

**G.M.F.**  
GLOBAL MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP

An Apostolic Fellowship of Senior ministers/pastors, Churches,  
Trans-local Ministries and Missionaries

**MEMBERSHIP MANUAL**

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## **BIRTHING OF G.M.F.**

**G.M.F** Global Minister Fellowship was a birthed into the hearts of Rev. Stephen and Rita Fedele by the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a work in progress over the last 30 years. The apostolic call was given to the Fedeles and was confirmed by proven Apostolic Ministry not only through the prophetic word but most of all through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit as they served the body of Christ with the heart of a father and mother.

This past 13 years the Lord has strategically opened many doors and allowed covenant relationships to develop between them and ministries they cover, thus revealing the need for establishing GMF . The Fedeles are in about 160 churches a year; everywhere they go they are recognized in the Office of the Prophet. In about 30 of these churches they act as the prophetic covering of the Apostolic /Prophetic Team. At present in approximately 10 churches they have been asked to act as the Apostolic Covering for the pastor and church. This Apostolic ministry is quickly growing. Both Stephen and Rita understand the principals of Biblical Government, Order and Submission, and function in each unique and particular church setting according to their relationship with each local church and its leaders.

The Fedeles believe strongly in the need for all ministries to have Biblical accountability, while still preserving the sovereignty of the local church and the importance of a senior ministers/pastors and leadership team. G.M.F was birthed with these principals in mind.

### **NOTE:**

- 1. GLOBAL MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP IS AN EXTENTION OF PROPHETIC VOICE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, which is a legal 501 Tax Exempt Corporation in the USA.**
- 2. WHNEVER 5 FOLD MINISTRY IS MENTIONED IT ALWAYS REFERES TO THE EPH 4:11 PRINCIPLE OF APOSTLE, PROPHET, PASTOR, EVANGELIST, TEACHER.**
- 3. WHEN SENIOR MINISTER/PASTOR IS MENTIONED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS ALWAYS TO REFERES TO ONE OF THE OFFICES REFERED TO IN EPH4:11.**

## THE PURPOSE OF G.M.F

G.M.F has been established to fulfill the Great Commission which Jesus Christ gave the church in **Matt 28:18-20**. We intend to fulfill this commission by working with senior ministers/pastors; local churches, trans-local ministers, missionaries and other Apostolic Networks the following manner:

1. The Strengthening of Local Churches – encouraging, advising existing churches and ministries. Providing leadership seminars for local church senior ministers/pastors and leaders.
2. Church Planting – reaching Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the utter most parts of the earth.
3. Raising the Next Generations – Training and raising the next generation of the Five Fold Ministry. Eph 4:11.
4. Missions- Establishing and strengthening existing international missions.
5. Establishing of Training Centers- Biblical studies and practical ministerial applications.
6. Mentoring – mentoring and providing on the job training for emerging ministries in co-operation with their local church pastor.
7. Evangelism – reaching the lost.

We are a foundational ministry, with a heart to provide support, counsel, covering as well as to provide give prophetic insight for the benefit of the local church, its ministries and leaders.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

- To conduct a local and international ministry by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, following all commandments stated in the Holy Bible which is the irrevocable Word of God.
- To establish an ecclesiastical form of government based on Biblical patterns of Apostolic Ministry
- Ordination and Licensing for those candidates with a clear and recognizable calling to the Christian Ministry
- Facilitation of covenant relationships among Christian ministers of like faith, through fellowship, prayer, and other activities
- Establishment of an Affiliation of members of ordained, and licensed ministers, elders and lay-ministry within the local church and Trans-local ministers based on acceptance of a recognized creed, beliefs and support of the Fellowship
- To establish Apostolic truth to the nations and local church
- Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism, church planting, leadership development, seminars, Bible teaching and training.
- Equip and enable senior ministers/pastors, elders, and trans-local ministers encouraging personal growth and the development of their professional ministerial skills by providing continued education and training through conferences, seminars and other appropriate means
- To provide Prophetic training, seminars and Prophetic Presbytery for leaders and local churches
- To establish Ministry Training Centers
- To network Apostolic Ministries, and to promote unity in the wider body of Christ
- To Minister the word of God to the faithful and all others
- To provide credible ministry for local churches
- To respect and protect the autonomy of the local church. Affiliation with this organization is voluntary and does not in any way constitute governmental control by the Fellowship over the local church.

