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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Zink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Paul D. Zink
President
New Life Christian Fellowship International

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
MINISTRY INFORMATION

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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 MINISTRY AFFILIATION

ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHURCHES
AND MINISTRIES

1. Must submit completed application with the initial \$200 membership fee.
2. Must complete the Annual Renewal Forms and send them to the New Life Christian Fellowship Office by January 31st along with the \$200 renewal fee.
3. Renewals not postmarked by March 31st will be charged a late fee of \$100. Late renewals cannot be processed without accompanying late fee.
4. Must submit copies of incorporation and Federal Tax Exemption number with completed application.
5. Must operate exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes and maintain the tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
6. The associate church must operate within the meaning of Section 170(b)(1)(A)(I) of the Code.
7. Must accept the NLCFI Statement of Faith and share the same vision.

Pastors of NLCFI churches must be ordained with NLCFI.

When the application and fee have been received and approved, NLCFI will issue an Associate Church Certificate and NLCFI Associate Logo.

The NLCFI Associate Logo may be used on signs, letterheads, bulletins, newsletters, etc. The name New Life Christian Fellowship is reserved for Associate / Sister Churches only.

NLCFI has the right to terminate affiliation with any church or ministry that does not abide by the guidelines and goals of the vision of NLCFI. We will not be accountable for the minister's actions. Each minister is responsible for his or her own actions.

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This Application is for:

Friendship Member

Cooperative Member

Associate/Sister Member

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

NOTE: Please attach the following:

1. Copies of credentials from other organizations
2. Written history of the ministry or church, including:
 - a) **The ministry's statement of faith and vision statement.**
 - b) **The ministry's by-laws.**
 - c) **If you are applying for Associate/Sister Church Membership, please include an annual report containing a financial report, corporate report, and a Pastor's report (including spiritual and social conditions of the church).**

M I N I S T R Y I N F O R M A T I O N

Ministry Name: _____ Date Founded: _____

Ministry Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Website: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Officers of the Church: _____

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MINISTRY HISTORY

Have you been under the covering of another organization? _____

Name of Organization: _____ Date: _____

Are you still a member of the organization? _____

If so, would they object to your association with NLCFI or anything in our Statement of Faith?

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1. Why have you chosen NLCFI for membership affiliation?

Disaffiliated from another organization. Why? _____

Convenience

Legal reasons

Agreement with vision

Other: _____

2. How did you hear about NLCFI? _____

3. Are you committed to another association?	Yes	No	
To what level?	Deeply	Moderately	Little

4. Pastor's Name: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

City / ST / Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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

6. Has your ministry ever been involved in a church split?	Yes	No
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7. Have there ever been any civil or criminal proceedings against the ministry?	Yes	No
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8. Are there currently any legal judgments against the ministry?	Yes	No
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(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 affiliation, what can you contribute that would benefit the NLCFI family? _____

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

The leadership of this ministry is in accord with the Statement of Faith and the credential requirements of New Life Christian Fellowship International (NLCFI). This ministry and its leadership will always conduct itself in a manner becoming to Christ Jesus and His Kingdom... in word, in spirit, and in conversation. It will never give cause for accusations to be made against the ministry in the conduct of the leadership's personal affairs or public ministry. The leadership of this ministry is willing to accept counsel and advice from NLCFI, submitting ourselves in love, understanding that NLCFI has the authority to revoke association with this ministry if its conduct becomes reproachful. We accept membership with NLCFI as a PRIVILEGE and NOT a right. We also understand that NLCFI reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a 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. We understand that our signatures below are our acceptance of the entire Code of Honor and complete a contract between NLCFI and this ministry, which is a prerequisite for our membership.

1. I PLEDGE to seek after the heart of God and apply ourselves to be conformed to His image in all areas of our lives.
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 our homes and families.
5. I PLEDGE to operate in integrity within the financial operation of our homes and ministries.
6. I PLEDGE to operate within the constraints of confidentiality between ministers.
7. I PLEDGE to give ourselves to a ministry of restoration of fallen ministers and parishioners as they cooperate with that process.

Name of Ministry: _____

Ministry Leadership:

_____ Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Title	_____ Date