

New Covenant International Ministry Alliance and Fellowship (NCIMAF)

Welcome to New Covenant International Ministry Alliance and Fellowship (NCIMAF). We are a worldwide alliance of Christian churches and ministries, mission organizations and ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are dedicated to walking together in the advancement of God's kingdom. We welcome denominational and independent ministers, ministries and churches that share our fundamental truths. It is our desire to further the Gospel of Christ.

Our Faith: We believe that Christ died for the sins of humankind, was buried and rose again on the third day. He now sits at the right hand of the Father. We acknowledge that Christ sent the Holy Spirit to help, guide and comfort us. We welcome all who believe as we do, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender, and who follow the timeless fundamentals of the Gospel, as revealed in God's Word to us. We believe in the impeccable inerrancy and reliability of the whole Gospel. Our Alliance and Fellowship is open to both men and women who are called into leadership service to Christ.

NCIMAF Goals: We strive to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our Alliance of faithful Christian churches, mission organization, independent ministries and our Fellowship of Christian pastors. We are committed to the following principles and actions.

- We will facilitate meaningful fellowship, encouragement, edification and support to those called and functioning as ministers or working within ministry training schools.
- Our parent institution, New Covenant International University and Theological Seminary (NCIU), continues to develop a global network of like-minded learning and training institutions that link God's people together around the world. This relationship provides and validates the training of those committed to the task of world harvest for Christ.
- As a division of NCIU, we are authorized to grant ordination and licensure certificates to Christian workers, Evangelists, Missionaries and Pastors. (See Item 2 below.)

1. Membership: We are grateful for your interest in the New Covenant Ministry Alliance and Fellowship. We are thankful to God that you are choosing to become part of us, joining in our service to the Lord Jesus Christ and to each other. We are committed to the Great Commission. It is a mandate from Christ. Therefore, our charge as New Covenant Ministry Alliance and Fellowship (NCIMAF) is to provide our members with opportunities to grow with and through us. This enables us to provide these opportunities through a continuing stream of tangible benefits.

The Need and Action it Requires: We understand the risk of isolation that typically accompanies answering the call of God to ministry. Accordingly, we offer a variety of ways to further our members' ministry proficiencies, in connection with others who have a heart to serve. This is done in the context of intentional, purposeful and genuine relationship building. We recognize that all of us have this need, and know it is particularly prevalent among ministers of the Gospel. With this in mind, we have designed our Ministry Alliance and Fellowship for the purposeful furtherance of our relationships among each other. This purpose is wrapped in our efforts to enable personal growth through ready access to each other and a wide range of our ministry resources. These are specifically designed to help build our members' skill sets for wise and fruitful ministry. We do this with a heart to train, enhance and assist our members in becoming all that is in God's heart. We do so with the

sure foundation of Christ as our Good Shepherd. We follow Him and acknowledge His desire that we walk together as one with Him and each other.

- Our Task: Through the mandate of our Board of Directors, we are prioritizing our practices to meet specifically outlined needs of our membership. This requires a sacrificial understanding that our ministry belongs to Christ; and our members are the beneficiaries of His grace, however it may reveal itself through our leadership. We remain open to the suggestions that our members provide concerning their needs. When we can, we will assign a Board Member, Professor, Adjunct Professor or Country Director to assist with a particular need.
- Relationships: We major on ways to foster relationships among our membership. Our Board members, leaders and members are deliberate and intentional in opening our hearts to each other, regardless of our differences. Particularly important is the commitment of our more seasoned colleagues to reach out to our less experienced members. Accordingly, our members with the seasoning of years of ministry welcome the opportunity to willingly reach out to our younger members. We look at this opportunity through the eyes of Jesus and invite His compassion to rule in our hearts. Every member is expected to seek out and commit to another who would benefit from a personal, one-to-one ministry interpersonal relationship. (These relationships will be gender specific, men-to-men and women-to-women only.) When asked, the NCIMAF Board of Directors may provide guidance for member-to-member relationships.

