



# Five-Fold Ministries International

A Family of Churches based on Missions, Prayer, Cell Groups and Ministry to the Poor

If you are interested in joining our family of churches, you will need to agree with these Qualifications & Terms of Expectations

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### 1. APOSTOLIC COUNCIL

The Apostolic Council is a group of Leaders who form this council. Leadership of this council is by the President of FFMI.

This council will be responsible for the vision, direction and focus of FFMI as a movement. This would entail vision setting, basic values and principles to guide the movement.

### 2. APOSTOLIC COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTMENT

All Apostolic Council members are called by God and qualify according to **1 Timothy 3:1-7** and **Titus 1:5-9**. They must be registered and acknowledged members of FFMI and must willingly and freely fulfill this responsibility of leadership. Additional members to the Apostolic Council are chosen by the existing Apostolic Council with the general confirmation of all Apostolic Council members. All Apostolic Council members need to be active in the life of their local congregation.

### 3. TERMS AND TERMINATION OF APOSTOLIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Apostolic Council members should be willing to serve long-term.

Should it be necessary to terminate the responsibility of an Apostolic Council member due to a fault by their action being contrary to the Word of God as interpreted by the Apostolic Council of FFMI, the Apostolic Council will be responsible for this process of discipline and restoration.

## 4. ACCOUNTABILITY

Each Apostolic Council member will be accountable to the other members of the Apostolic Council. In the event of resolving any conflict the Apostolic Council will come to a unanimous decision concerning the continued membership of the individual member who is being disciplined.

Decisions on making major changes within FFMI, be it structure, doctrine, policies or similar kind of change will be with input and general agreement of the Apostolic Council.

## 5. STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, in their original writing, as fully inspired of God and accept them as the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
- We believe in one God, eternally existing in Three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary and is true God and true Man.
- We believe that God created man in His own image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of sin which is death physically and spiritually; that all human beings inherit a sinful nature which issues (in the case of those who reach moral responsibility) in actual transgression involving personal guilt.
- With regards to sexual behaviour, we believe in heterosexual relationships between a natural man and a natural woman within the confines of lawful matrimony.
- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins as a substitutionary sacrifice according to the scriptures and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood.
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.
- We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe that all who repent of their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, empowering and equipping believers for service, with the accompanying supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit and in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. We believe in the divinely ordained ministries of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher.
- With regards to submission to authority, we believe in the principle of being in authority because you are under authority. As such, it is understood that membership shall be subject to submission to authority in matters pertaining to church governance, doctrine and personal behaviour.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal banishment of those who have rejected the offer of salvation.
- We believe that the one true Church is the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit; that the local Church on earth should take its character from this concept of the Church spiritually and therefore, that the new birth and personal confession of Christ are essentials of church membership.
- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances - baptism in water and the Lord's Supper, to be observed as acts of obedience and as perpetual witnesses to the cardinal facts of the Christian faith, that baptism is the immersion of the believer in water as a confession of identification with Christ in burial and resurrection and that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of the emblems, symbolic of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial death, until He comes.
- We believe that divine healing was provided for in the Old and New Testament and is an integral part of the gospel.
- We believe that the Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of the new birth and continuing until the consummation of salvation.
- The church is open to any further truth, which the Holy Spirit may illuminate from the Scriptures.

## 6. FINANCES AND BUDGET

FFMI believe in paying of tithes and giving offerings according to **Malachi 3:8-10**.

Each member ministry or church should maintain their own ministry or church budget. FFMI will not be responsible whatsoever for the mismanagement of funds within any of the member ministry or churches. Further, FFMI does not stand guarantee or surety for any financial responsibility entered into by any member ministry or church.

Each member of FFMI must strive to contribute at least 1% (one percent) of his or her ministry or church's monthly income to a central controlled bank account of FFMI.

An accountability group (auditing company) outside of FFMI will be responsible to ensure that the finances of FFMI will be managed with integrity.