## **BENEFITS OF BECOMING GMF MEMBERS**

1. Covenant Relationship – Walking together to strengthen the call of God in your church and personal ministry.
2. Licensing and Ordination – confirming the call of God on your life and establishing credibility and accountability for your ministry.
3. To Build Your Ministry on Biblical Foundations - Eph.2:19 “built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone.”
4. Engage in Effective Spiritual Warfare - 2 Cor.10:4 “for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of stronghold.” WARFARE means apostolic duty or authority.
5. Confidential Counseling – for senior ministers/pastors, leaders and church related issues.
6. Aid the Church in Conflict Resolution
7. Administration of Missions Support
8. Establishing of Missions
9. Regional Seminars
10. Annual Seminars – for local church senior ministers/pastors and leaders.  
Via Internet
11. Prayer Ministry -to provide a prayer covering
12. Ministry Training- In the local church setting, as well as, on-the-job training in co-operation with the local church senior ministry
13. Exposure to Quality 5 Fold Ministry

G.M.F is a fellowship that is based on covenant relationship and a desire to see the New Testament Church excel through the ministry of the Apostolic and Prophetic and other 5 Fold Ministry. Eph 4:11,12

**NOTE: IN FORGONE COUNTRIES GMF DOES NOT REPLACE YOUR NATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Global Ministers Fellowship accepts the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God.

**2 Tim 3:16-17** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” KJV With this in mind we make the following statements of faith:

1. We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. Written by holy men of God who wrote under the influence and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe in the eternal existence of one God manifested in three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His crucifixion. His atoning death through the shedding of His body and blood, in the resurrection of His body, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His future personal return in power , and in miracles in His name.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinfully man acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential.
5. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit being valid and “normal” manifestations of His abiding presence in His church and people
6. We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in man that empowers him to live a godly life and do works of God.
7. We believe in the baptisms of Christ. The baptism into family of God at salvation, the baptism of water by immersion and the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
8. We believe in eternal judgment and the end of the age when all the dead in Christ shall rise and stand before Him. We believe in eternal life for those who are saved through the body and blood of Jesus Christ and eternal damnation for those that are lost in sin.
9. We believe in the Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Evangelist and Teacher for the equipping of the saints and the work of the ministry. Eph 4:11-12
10. We believe that the Apostle and Prophet should be at the foundation of every local church. Eph 2:20
11. We believe in the sovereignty of the local church and that it is the main tool that the Lord Jesus Christ will use to manifest his good will and purpose on earth.
12. We believe in the fellowship of the saints. Eph 4:11

## **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF G.M.F.**

To become a member of G.M.F. you must be in covenant relationship with Apostle Stephen and Prophetess Rita Fidele for a minimum of two years.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. You must have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
2. You must accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God and agree with the G.M.F. Statement of Faith.
3. You must complete the G.M.F. questionnaire and application form. You must show evidence of godly character, the anointing of the Holy Spirit, a command of the Word of God, and consistent service to the body of Christ.
4. There must be recognition of the call of God on your life by senior ministry.
5. You must have an interview with a member of the apostolic team or a Regional Director.
6. Consistent and faithful financial support of G.M.F based on your level of membership.
7. All G.M.F members must uphold the sovereignty of the local church and the authority of the set man and eldership (senior ministry/pastor) with high regard and should be a member of a local church in good standing.

### **HOW TO BE RELEASED FROM GMF**

1. Write a letter of resignation to the apostolic team of GMF requesting termination of membership and stating the reason for withdrawal with an official resignation date.
2. Upon acceptance of resignation you will be asked to return all credentialing documentation to the GMF office.



