

International Fellowship of Ministers

Overview

The International Ministerial Fellowship will be developed into a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. The organization will provide a breeding ground for fellowship among pastors, ministers and those seeking credentials, mentorship and coaching.

Board of Governors:

The organization will be governed by a Board of Governors:

- Rev. St. Clair Mitchell, Temple Hills, MD
- Rev. Niyi Adams, Lanham, MD
- Rev. James Belle, Temple Hills, MD
- Rev. Ron Johnson, Hollywood, FL
- Rev. Dr. Carolyn Hodge, Upper Marlboro, MD
- Rev. George Phillips, St. Thomas, VI
- Bishop Odell McFarland Jr., Alpharetta, GA
- Rev. Diana McConaty, Temple Hills, MD
- Rev. Dr. Maureen McIntosh, Alexandria, VA
- Rev. Nicolas Rojas, Upper Marlboro, MD
- Rev. Gerard Ruff, Hampton, VA
- Rev. Larry Todd, Chesapeake, VA

Services:

The organization 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
- H- Headship (Spiritual)

CREDENTIALS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

General Partnership Requirements:

Partners will...

- a** have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
- b** accept the Bible written and undivided as their guide for living.
- c** have a spiritual call to Christian ministry and service.
- d** commit themselves to a life of spiritual growth and service.
- e** evince your call to Christian ministry in your life, Bible study and Christian service.
- f** will faithfully and consistently support the Fellowship as led by the Spirit of God.
- g** complete the application process, meet the appropriate partnership and credential's requirements and interview successfully.

Certificate of Recognition (COR)

- A Certificate of Recognition granted entitles the covenant partner to all the rights and privileges accorded to a General Partner. Ordained or licensed clergy who are granted a COR are afforded the same respect as an IFM partner with their clerical standing. Although the partner may be credentialed by their own denomination, we honor them and the ministry God has established through their faithful service to Christ.
- In some instances, a partnership in the IFM will be transitional for several years while the partner works toward full ordination in their own denomination. Other times circumstances may prevent the candidate from pursuing ordination in their own denomination and we may be able to serve their denominational church and the partner in a special role for a longer period of time. When they have accomplished personal goals that might require them to otherwise leave IFM, they may choose to continue a relationship with us.

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- Also, there may be Christian businessmen who want to be a part of what we are doing, but do not feel called as a clergy person and prefer to be affiliated with IFM by receiving Certificate of Recognition. We welcome them. We need them and their business knowledge to help us chart the course for this ministry.

Requirements for Certificate of Recognition

- Meet the requirements of a General Partner
- Be recommended for a Certificate of Recognition by your senior pastor or the pastor of an established congregation.
- Complete the application process and interview successfully.
- Meet other criteria as determined by the Board of Governors.
May transfer a credentialed partnership of IFM to Partner by request to the Board of Governors with approval.

▪ License to Minister (LTM)

- A License to Minister is a credential which is provided to persons who have some biblical and theological training ministry experience but need further knowledge or experience in order to be fully established. Such persons are authorized to perform all sacerdotal services.

Requirements for License to Minister LTM

- Meet the general requirements for general partnership.
 - Be recommended for licensing by your pastor or another pastor of an established congregation.
 - Demonstrate an acceptable level of biblical and theological proficiency.
 - Be recommended for licensing by your peers in Christian ministry.
 - Other criteria as determined by the Board of Governors.
 - Normally, a person will serve at least two years with a Licensed Minister's credential before being considered for the next credential in the ministry track offered by IFM. The next credential in the ministry track is the Ordained Minister's credential.
- ### ▪ Ordination
- An Ordained Minister's credential is provided to those persons who have, "an established and proven ministry." Such persons are not only authorized to perform sacerdotal services, but are also required to be performing sacerdotal services on a regular or ongoing basis.

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Requirements for Ordination

- Meet the general requirements for general partnership.
- Be recommended for ordination by your pastor, church elders or other approved religious leaders.
- Be recommended by your peers in Christian ministry.
- Demonstrate a level of biblical and theological proficiency.
- Have an established and proven ministry (this may include a transfer of ordination from another recognized church, fellowship or denomination).
- Be performing sacerdotal services on a regular or ongoing basis.
- Other criteria as determined by the Board of Governors.

Process:

An application process has been developed along with requirements for each level. The applicant will enter into a covenant relationship with the International Ministerial Fellowship upon acceptance into the fellowship.

- An application for approval should be submitted to the Board of Governors Board for review.
- An Interview will be held with each candidate at the discretion of the Board of Governors Board.
- The candidate will be notified upon acceptance and approval of the application.

Contributions:

To maintain credentials covenant partners will be required to make monthly contributions to the fellowship. Contributions will be based an amount equivalent to 10% of the covenant partners tithe. There will also be a monthly fee to be determined for those partners who desire the coaching level only.

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