autonomy of the church under one Sovereign, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Are you in agreement with this Statement of Autonomy? Yes _____(initial)

Will you be an active participant in this Fellowship? Yes _____(initial)

Sr. Pastor/Minister name: _____

Signature:_____

Secretary/Presbyter name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP

The undersigned, as an applicant for affiliation with ELFM FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES , acknowledges and agrees that ELFM FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES has no fiduciary or legal responsibility for the ministry and work of the individual ministers and churches who become affiliated with the Fellowship and that neither of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be in any way be responsible or liable for the actions of the affiliated members. Furthermore, neither Christ For the Nations, Inc., its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be in any way be responsible or liable for the actions of the members of ELFM FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the applicant will obtain liability insurance coverage, or will be self-insured, to cover the acts of the applicant, its officers, directors, trustees, employees or agents in conducting the day to day ministry, business and activities of the applicant. Applicant agrees to hold ELFM its directors, officers, agents or employees harmless from and against any and all claims or actions asserted against or arising out of the day to day ministry, business and activities of the applicant.

_____ Date: _____
Responsible officer signing

Print name of signatory: _____

Position: _____

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Presbyters Recommendation

Name of ministry applying for affiliation: _____

Name of ministry leader: _____

CURRENT ELFM PRESBYTER RECOMMENDING YOUR CHURCH/ MINISTRY FOR AFFILIATION:

Name (please print) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Phone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(LAWM/ELFM RECOMMENDING PRESBYTER MUST SIGN THIS APPLICATION BEFORE IT WILL BE PROCESSED**)**

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***The following article must be included in the local church bylaws.
articles may be included by amendment or as you construct your initial bylaws.***

ARTICLE [xx]

AFFILIATION

While maintaining its inherent rights to govern its own affairs, this ministry shall voluntarily enter into full cooperative ministry affiliation with the ELFM Fellowship of Ministers and Churches executive office located in Waukegan, IL. It shall share in the privilege and responsibilities enjoined by that Fellowship, with the privilege of fellowship with other ministries of like precious faith.

Further, it is recognized that ELFM Fellowship of Ministers and Churches Inc. Shall not hold, enforce, or in any other way exercise any prerogative which shall be held in any court or body to be its legal right, with the exception of only such prerogatives as shall be specifically delegated to ELFM by the ministry. Such specific prerogative shall be returned in entirety to the ministry upon two-thirds vote of its membership, providing any and all obligations to ELFM. ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY has been dispatched. It is understood that the attitude and procedure of all individuals and ministries should be that of a compassionate and cooperative relationship toward ELFM Inc. in accordance with Philippians 2:3 and Philemon 14.

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Application Check List

In order to facilitate your application, it is extremely important that you submit the application with all the required forms etc. completed.

Please use the check list to help you do this.

X off the enclosed items:

- Copy of Articles of Incorporation/Certificate of Formation**
- Copy of Acknowledgement letter from State where Articles were filed.**
- Copy of letter from IRS indicating your EIN**
- Copy of Bylaws/Sacred Articles (with affiliation clause included, see pg. 11)**
- Copy of Minutes of First Board of Directors Meeting**
- Copy of Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, where affiliation clause was included (unless it was done at the First Board of Directors meeting.)**
- Recommendation from ELFM Presbyter**
- Completed Affiliation Application**

Affiliation approved this _____ day of _____, _____

ELFM Overseer: _____

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Statement of Record (Criminal Record or Charges Pending)

This form must be completed by all who apply for or hold membership, ministerial credentials, and/or ecclesiastical endorsement credentials from the International Fellowship of Ministers.

(Please type or print legibly)

Have you ever been charged with, accused of, investigated for, moved because of, or transferred to another position because of any sexual misconduct or sexual harassment? (Initial your response)

No _____ Yes* _____

* If your response is "yes," please give a full explanation of the issues in a letter addressed to this office. Information so shared will be considered sensitive and will be restricted to only those who must know in order to make decisions regarding membership, ministerial credentialing, or ecclesiastical endorsement through the International Fellowship of Ministers.

No application for membership, ministerial credentialing, or ecclesiastical endorsement will be processed without this signed and dated document. By my signature, I certify that the above and attached (if applicable) is true and accurate. I understand that falsification of this data in any manner will bring immediate revocation of my membership, ministerial credentialing, or ecclesiastical endorsement and/or cessation of the application process. I further understand that if I am ever charged with, accused of, investigated for, moved because of, or transferred to another position because of any sexual, criminal, or ethical misconduct, that I will immediately (within 72 hours) contact the office to report the same. I understand that failure to do so may bring immediate revocation of my membership, ministerial credentialing, and/or ecclesiastical endorsement.

This agreement is for your protection and the protection of the other members of the Fellowship. If you have any questions about it, please feel free to call our office and talk to one of our staff people. We are here to help you.

AGREEMENT

I acknowledge and affirm that the information provided by me in this Application, including all attachments and exhibits, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am granted general membership or receive credentials of any kind from the International Fellowship of Ministers, my membership and any credentials may be withdrawn or terminated by the International Fellowship of Ministers, at any time and without notice, if any information is false or misleading.

I hereby authorize the ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP and its agents to conduct a complete investigation of my background, character, reputation and fitness, before granting me general membership in the International Fellowship of Ministers or affording me any credentials or certification. This Application shall constitute authority to all of my past and present employers, to all educational institutions I have attended, to all religious institutions and other organizations to which I have been associated, to all government entities (including criminal records check), and to any other person or entity having information about me, to fully disclose such information to the ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP.

Such information includes, but shall not be limited to, personnel files and records, grades and grade point averages and transcripts, earned degrees, professional licenses, attendance and discipline records, complaints, suspensions, license revocations or fines, and such other oral and written information which, in the exclusive discretion of may be relevant to determining my suitability for general membership and credentials of any kind.

I hereby release any such employer, educational or religious institution, government entity, and other person or entity, and their representatives and agents, from any claim or liability of any kind for complying with such information requests of the International Fellowship of Ministers. I also hereby release the International Fellowship of Ministers and its representatives and agents from any claim or liability of any kind in conducting such investigation. I authorize the making and retention of photocopies or facsimiles of all such information, and request that photocopies or facsimile copies be accepted on the same basis as original documents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____