## **GENERAL TERMINOLOGY**

1. APOSTLE Stephen Fedele
2. APOSTOLIC TEAM - a group of proven 5 Fold Ministers (Eph 4:11) that govern GMF.
- 3, APOSTOLIC ADVISORY TEAM-a group of proven 5 Fold ministers (Eph 4:11)that give advise and counsel to the Apostolic Team as needed.
- 4, SENIOR MINISTER/PASTOR/LEADER- a man or woman that has the final voice over a local church or ministry.
- 5.REGIONAL DIRECTORS- immediate contact between the Apostle, Apostolic Team, and local churches and ministries
5. APOSTOLIC FUND- moneys given to the Apostle for personal livelihood and the work if the ministry
6. GMF GENERAL FUND moneys that are given to run the daily business of GMF and supply a base for conferences and church planting
7. MEMBERSHIP FEE moneys used to run the daily business of GMF and supply a base for conferences and church plants

## **LEVELS OF GMF MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS by GMF: Those who have GMF as their spiritual covering.**
- 2. APOSTLES OF ESTABLISHED NETWORKS: Those who seek spiritual covering of GMF while maintaining autonomy of their Apostolic Networks.**
- 3. AFFILIATES Senior ministers/pastors ministers who seek personal covering and are accountable to GMF**
  - a. Trans-local ministers who seek personal covering and are accountable to GMF:**
  - b. Senior ministers/pastors or Trans-local ministers that do not hold ordination or license with GMF**
  - c. Churches may also be affiliates for a \$500 annual fee.**
- 4. CHURCH PLANTS OF GMF AND THOSE SEEKING GMF COVERING WITH NO PRESENT APOSTOLIC COVERING: Those established by GMF or those seeking apostolic covering of GMF**

**FOR DETAILS SEE GMF RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT**

## **GLOBAL MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP**

### **RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT**

#### **APOSTOLIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To ordain and license ministry
  - To aid local churches in development of future goals , vision , strategies for church growth and in establishing local church team ministry
  - To train leadership
  - To help resolve conflict between leaders and local church
- \*To provide conflict resolution when invited by local church senior ministers/ pastor or leaders
- \*In the event of Senior Minister/Pastoralor Leaders moral failure, elders may contact Apostolic covering (GMF) but Apostolic Team will notify the senior minister/ pastor /leader before proceeding with conflict
- \*GMF will aid in the stepping down of any minister, elder or leadership who violated Biblical protocol.
- To provide personal and church counsel for senior ministry
  - In the event of Senior Ministry/ Pastoral/Leaders death, resignation, moral or financial failure the Apostolic the Apostolic Team Members or an regional directors for a two year period will remain president of the board.
  - In the establishing of a new church or church seeking covering for reasons above or perhaps having no pastor, a member of the Apostolic Team will remain on the board for a period of two years. We will also appoint a person to attend to the every day-today business of the church. This person will be directly accountable to the Apostolic Team. If GMF takes oversight in these instances the existing eldership may be asked to resign.
  - Once a year in person and quarterly via the internet one of the Apostolic Team members will meet with senior ministers/pastor/ leader who hold their ordination by GMF and their leadership team. At that time they will hold services for the local church. In the event of emergency they are free to contact us at any time and arrangements will be made to meet with them by internet.

- Trans-local ministers ordained or licensed with GMF will have the opportunity to meet with the Apostolic Team by appointment quarterly via internet. In the event of emergency they are free to contact us at any time, and we will make arrangements to meet with them.
- In the event of Senior Ministers/Pastoral/Leadership death, resignation, moral, or financial failure a member of the apostolic team will cover the church pastorally until the next pastor is raised up. One of the Apostolic Team or a person appointed will remain as president of the board for a two year period.

## **2. REGIONAL DIRECTORS JOB DESCRIPTION**

- A regional director must be in full agreement with all teaching and practices of GMF, and in submission to the Apostle
- To be a link between the Apostle; Apostolic Team and the Local Senior ministers/pastors and Trans-local Ministries of your country/region.
- To contact the local senior ministers/pastors and trans-local ministers once a month.
- To be available as the “first level of help” when a problem arises and to inform the Apostle of these issues in a timely manner
- To immediately notify the Apostles or an Apostolic Team Member of any unresolved issues
- To provide short quarterly written reports
- To be the key person in the co-ordinations of conferences and apostolic visits
- To book the itinerary and for the apostolic visits

