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*NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
MINISTRY INFORMATION*



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In June of 1996 the Spirit of the Lord began to deal with me concerning my ministry, along with changes that would take place in my personal life. As I obeyed His voice, God said He would reveal to me ways to strengthen other pastors, missionaries and traveling ministries for their unique call and ministry. From that particular instruction, the Lord has allowed us to form a ministry called New Life Christian Fellowship International.

This is a ministry that is given to stand alongside many other pastors and churches as they endeavor to fulfill their particular mission for the Lord. The Lord also instructed me to form a presbytery of ministers filled with the wisdom of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to assist us. Throughout America, the fastest growing segment of Christianity is independent churches that have no administrative headquarters or apostolic oversight to assist in their growth. For example, our very own church, New Life Christian Fellowship, was in this category when we began in 1984 with twelve people.

New Life Christian Fellowship International differs from denominational format in that it is given to assist, not formulate other ministries. We serve as a council, not a governing body. This organization does serve, however, in the capacity of a mentor, bringing together giftings and anointings of many servants of God to strengthen the entire Body.

Blessings,

Bishop Paul D. Zink
President
New Life Christian Fellowship International

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NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
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New Life Christian Fellowship International (NLCFI) is a mentoring fellowship for leaders and ministries. It is designed as a place to meet and build relationship. It is our desire to provide a network for leaders to gain insight, build relationship, and learn as they grow in ministry.

NLCFI is a place where you decide the level of relationship you desire. The monthly meetings are open to the public and there is no fee or application process required. NLCFI also offers ministerial credentials in the form of Ministerial Apprentice, Ministerial License, and Ordination. In addition, there are three levels of relationship available for those who would like a connection and covering for their ministry: Friendship Member, Cooperative Member, and Associate / Sister Member. Applications and information for these are available online.

M i s s i o n S t a t e m e n t

New Life Christian Fellowship International exists for the sole purpose of providing apostolic oversight through a Presbytery Council and relationship to churches, para-church organizations, and ministers (five-fold ministry gifts) in fulfilling the call of God on their ministries.

V i s i o n S t a t e m e n t

1. New Life Christian Fellowship International (hereinafter referred to as "NLCFI") dedicates itself to move within the current flow of the Holy Spirit for our day, while maintaining scriptural integrity.
2. NLCFI will provide apostolic oversight through a Presbytery Council.
3. NLCFI provides the opportunity to build relationships to edify and equip other ministers and churches in their individual, unique call and purpose.
4. NLCFI's goal is to provide:
 - A. The ability to apply for ordination, licensing, or ministerial apprentice credentials. Church affiliation is not a requirement to receive ministerial credentials through NLCFI.
 - B. The ability to enter a church or ministry into relationship through the following levels:
 - 1) Friendship Membership – This entry level of membership is open to those of other denominations. This name is non-threatening for those of other denominations who wish to be in affiliation with New Life. This level can be churches or individual ministers.
 - 2) Cooperative Membership – NLCFI identifies with these ministries, but does not have a responsibility to them. If requested, input may be provided by NLCFI to their ministry.
 - 3) Associate Membership / Sister Church – Authority should be given on both sides of this level. We would have input and ability to correct, and allow use of our logo and name as being in relationship with us. The ministry must be willing to have one or more of the Presbyters or an Ordained Minister who has been with NLCFI for three or more years on their Board of Directors. They would be required to submit an annual report that will include a financial report, corporate report, and a Pastor's report (including spiritual and social conditions of the church).

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- C. Monthly and all-day equipping sessions will be held to address the spiritual and practical aspects of ministry. These mini-conferences will be conducted with pastors and teachers who have shown expertise in their field. These sessions will:
 - Provide a time for fellowship for ministers and their families
 - Provide special sessions for ministers' wives
 - Provide a time for special needs to be addressed during the conferences
- D. Approximately two hours will be set aside each month for individuals to speak with members of the Presbytery for specified counsel and direction.
- E. Annual three-day conferences for ministers at which nationally recognized speakers will be available.
- F. Cooperative efforts in the following areas:
 - Youth camps
 - International youth missions trips
 - Inner-city outreaches
 - Youth conferences
 - Evangelism outreaches
 - Worship seminars

The By-Laws of New Life Christian Fellowship International recognize both positions of "licensed" and "ordained" ministers. As ministers holding credentials with New Life Christian Fellowship International, both "licensed" and "ordained" ministers are to perform sacerdotal duties.

