



**International
Ministers
Forum**

*Wise counsel for today's ministry...
refuge in times of trouble*

based on Proverbs 11:44

Strength

Encouragement

Covering

INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET

INTRODUCTION TO **INTERNATIONAL MINISTERS FORUM**

This is a day of importance for every one of us in the ministry. We are living in the end-time, therefore we must consider our actions and decisions.

The Scriptures advise us to make our calling and election sure, and to walk worthy of our vocation. Integrity, accountability and responsibility are very important to successful ministry. We invite you to consider the step you are about to take prayerfully.

Proverbs 11:44, “Where no counsel is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”

Proverbs 15:22, “Without counsel purposes are disappointed; but in the multitude of counselors they are established.”

PURPOSES

1. To provide strength that will stand with members against satanic attack.
2. To give Godly counsel when needed.
3. To help the local Church stand as members of the body of Christ.
4. To promote fellowship with one another and provide a base of sharing ministries.
5. To offer protection. INTERNATIONAL MINISTERS FORUM is recognized by the Federal Government as an established Ecclesiastical Fellowship. It has been in existence since August 18, 1950.
6. To help promote unity among the brethren and to help bring peace where there is division.
7. International Ministers Forum, Inc. has no desire to own your property or to promote false gain in any way.
8. The most important outreach of the fellowship is to establish a worldwide vision.
9. Our desire is to spread the Gospel to all people both at home and in all areas of the world, through many outreaches, feeding/clothing programs and whatever means available as a tool of ministry.
10. To host conventions in various parts of the world and to be of assistance in conventions and ministries of other fellowships with which we have networked.

If after considering the information provided in this booklet, you desire to become a part of INTERNATIONAL MINISTERS FORUM, INC., please complete the accompanying Application and mail it to our office.

WHO IS WELCOME?

1. Those who are called to serve the Lord Jesus Christ but have never been ordained.
2. Those who have been previously ordained, and desire to become a part of I.M.F.
3. Those who are ordained, a part of another Fellowship or Organization, but would like “dual fellowship.”
4. Becoming a Member of I.M.F. does not affect any activity with other Fellowships.

WHAT STEPS ARE INVOLVED IN BECOMING A PART OF I.M.F.?

1. Complete and submit the accompanying Application for consideration.
2. If you have never been Ordained, it is necessary to do so. Ordination services are held during all Conventions. I.M.F. has networked with other Fellowships; therefore, it is possible to receive Ordination perhaps at other conventions, per previous arrangements through our office.
3. If you have been previously Ordained, but share the vision of I.M.F. and would like to become a part of it, you may apply for license with I.M.F.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ORDINATION AND LICENSE?

Ordination comes from God, and is the spiritual covering in regard to the response of your answer to God's call in your life. This is done by the laying on of hands of the presbytery. And this, of course, is a lifetime commitment; therefore, it is only necessary once.

Whereas, licensing is a legal covering and issued for a specific period of time. The I.M.F. has a membership fee of \$25.00 and must be renewed annually. All licenses expire on Dec. 31, of each year. You must renew and update your license annually, according to law.

WHAT MUST I DO AFTER BECOMING ORDAINED OR LICENSED?

It is recommended that you file your certificate with your Recorder's Office, either County or State, whichever your State may require.

Finances must be properly handled and recorded, in order for you to provide safety for both your Ministry and your supporters.

All funds are to be used solely for the purposes for which they were received and designated. If not, it is at your discretion as to which area of Ministry it is needed most. Ministry funds are not for personal use.

Donations are to be properly recorded and receipts given annually. Of course, you bear the responsibility of meeting the requirements of I.R.S.

I.M.F. is a Fellowship, not an Organization, and we do not handle your finances nor hold your properties; therefore, I.M.F. cannot accept any responsibility for any actions outside the perimeter of the Law.

I recommend the simplest form of records as the safest form of record keeping. Kiss – **Keep It Simple Saints**.

The priorities of I.M.F. are to promote Fellowship and Mission outreaches. On your application you were asked to send Mission Offering of any size each month. This is the method in which we support our commitments throughout the world.

Please be faithful to your commitment. Many of the Churches and Ministries in I.M.F. have a desire to support a certain Mission or Outreach. We encourage you to do this through I.M.F. When you do this you should receive a letter from the recipient acknowledging support.

All offerings are used as designated. All un-designated offerings are used in the areas most needed at the time.

