



Faith Christian Fellowship International

"What's important to you is important to us."



APPLICATION FOR CHURCH/MISSION ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Please type or print clearly

We are applying for: _____ Charter Membership \$125.00 annually
501c3 Coverage is needed
 _____ Non-Charter Membership \$100.00 annually
We currently have 501c3 Coverage, however, we need a national fellowship covering

Please include the appropriate application fee with this application

Ministry Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Website: _____
 Officer/Pastor Name: _____

Is the ministry incorporated? Yes ___ No ___ If so, when? ___/___/___ What state? _____

What is your Federal I.D. Number? _____ (Required for Charter Membership)

Does the ministry have a statement of faith? Yes ___ No ___ *(Please enclose a copy with this application)*

Type of Ministry:
 _____ Church _____ Local Ministry _____ Missionary _____ Mission Organization

Briefly explain your ministry: _____

Do you have professional liability insurance? Yes ___ No ___ Do you have property insurance? Yes ___ No ___

Have you had any lawsuits against your church/organization? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain _____

Do you plan to license or ordain ministers under this charter? Yes ___ No ___

What other fellowships, organizations, or associations do you belong to _____

Have you read the Faith Christian Fellowship Constitution and Bylaws? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you agree with Faith Christian Fellowship Statement of Faith? _____ Yes _____ No

If your ministry already has a constitution and by-laws, please sign the copies of this resolution and attach (2) copies of the ministry constitution with the application for charter membership.

In the minutes of... _____

Name of Ministry

of _____

Address

City

State

Zip

At an officially called meeting of this ministry on _____ the following resolutions were passed and made an official part of the constitution.

1. **RESOLVED:** That this ministry shall now file an application to be an affiliated member of FCFI. All conditions required for affiliation will be promptly met.
2. **RESOLVED:** That the purpose of this ministry is limited exclusively to religious, charitable, and educational activities. All properties of this ministry shall be held in the name of the ministry, and not individually owned and shall be irrevocable devoted to religious work. No part of the net income of this ministry shall inure to the benefit of any private individual or member.
3. **RESOLVED:** That in the event of dissolution, the following provisions are made:
 - a. All material and financial assets of this ministry shall be assigned to a religious organization, which is recognized by the U. S. Treasure Department as having tax-exempt status. See article IX constitution and by-laws of FCFI.
 - b. Under no circumstances will the assets of this ministry accrue to the personal benefits of an individual.
4. **RESOLVED:** That this ministry shall be governed by officers, including a secretary and treasurer and an annual business meeting will be held. Accurate records of all business meetings and financial matters pertaining to the ministry will be kept by an official member of the ministry.

Trustees(Minimum of 3)	Title	Address	SS#
1.	President		
2.	Vice President		
3.	Treasurer		
4.	Secretary		
5.	Trustee		

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature

Treasurer's Signature

Trustee's Signature

BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said City and State personally appeared the above mentioned officer(s) who acknowledge that items contained in this document are true.

WITNESS my hand and NOTARIAL SEAL this _____ day of _____, 20 .

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of _____

County of _____

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I understand that all items submitted to Faith Christian Fellowship International (FCFI) as part of the application process, becomes the permanent property of FCFI and will not be returned.

I understand that any application fee and dues paid to FCFI will be retained by FCFI and will not be returned or refunded unless this application is denied, a \$10.00 handling fee will be retained.

This application will be held in confidence. Only those persons with a need to know will review it. I grant FCFI and its leadership, permission to verify the information provided on this application.

I hereby state that the information contained on this application is correct and true. If FCFI is notified that any of the information contained on this application is false, it will be grounds for immediate cancellation of application procedure and/or revocation of issued credentials.

I hereby understand that the integrity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the standards and articles of faith of FCFI will be maintained at all times. If for any reason there is a breach of those standards, I understand that this application and any issued credentials can and will be revoked and terminated by the decision of the board of directors of FCFI.

Officer's Signature

Date

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_____	Approved	Date: _____
_____ <i>Timothy W. Cummings</i> Bishop / President		
_____	Approval Denied	
Reason for Denial _____		

Amount Received	\$_____
Date Received	_____
Check Number	_____

Date New Member Paperwork Sent:	_____

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT
Section 1. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to memorialize the relationship between _____ (hereinafter "Member") and Faith Christian Fellowship International, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Fellowship"). Also to provide for expedited resolution of disputes with minimal expenses and attorney fees by binding arbitration.

Section 2. THE MEMBER RELATIONSHIP

Member and the Fellowship agree that during the term of this Agreement, Member will serve as a member of the Fellowship. Member understands that membership with the Fellowship is at the will of the Fellowship, and this Agreement is terminable at the sole discretion of, and by, either party, with or without cause at any time and for any reason.

Member understands that the Fellowship is a Christian ministry organization, and Member subscribes without reservation to the Faith Christian Fellowship International, Inc. Statement of Faith and agrees to abide by these doctrines in all aspects of life, both at and away from Faith Christian Fellowship International, Inc. ministries and functions. Member agrees to actively support Faith Christian Fellowship International, Inc., faithfully attending public services and taking an active part in the total Fellowship program. Member agrees to be loyal to his or her pastor and the Fellowship programs in word and in deed. Member agrees to fulfill all duties and responsibilities of supporting Faith Christian Fellowship International, Inc., including, but not limited to, enthusiastically giving and supporting the endeavors of the Fellowship.

Member understands and agrees that his or her role as a member of the Fellowship is to perform at the will of the Board of the Fellowship or other ministry leadership duly authorized to control the terms and conditions of membership. Following this authority structure as commanded of God, Member agrees to perform all duties and responsibilities entrusted to him or her by the Board or ministry leadership to their complete and full satisfaction; and Member understands that all of the terms or conditions of this Agreement are to be interpreted according to the understanding of the Board and ministry leadership.

Section 3. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES; BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

As all Fellowship Members are Christians and the Fellowship is a Christian ministry organization, both parties agree that they would never threaten to sue, or actually litigate in court any matter whatsoever relating to or resulting from employment with the Fellowship or this Agreement. To do otherwise would be in clear violation of Biblical teaching and practice.

Instead, Member and the Fellowship agree that they will try to informally resolve any legal dispute or controversy that arises between them relating in any way to the relationship between the Member and the Fellowship. The aggrieved party must give written notice of any claim to the other party within one year of the date of the alleged wrong, otherwise the claim shall be void and waived. In the event that such dispute cannot be resolved informally, Member and the Fellowship agree that the dispute will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Fellowship for resolution.

Member and the Fellowship further agree that any party that is dissatisfied with the Board's resolution of such dispute, and who wishes to pursue it further, must submit to, and have it determined by, binding arbitration under the attached rules and procedures. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall limit Member's right to file a charge or complaint with any government agency, although Member may not file a court action based on such agency charge or complaint. This Agreement covers all employment disputes between Member and the Fellowship, whether based on tort, contract, statutory, common law, or otherwise, including both federal and state claims, with the sole exceptions of workers compensation claims, unemployment compensation claims, and claims by the Fellowship relating to trade secrets or alleged violation of non-competition agreements.

If any provision of this Agreement is adjudged to be void or otherwise unenforceable, in whole or in part, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Agreement.

MEMBER AND THE FELLOWSHIP REPRESENT THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AGREEMENT, HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS AGREEMENT WITH THEIR PRIVATE LEGAL COUNSEL, AND ARE ENTERING INTO IT VOLUNTARILY AND NOT IN RELIANCE ON ANY PROMISES OR REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT ITSELF.

MEMBER

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL, INC.
THE FELLOWSHIP

Member Signature

Ministry Leader's Signature

Date

Title