## 7. QUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

FFMI reserves the right to lay down and amend certain requirements for membership applicants.

Every application for membership will be investigated to determine the background, history and facts concerning the ministry of the applicant. Applicants should preferably be in full-time ministry although this may vary when certain circumstances are considered.

It is imperative that applicants are active in the Five Fold Ministry. Pastors should be shepherding a congregation with all the characteristics that are commonly associated with an average congregation as interpreted by the Leadership of FFMI. Regular duties should encompass preaching, conducting marriages, funerals, counseling, communion, visitations and carrying full responsibility for the care and welfare of their congregations.

Other members of the Five Fold Ministry such as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Teachers must submit full particulars of all their ministerial activities over a period of at least one year prior to the date of the application. Aspects of details to be supplied should contain the following:

- a) Dates and places of ministry as well as the nature of the ministry.
- b) Names of churches or venues where such ministry took place and names of respective senior contact persons.
- c) Contact numbers of these churches.

Ministry Directors and Ministry Assistants may be considered for membership. In both instances their church membership must be confirmed annually by their local church leader.

**Prior to membership being acknowledged**, the following important criteria need to be understood and complied with in order to process the application. Therefore, prospective members need to:

1. Have an existing and established favourable Godly relationship with a current member of FFMI and must be recommended by the FFMI member.
2. Provide copies of certificates, diplomas and degrees of the highest qualification held.
3. Provide copies of previously acknowledged ministerial ordination certificates.
4. Hold an acknowledged ministerial qualification.
5. Attend Regional general summit meetings as arranged by FFMI.
6. Provide two ministers' recommendation forms recommending membership.
7. Serve a probationary period as determined by the Apostolic Council.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF MARRIAGE OFFICERS**

Each country operates differently with the regard to the appointment of marriage licenses. Wherever possible FFMI will strive to register with the relevant authority to obtain approval for the appointment of licensed marriage officials. FFMI is currently registered in the Republic of South Africa.

All applications for registration as Marriage Officers in South Africa must be controlled and applied for through the General Secretary of FFMI.

## **9. FFMI EXPECTATIONS FROM ITS MEMBERS**

1. Every member must be aligned to the vision of FFMI.
2. To be totally honest in every area of one's lifestyle. This includes the financial dimension. All ministers should tithe. There must be no darkness in the life of the man or woman of God. It is expected that members will not talk about the leaders of FFMI but rather talk to them.
3. Be balanced and maintain a holistic view of the ministry and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Be loyal to the leaders of FFMI and other members within FFMI. Loyalty must not cloud biblical values.
5. Be financially committed to FFMI. The guideline that has been set is for each member ministry or church to contribute 1% (one percent) of that particular church or ministry's monthly income. This amount should be gradually adjusted to 2% (two percent) in due time.
6. Keep rank and recognise God's order. Ephesians 4:11 "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers" (NIV).
7. Members must not be silent on moral and ethical issues in our nation.
8. Be in one mind with the body of Christ. Members are not to speak disrespectfully about the Lord's bride. Do not talk negative about anyone, rather build one another up.
9. FFMI meetings must focus on cross-pollinating with one another.

## **10. GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINE AND RESTORATION OF MEMBERS**

As this is a guide it always remains open to further improvement. According to scripture God disciplines, reconciles and restores (Hebrews 12:11). Discipline is essential for health, vibrancy and growth.

A committee appointed by the Apostolic Council would handle disputes that arise between members of FFMI.

Individual ministries and churches will handle internal disputes based on their individual constitutions.

FFMI does not see itself being responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the individual ministries or churches.

Discipline is for the shaping of our hearts and lives through correction, warning, reproof, rebuking and teaching. In the event where discipline is being applied, it must guard against harshness and condemnation toward the one being disciplined. Generally, the attitude on all sides must be aimed at the restoration of the fallen member and ultimately bring glory to God.