2. Membership Access and Requirements: Being a valued part of NCIMAF is accomplished in two ways. [1] We have a welcoming and growing alliance of independent ministries or ministers; and [2], we offer licensure and ordination to qualified candidates. We freely and gratefully welcome men and women of all cultures, races, and ethnicities to apply for membership, licensure and ordination. Our only qualification is that applicants agree with our Statement of Faith and meet the requirements stated in this document.

- Our granting of membership and licensure or ordination is not an educational program. It may, however, include opportunities for continuing education or application for entrance into NCIU's academic programs. We offer the opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the ministry resources we may freely and frequently make available.
- Our NCIU/NCIMAF Board, along with our leaders, mentors and trainers have extensive experience, advanced tertiary education and proven ministry skills. Our desire is to assist and enable God's fellow workers to increase their abilities and proficiency in the call of God. We offer a meaningful place of Fellowship with others of like calling and commitment.

3. Resources: Our President is tasked with providing the members with resources from his writings/lessons and resources. He will be responsible for and supervise this, typically in a bi-monthly effort. Other Board members and NCIU Professors will contribute to this.

- We may also provide bi-monthly written or audio podcasts and email resources to our members. These are purposed as additional useful and practical resource materials. These will be supplied from among the hundreds available from the President's or other Board members' and Professors' files.
- Member-Provided Resources: Other members of the Ministry Alliance and Fellowship who feel called to contribute to this area of our ministry are encouraged to freely offer their resources. All members who wish to contribute resource materials may submit them to our Board of Directors, and in particular to our President or Academic Dean.

We welcome such participation. We reserve the right for sole approval of such submittals.

4. One-to-One Meetings: Selected times may be available when we respond to a Fellowship member's request for one-to-one, one-time advice or counsel. This would be accomplished through email, phone calls, or audio and video chats. On appropriate occasions, at the Board's discretion, there may be in-person meetings. The request for such advice or counsel must be limited to a particular ministry issue or asking for a suggestion/explanation of a particular approach to ministry. An NCIU/NCIMAF Board member will initially screen the member's request. Then, an appropriate Board member or Country Director will contact the interested member, and when appropriate, assign an NCIU or NCIMAF collaborator. From these requests, mentoring relationship may sometimes form, but this decision rests solely with the senior individual involved and will be voluntary.
5. Invitations to be Guest Speakers: NCIU/NCIMAF Board members or NCIMAF Country Directors welcome invitations to speak at Alliance and Fellowship members' meetings and conferences. They may also hold "round table discussions," either locally or by video group meetings.
 - Accepting speaking invitations is optional. It is not required for Board members and Country Directors. If an invitation is accepted, the member(s) giving the invitation will assume the responsibility to provide all necessary expenses, including travel, and associated hotel/guest services. The host group or individual may also provide personal offerings for the guest speaker. The guest speaker will confirm any terms of the invitation in advance, so that there is no misunderstanding later.
 - There may be times when a visit to a school with an Articulation Agreement or potential Articulation Agreement can be combined with a speaking invitation, so as not to require certain travel expenses.
 - The NCIU/NCIMAF Board desires to make it clear that an invitation to speak excludes our speakers and our Ministry Alliance and Fellowship from becoming donation-sources for host local ministries or ministers.
6. Annual Individual Membership Fees: The standard NCIMAF initial membership fee for individuals is \$200 USD. Yearly renewal fee is also \$200 USD.
 - a. For those who pay a \$200 USD NCIU Licensure or Ordination fee or yearly renewal fee, the membership fee is waived in that year.
 - b. At the discretion of the NCIU/NCIMAF Board, fees may be adjusted according to individual circumstances or available scholarships.
 - c. We encourage our members to pray about adding an additional offering to their membership fees. This will help us to provide scholarships to those in developing nations or lacking in resources to join the Alliance and Fellowship. We will provide regular opportunities for members and others to donate to the Alliance and Fellowship on our website, our newsletters or other NCIMAF resources. We understand that it takes funds to operate the Alliance and Fellowship. Members may also donate to NCIU.