## **3. MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **A. LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **1. ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS of GMF:**

##### **See levels of GMF membership**

- Will personally tithe to the Apostolic Fund.
- Members should attend the yearly internet conference and business meeting at this time a annual financial report will be made available
- Members should maintain a teachable spirit and seriously consider and pray about any counsel given to them personally and for the good of the local church

- Senior ministers/pastors will be required to give a yearly summary of their local church and ministry in January which should contain suggestions of how the Apostolic Team can better serve you. Also, to provide three suggestions of subjects that can best benefit them in the upcoming year.
- **TRANS-LOCAL MINISTERS** ordained or licensed by us will be required to give a summary of their ministry 2X per year (January and June.) A report from there LOCAL CHURCH PASTOR IS ALSO REQUIRED 1X PER. YEAR in January.  
\*They will tithe 50 % of their ministry income to their local church and 50% to GMF

## 2. APOSTLES OF ESTABLISHED NETWORKS:

**Those who seek spiritual covering of GMF while maintaining autonomy of their Apostolic Networks.**

- The Apostle will tithe 10% of his income to GMF. In the event of collaboration of events such as conferences, and training seminars, the Apostolic Networks will assume a financial responsibility based on the number of churches in the network. The financial amount will be based upon the cost of the conference and the agreement of Apostle of GMF and the Apostle of the Network.

## 3. AFFILIATES:

See levels of GMF membership

### **A. Senior ministers/pastors/ leaders who seek personal covering and are accountable to GMF**

- Are required to pay an annual membership fee of \$500 (payment due April 1<sup>st</sup>).

### **B. Trans-local ministers who seek personal covering and are accountable to GMF**

- Are required to pay a annual membership fee of \$500 (payment due April 1<sup>st</sup>).

### **C. AFFILIATE CHURCHES**

- Are required to pay an annual registration fee of \$500 ( payment due April 1st.

## 4. CHURCH PLANTS OF GMF AND THOSE WITH NO SPIRITUAL COVERING

**Those established by GMF or those seeking apostolic covering of GMF**

- Senior ministers/pastors/leader will personally tithe to the Apostolic Fund
- In the event that there is no pastor, the church will tithe 10% of their tithe to the Apostolic Fund. When the pastor is installed under GMF guidelines he will tithe to the Apostolic Fund.
- Members should maintain a teachable spirit and seriously consider and pray about any counsel give to them personally and for the good of the local church
- Senior ministers/Pastors/Leader will be required to give a yearly summary of their local church and ministry in January which should contain suggestion of how the Apostolic Team can better serve them. Also, to provide three suggestions of subjects that can best benefit them in the upcoming year.

NOTE:

- Any undesignated donations will go directly into the General Account of GMF to be use for the administration of GMF efforts
- There will be a joint Missions effort to which the members will be encouraged to invest . All missions donations must be designated to mission. **This in a non-obligatory offering.**

## **5. LEADERSHIP TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN GMF IS GIVING APOSTOLIC COVERING IN A LOCAL CHURCH**

- To determine the length of this relationship and to re-evaluate it prior to the end of that period. The length of the advisory relationship will be mutually agreed upon.
  - a. The terms of this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.
  - b. In the event of doctrinal or moral failure which will result in termination of relationship, a notice of termination must be rendered in writing by both parties.
- To help choose the other advisory members of the team.
- To communicate to me the Apostle or a Apostolic Team Member any issues in which my assistance is required, as soon as, possible.
- To inform me of the final decision that the leadership team has made on decisions where my assistance was require, and up date me on the outcome.
- To notify the Apostolic Team in writing of any major structural changes within the organization
- Financial Responsibilities

- a.. To provide ground transportation to and from leadership meetings, food and lodging for the time we are with you.
- b. To give a love offering when one of the Apostle or one of Apostolic team members is preaching in a service
- .To assist **Regional Directors** with our schedule when preaching within the fellowship of churches.

NOTE Affiliates will be given counsel upon request and through appointment. One of the members of the Apostolic Team will meet with senior ministry only, and preach at the local church at least once a year. Financial responsibilities will be the same as a and b seen above .