



**INTERNATIONAL
MINISTRIES NETWORK**

**Ministry Overview
&
Minister Application**

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An Apostolic Network for Equipping and Releasing Ministers

International Ministries Network (IMN) is an apostolic network for equipping and releasing ministers. IMN is really a threefold network of apostles, ministers, and churches. We are not independent but seek to be affiliated with other similar apostolic networks. National and international networking allows for increased resources and cooperative ministries beyond the capabilities of a small, independent group.

Relationship between ministers and churches is provided through IMN. Our relationships in IMN provide **fellowship, support, encouragement, and accountability.**

Fellowship is provided through newsletters, email, correspondence, ministers' meetings, and conferences held in association with other apostolic networks. **Support** and encouragement is also available through relationship within IMN. For example, IMN can provide advice and counsel in developing your ministry's documents, and financial soundness.

Credentials provided through IMN include Ordination, Minister's License, and Christian Workers License. For a minister who is in training or starting out in ministry, we recommend the Christian Worker's License, which will allow him or her to preach, teach, and minister as the Lord opens the opportunities, including jails, hospitals, etc. Ordained and licensed ministers are authorized to pastor churches, lead ministries, and perform civil ceremonies such as weddings and funerals.

After a person has proved and developed his or her ministry, he or she may advance to License or Ordination. Ordination is reserved for seasoned, experienced, life-long ministers. Credentials may be transferred from other ministerial organizations and denominations.

Spiritual covering is provided through IMN for ministers, churches, and ministry organizations. Prayer, oversight and accountability are needed in the life of every minister. Opportunities for spiritual fathering relationships of mentoring and development are provided through the network of apostles in IMN.

Ministry opportunities are available through networking in IMN. For example, we provide opportunities for coordination and cooperation among ministries for greater resources as well as support and accountability. IMN encourages networking of local, regional, and national ministries.

Through IMN's networking, opportunities to be involved in international ministry are given. These opportunities include participation in international mission trips and leadership conferences. Structure for legal covering of ministries is provided through IMN's duly constituted cooperation with our own constitution and by-laws. This allows IMN to enjoy state, national and international recognition. Also, IMN can provide sample constitutions and by-laws for helping ministries in developing their own legal documents.

Enjoyment should be a part of any effective ministry organization. Friendship, fellowship, and fun are a natural byproduct of cooperative ministry. IMN is a network of real people enjoying life together in ministry.

Benefits of an Apostolic Network:

Listed below are some of the key reasons to be in an Apostolic Network:

Relationship:

- Developing a “kinship of calling” for reaching the city and the world.
- Growing lifelong friendships with a commonality of lifestyle and purpose.
- Having someone to call on in times of need for prayer support and spiritual advice.

Accountability:

- A safe place to share struggles as well as strengthening one another in holiness.
- A network “sounding board” to discuss doctrinal questions and issues that arise in your ministry.

Ministry Support:

- A place to obtain answers and support in all arenas pertaining to life in ministry and the establishing of churches. This includes financial advice in the development of ministries and churches as well as practical guidelines for church planting missions work and community outreach.

Ministry Licensing:

- Providing a legal entity whereby men and women who have demonstrated through their lifestyles and Godly works, a calling to Christian ministry.

“ . . . That they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.” Mark 3:14

Abundant Blessings!

Larry E. Cockerham, Ph.D.
IMN International President

AFFILIATION APPLICATION FORM WITH INSTRUCTIONS

International Ministry Network is open to new partners who may want to join the fellowship. In order to be considered, the following application must be submitted for the IMN International Board of Directors.

Please apply online by scanning the QR code (preferred method):



Or apply using the following paper application:

1. Every question must be answered.
2. You must type or write in neat-capitalized-legible hand writing, using black ink.



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE AS WILL APPEAR ON CREDENTIALS)

Today's Date: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Surname: _____

Phone _____ Address _____ City _____

Email _____

MARITAL STATUS: (*circle one*) *Single* *Married* *Separated* *Divorced* *Widowed*

Name of Spouse: _____ Spouse Phone Number _____

Number of Children living at home: _____

Are you born again: Circle One: (Yes) or (No) Date of Salvation: _____

Have you been baptized with water: Circle Once (Yes) or (No)

Date of Baptism: _____

Do you speak in other tongues: Circle One (Yes) or (No)

WHICH IMN CREDENTIALS ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?

Ordination () License () Christian Worker's Certificate ()

IF YOU ARE NOT PASTORING:

Name of Your Ministry or Denomination/Church where you are serving

Briefly describe your ministry:

Address _____

City/Region _____ State/Country _____ Postal Code _____



Your Pastor's Name, Phone & Email: _____

List any previous memberships in other churches: _____

IF PRESENTLY PASTORING:

Name of Your Church _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/Regions _____ State/Country _____

Postal Code _____

IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE MINISTREIAL CREDENTIALS

Denomination/Association of which you hold credentials:

Who is your pastor, overseer or spiritual covering? Name _____

Address _____ Email _____

What Credentials to You Hold: Ordained () Licensed () Christian Worker's Certificate ()

Date of Credentials: _____

List all your ministry experience. Please include all present and past major involvements in ministry and any ministry positions you've held in the past.



