

CHURCH AFFILIATION

***“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt 16:18)***

TC Ministries is best described as a parachurch ministry to the body of Christ. The term ‘*parachurch*’ refers to a Christian organization that operates independently of traditional local churches but works to support, equip, and supplement their missions. The prefix ‘para’ means ‘alongside,’ making us a specialised support ministry. We are essentially non-denominational, reaching across denominational divides where possible.

We are certainly not a strange cult, a rebellious group of disaffected believers, or a ministry with questionable teaching. We are Bible-based, we fellowship and are committed to a local Pentecostal church that supports our mission, and involved with our local ministers association.

Our vision is to equip the body of Christ for the work of ministry as Paul stated in Eph 4:12, and it has been our passion and focus over several decades. We are effectively self-governing, while maintaining close relationships with other like-minded leaders and churches.

Our doctrine and teaching is Bible-based first of all, and aims to be balanced across any perceived denominational divides. These days such divides are not as common or as wide as some people tend to think. Doctrinally we hold a Pentecostal biblical view, common among many believers and denominations even when they do not put their hands up to admit so openly. We steer away from controversial doctrines that can tend to separate rather than unify churches and fellow believers, which in no way compromises our teaching and emphasis on what the Bible teaches or what Holy Spirit is doing around the globe today. There is so much we can agree on it seems quite unwarranted to highlight points of diversity not relevant to the Apostles Creed or similar documents such as the Nicene Creed or even the Westminster Confession, which are all relatively similar in content and aim, and largely agreed with across the Christian church spectrum.

Where we live almost all denominations are represented by the local Ministers Association, alongside some non-aligned independent churches. A condition of membership in the constitution of the association requires all pastors and ministers to have an understanding and allegiance to the Apostles Creed. Despite all major and some minor denominations represented across the board, we can confidently state that we all get on like a house on fire with no detectable divisions ever experienced among members, many of whom we call friends.

Tony and Kate Case belong to an established Pentecostal church which has excellent leadership, a growing congregation and who share a common commitment to see “God’s kingdom come, and His will be done” through strong accountable relationships that enhance the calling and vision given by God to all churches, large or small.

Finally, our primary motivation and vision is encapsulated in a passage from Ephesians where Paul refers to the primary roles of the five-fold ministry (or ascension gift ministries) is “to equip the saints (meaning the church) for the work of the Ministry”.

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love” (Eph 4:11-16)