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TENETS OF FAITH

- ◆ **The Holy Scripture** (2 Tim. 3:16,17) We believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, irrevocable and complete Word of God.
- ◆ **The Eternal Godhead** (1 John 5:7) - We believe God is Triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the three in one.
- ◆ **The Fall of Man** (Rom. 5:12) We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience he fell from perfection.
- ◆ **Basis of Salvation** (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8, Rom. 10:9-10) We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon of all who believe on Him and confess Jesus Christ as their Lord.
- ◆ **Salvation Through Grace** (Eph. 3:8) We believe that before salvation we have no righteousness of our own and must come to God through the righteousness of Christ.
- ◆ **Repentance and Acceptance** (1 John 1:9) We believe that upon sincere repentance and a wholehearted acceptance of Christ as Lord, we are justified before God.
- ◆ **The New Birth** (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; John 3:5-7) We believe that the change which takes place in the Heart and life at conversion is a literal one and is the result of being born of the Spirit of God.
- ◆ **Daily Christian Life** (Heb. 6:1) We believe that it is the will of God that we live a sanctified and holy life, growing constantly in the Faith.
- ◆ **Water Baptism** (Matt. 28:19) We believe that baptism by immersion in water is an outward sign of the inward work of salvation.
- ◆ **The Lord's Supper** (1Cor. 11:28) - We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolical use of the bread and the juice of the vine.
- ◆ **Baptism of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:8; 2:4) We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power, and that His empowering is after the same manner as in Bible days.
- ◆ **The Spirit-Filled Life** (Eph. 4:30-32) We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit continually.
- ◆ **The Gifts and the Fruit of the Spirit** (1 Cor. 12:1-11; Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 12:6-8; Eph. 4:11-13) We believe that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon the Christian and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life.
- ◆ **Moderation and Balance** (Phil. 4:5) We believe that all truth must be balanced with other scriptural truth in order to avoid any extreme of fanaticism and we believe that moderation should show forth in our daily walk as a believer.
- ◆ **Divine Healing** (1 Peter 2:24; Matt. 8:17; 18:18-19; James 5:14-16; 1 Cor. 2:9; Mark 16:15-18; Matt. 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33) - We believe that divine healing is the provision of Christ to heal the sick in response to the exercise of faith, the prayer of faith, the prayer of agreement, anointing with oil, the gifts of healing or the laying on of hands. We believe that this provision of Christ is for everyone today.
- ◆ **The Second Coming** (1Thes. 4:16-17) We believe that the Second Coming of Christ is literal and inevitable.

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CONTINUED

- ◆ **Church Membership** (Acts 16:5; Heb. 10:25) We believe it is our sacred duty to identify and actively participate with the local and visible church of Christ.
- ◆ **Civil Government** (Rom. 13:1-5) We believe that the laws of the land should be upheld at all times except in matters opposed to the Word of God.
- ◆ **The Final Judgment** (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-13) We believe that all shall stand one day before God in final judgment, and there receive eternal reward or eternal judgment.
- ◆ **Heaven** (John 14:2; Rev. 7:15-17) We believe that heaven is a literal place, eternally existent.
- ◆ **Hell** (Rev. 20:10,15) - We believe that hell is a literal place of eternal torment for all who reject the Lord Jesus.
- ◆ **Evangelism** (James 5:20; Mark 16:15; 2 Cor. 5:18-21) We believe that soul winning is the Great Commission given to the Church.
- ◆ **Tithes and Offerings** (Mal. 3:10; 2 Cor. 9:7; Heb. 7:8) We believe that the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is by the giving of tithes and free-will offerings.
- ◆ **Worship** (John 4:24; Psalm 150) We believe that “acceptable” and “true” worship is prescribed by God Himself in His Word. This embodies individual and corporate expressions of praise and thanksgiving and reverence in holiness.
- ◆ **Church Government** (1Peter 5:1-5; Rom. 13) We believe in church government to ensure order, and we believe in loyalty to those acting in rightful authority as they lead us in the Lord.
- ◆ **Unity, Understanding, and Love** - We believe that in essentials there must be unity, in non-essentials -understanding, and in all things - love.

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING
ORDINATION, LICENSING OR MINISTERIAL APPRENTICE

All individuals who believe in the principles, nature, and purpose of New Life Christian Fellowship International may make application to become a part of this fellowship if the following requirements are fulfilled:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. The applicant must be called of God to minister as laid out in Ephesians 4:11.
2. The applicant must be actively involved in the ministry.
3. The applicant must agree with the NLCFI Statement of Faith.
4. The applicant must include a detailed, typed Ministry Résumé along with application.
5. If credentials are held with another organization, submit a copy of certificate.
6. The applicant must return the completed packet, processing and annual fees to a member of the Presbytery.
7. The applicant must submit a one-time, non-refundable processing fee of \$25.00.
8. The applicant must submit an annual fee of \$125.00. This fee will be refunded if the application is not approved.
9. The applicant must have a Biblical Studies education – we will evaluate your current education to see if it qualifies.

REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO MINISTERIAL LICENSE:

- ✓ The applicant must be at least 21 years of age for licensing.
- ✓ The applicant must have 2 years of biblical studies. Biblical studies can be local (in-house or off-campus), extended education, or online courses.

REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO ORDINATION:

- ✓ The applicant must be at least 23 years of age for ordination.
- ✓ Applicants must be licensed for two years before becoming ordained.
- ✓ The applicant must be actively ministering and speaking on a regular basis

All completed application packets must include the following:

1. Application Form
2. Signed Code of Honor Pledge
3. Recent photograph
4. Non-refundable \$25.00 processing fee
5. Refundable \$125.00 **annual** membership fee (Ministers who are accepted in the last quarter of the year will not have a renewal fee for the following year. *This fee is due annually.*)
6. Two recommendations from persons who have known your ministry for two years
7. Minister's Invitation completed by a member of the Presbytery
8. Statement of Ministry
9. Résumé including your education, ministry, and work background

**No action will be taken on your application until all fees and completed forms have been submitted.*

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Ordination

Licensing

Ministerial Apprentice

Please complete this form in its entirety. Please print or type.