We do our utmost to be good stewards over what God provides, and do not use any funds for personal expenses or needs. We pray and ask wisdom in our areas of support.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

- I. That the Holy Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, and that the whole Bible being the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- II. There is only one true and living God, existing in three expressions: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.
- III. We believe in the Essential Deity of Christ, His Virgin Birth, His Sinless Life, His Miracles, His Bodily Resurrection, His Ascension to the Right Hand of The Father, and His Second Coming in Great Power and Glory.
- IV. We believe in the forgiveness of sins by the confession of faith in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and conversion upon repentance, for all.
- V. That it is the privilege of all Christians to have the present Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in Other Tongues, enabling them to live a godly and holy life.
- VI. We believe in the unity of all true Christian believers repudiating all man-made sectarian walls.
- VII. However, we believe that every true Christian who is saved through the Blood of Jesus Christ, is a member of the Body of Christ, regardless of where they received salvation or where they worship. And to all such saved, we extend the Hand of Fellowship.

CONCLUSION

Of these and all other glorious principles set forth in God's Word, we stand. For them we pour out our energies, and give of our talents, abilities, and our substance.

We invite all who believe in these principles, and all who are truly Christian and zealous for His Church, to join hands with us in propagating His Glorious Gospel to all people.

So far as possible, without compromising cardinal principles, we are glad to cooperate with all of God's People in bringing the knowledge of Salvation to the World.

We are glad indeed to join hands with those who accept these principles, according to the Bible. We desire to extend our purposes through networking and nurturing of all people with like vision and purposes.

We share in being a part of One Universal God-made, Christ-redeemed, Spirit-filled, Spirit-ruled, body of Christ, composed of those whose names are written in Heaven.

Will you catch the vision with us, and pray and stand behind this Fellowship of Faith? God Bless You.



Christian Greetings,

We must keep our commitments to God. I'm writing this personal note as a reminder for you to remember missions.

Please be systematic about sending your mission offerings as we must work foreign fields while it is yet possible.

We don't require a certain amount - we just ask that you send a monthly offering of love for missions.

There is something you can do for the building of His Kingdom, *please* support missions.

In Christ,
Doris J. Swartz

As leadership of I.M.F., we desire to serve each of you. We humbly accept this responsibility and will remain dedicated to the Vision that has been established by our Founder, Rev. Louise Copeland.

Please participate faithfully as we together will accomplish all that God has intended for us to do.

Our home office is located in Dayton, Ohio, where the annual convention is held in August of each year. We thank United Christian Center for hosting the Office and Ministry of I.M.F.

Please feel free to contact us at any time at:

P.O. Box 1717/Dayton, Ohio 45401-1717

Phone: 937-228-1717 Fax: 937-233-6373

Email: UCCDJS@aol.com

Please direct all mail to the P.O. Box ONLY.

May God grant His choice blessings in each of your lives and ministries.



Doris J. Swartz
President



Darrell & Kathy Gooden
Vice Presidents



Application Form

Name _____

Mailing Address: Home Seasonal/Mission Address from: _____ to: _____

(Street/Apt.)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Country)

Second Address: Home Seasonal/Mission Address from: _____ to: _____

(Street/Apt.)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Country)

Birthdate: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Church _____

Work _____ Fax _____ Other _____

1. Are you currently a member of I.M.F? Yes No

2. If so, when did you become a Member? _____

3. Have you previously been ordained? Yes No

4. Do you hold credentials with another Organization or Fellowship? Yes No

5. If yes, by whom? _____

6. What is your present Ministry(s)? _____

Pastor Missionary Evangelist

Teacher Youth-Children Music

Other, please specify: _____

7. How many times did you minister the Word last year? _____

***** Please turn over and complete other side. *****

8. Describe your involvement in the Ministry during past years. _____

9. Are you willing to send a Missionary offering of your choice each month? Yes No

10. What level of credentials are you requesting?

Ordination & License (\$25.00) License Renewal (\$25.00)

Missionary (Free for Fulltime Missionary)

11. Name of Home Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor _____ Telephone (____) _____

12. Do you attend and support regularly? Yes No

13. Who recommended this Fellowship to you? _____

14. Are you willing to Minister to all people? Yes No

15. In what languages are you fluent? _____

Please attach photo.

Also, any other information you desire to share can be attached on a separate sheet.

Please return with check to: I.M.F. - P.O. Box 1717 - Dayton, Ohio 45401-1717
For further information call (937) 228-1717.

(please do not write below this line)

Approved By _____ Date _____