List all previous ministry related training, classes, and education. (Include dates, certificates, diplomas, etc.)

What are your future plans for ministry?

ETHICAL ISSUES

Explain your strategy for maintaining integrity in your life and ministry:

In case of difficulties in your ministry, would you be willing to consult with the IMN leadership, to receive advice and correction as appropriate to the situation?

What are your ideas as to how a minister should conduct himself/herself toward members of the opposite sex, in and out of the church?

What is your personal view of the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, marijuana and narcotics?

Do you have any arrest record or felony convictions? **(Yes or No)**

Do you have a criminal background or child abuse convictions. **(Yes or No)**

Do you adhere to the teaching of scriptures that sex is only for a man and woman in marriage?
(Yes or No)

We strictly forbid homosexual behavior, adultery, fornication or other illicit sexual behavior.

REQUIRED REFERENCES:

Please use the reference form supplied, have two persons complete and return references. One reference must be from your ministry overseer or pastor where you attend church. The other reference can come from a leader of your denomination/association of ministers.

Recommendations should be from non-family members.

List the Name, Position and Place of Ministry of References

1. _____
2. _____

TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED TO BE MAILED OR EMAILED:

- 1.) Application
- 2.) 2 References
- 3.) Current Photo
- 4.) Non-Refundable Processing Fee of \$10 (You can pay by check, money order or visit www.imnglobal.net)

Application & references can be mailed to 930 25th Street NW Cleveland, TN 37311 or emailed to info@imnglobal.net.

ATTENTION: WE WILL CONTACT YOU UPON APPROVAL OF YOUR APPLICATION. THE ANNUAL AFFILIATION FEE WILL NEED TO BE PAID TO RECEIVE YOUR CERTIFICATE AND MEMBERSHIP CARD (You can pay by check, money order or visit www.imnglobal.net)

Certificates and Membership Cards will be shipped to you upon receiving payment of annual affiliation fee. To all International applicants: Your credentials will be emailed unless arrangements are made for advance shipping cost through FedEx, UPS, DHL

REQUIRED ANNUAL AFFILIATION FEES (Subject to change):

\$100.00 for US Ministries.

\$30.00 for Ministries outside the USA

All fees are due yearly along with an annual report on your ministry.

OFFERING: *It is requested that IMN Ministers send a monthly offering for the support of IMN missions and ministries around the world. IMN member churches are requested to give an offering of 1% of the church's tithes.*

I _____ certify that I have reviewed all the information provided in my application and certify that it is accurate.

_____ Date: _____
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

FOR IMN USE ONLY	
Date rec'd _____	Amt. Pd. _____
Date Credentials Approved _____	Approved By _____
Processed by _____	Date _____

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES NETWORK – REFERENCE FORM

Candidates must provide letters of references from any (2) two people. One from your pastor or overseer. The other from a leader of your denomination/association of ministers.

MAKE (2) two Copies of Reference Form and give to (2) individuals. References must be returned with the application.

Ministerial Reference Form

_____ (**Applicants Name**) is applying for
- Ordination () License () Christian Worker's Certificate () with IMN and has given your name as a reference. We appreciate your prompt response to the following questions. We want to assure you that all information received will be treated confidentially. References are very important to the Examination Board in determining the qualifications and character of an applicant. Family members and subordinates (employee/volunteer) are not acceptable as references. To qualify as a reference, you must have known the applicant for at least one year.

How long have you personally known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship with the applicant? _____

Would you describe the applicant as Very Effective/ Somewhat Effective/ Not Effective in ministry? (**Circle one**)

Does the applicant work well with others? (**Yes or No**)

Explain how the applicant deals with conflict. _____

Would you say the applicant is living a life that reflects a desire to be like Jesus Christ? (**Yes or No**)
If no, please explain:

Would you say the applicant is living a life that reflects the fruit of the Holy Spirit? (**Yes or No**)
If no, please explain: _____

If you have ever observed the applicant preach a sermon, how would you evaluate his/her ability to preach and/or teach? (Circle N/A if not observed)

How would you evaluate the applicant's ability to share the Gospel and win others to Christ? (Circle N/A if you are not comfortable answering this question)

Describe the applicant's relationship with his /her spouse and children (If applicable).

How would you describe the applicant's work ethic? (Is he/she reliable to keep commitments, show up on time, stick to a project until completed, and have a spirit of excellence?)

How would you describe the applicant's management of his/her personal finances and the finances of the church or ministry?

How would you describe the applicant's leadership skills (Wisdom, Discernment, Responsibility, and Vision)?

Are there any areas of behavior that you are aware of that could hinder the applicant's ability to lead in Christian ministry? (For example: Improper sexual behavior, dishonesty, drunkenness, unethical behavior, improper business dealings, heresy, dealings with the occult).

If you were looking to hire a pastor or ministry assistant, would you hire this candidate or desire the applicant to help during times of need? **(Yes or No)** Please explain:

Certification: In my capacity as a minister of the Gospel of Christ and representing my church/organization, I hereby certify that (1) I have reviewed all the information provided in this reference letter and (2) I certify that it is accurate.

First Name

Last Name

Date

Church/Ministry Name

Position/Rank

Signature