NOTE:

- 1. Attach copies of credentials you have held with any other organization.**
- 2. You MUST include a Ministry Résumé with this application which includes:**
 - a) Education: In addition to high school and / or college, include Bible schools, trade school, correspondence schools, etc.**
 - b) Complete employment history**

P E R S O N A L I N F O R M A T I O N

Name: _____ SS#: _____ - _____ - _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ ST: ____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ ST: ____ Zip: _____

HM PH: _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

When were you born again? _____ Filled with the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:4) _____

Are you: Single Married Divorced Remarried Widowed

Spouse's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Anniversary: _____

Children (ages): _____

P R E V I O U S M I N I S T E R I A L E X P E R I E N C E

Have you been licensed through another organization? _____

Name of Organization: _____ Date: _____

Have you been ordained through another organization? _____

Name of Organization: _____ Date: _____

Previous Ministerial Experience: _____

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1. Why have you chosen NLCFI for ministerial credentials?

- Disaffiliated from another organization. Why? _____
- Convenience
- Legal reasons
- Agreement with vision
- Other: _____

2. How did you hear about NLCFI? _____

3. Are you committed to a local church? Yes No

To what level? Deeply Moderately Little

4. Your Pastor's Name: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

City / ST / Zip: _____

Phone: _____

5. Please describe the call of God on your life and your vision for accomplishing this:

6. Have you ever personally been involved in a church split? Yes No

7. Have there ever been any civil or criminal proceedings against you? Yes No

8. Are there currently any legal judgments against you? Yes No

(If you answered yes to #6, 7, or 8, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

9. Give the name, address, and telephone number of at least one NLCFI credentialed

minister with whom you are acquainted: _____

10. If you are approved for ministerial credentials, what can you contribute that would benefit the NLCFI family? _____

11. What is your understanding of tithing? _____

12. Do you tithe to your local church? Yes No

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C O D E O F H O N O R P L E D G E

I am in accord with the Statement of Faith and the credential requirements of New Life Christian Fellowship International (NLCFI). I will always conduct myself in a manner becoming to Christ Jesus and His Kingdom... in word, in spirit, and in conversation. I will never give cause for accusations to be made against me in the conduct of my personal affairs or public ministry. I am willing to accept counsel and advice from NLCFI, submitting myself in love, understanding that NLCFI has the authority to revoke my ministerial papers if my conduct becomes reproachful. I accept my membership at NLCFI as a PRIVILEGE and NOT a right. I also understand that NLCFI reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any member at any time if, in the judgment of the Presbytery, such action is deemed necessary to safeguard NLCFI's ideals of Christian and moral character. I understand that my signature below is my acceptance of the entire Code of Honor and completes a contract between NLCFI and myself, which is a prerequisite for my membership.

1. I PLEDGE to seek after the heart of God and apply myself to be conformed to His image in all areas of my life.
2. I PLEDGE to continually seek the current flow of the Holy Spirit in each and every unique move He gives to the body of Christ without compromising scriptural integrity.
3. I PLEDGE to live a lifestyle that gives honor to God and abstain from questionable actions that would harm my testimony as a minister or discredit the body of Christ. This encompasses all biblical standards given by the Word of God morally, socially, and legally.
4. I PLEDGE to maintain a proper biblical order for my home and family.
5. I PLEDGE to operate in integrity within the financial operation of my home and ministry.
6. I PLEDGE to operate within the constraints of confidentiality between ministers.
7. I PLEDGE to give myself to a ministry of restoration of fallen ministers and parishioners as they cooperate with that process.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____

Social Security #: _____

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REQUIREMENTS FOR
MAINTAINING CREDENTIALS

In order to maintain ministerial credentials granted you through New Life International, you must annually meet the following requirements:

1. Return the annual membership fee by January 31st of each year, dues are currently \$125 per year.
 - a. Communication is vital for this fellowship of ministers and we ask that you communicate with us on financial matters even if you are unable to financially meet this obligation by the stated date. No one would be declined credentials or have credentials revoked based on an inability to pay.
 - b. A late fee may apply if we do not receive a response from you by January 31st.
2. Return the annual Ministry Victory Report, which will be available online.
3. Abide by the Code of Honor Pledge. Failure to abide by this pledge can mean immediate revocation of your credentials
4. Keep lines of communication open updating NLI leadership on what is happening with you in ministry

I understand that if I do not fulfill any of the above requirements that my status and the credential I hold will become inactive. I agree to keep the lines of communication open with the leadership of NLI as to what is happening in both my personal life and ministry. If my credentials should become inactive, I also understand that I must resubmit an application and recommendations in order to bring them back to an active status.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____

