

FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES
24 WHALEN AVENUE
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APPLICATION OF LOCAL TEAM MEMBER
AFFILIATE CHURCH OR MINISTRY

Name: _____ Spouses Name: _____

Ministry Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Spouses Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Anniversary Date: ____/____/____

Email Address: _____ Website Address: _____

1. Do you already have a corporation? _____ If yes, what is the name of your corporation? _____

2. Do you have an Employee Identification Number? _____ If yes, what is it? _____ - _____

3. Do you want to receive Faith Covenant Ministries tax exemption and affiliate your church? _____

4. Why would you like to become a local team member and affiliate your church or ministry? _____

5. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____ If so, when and for what reason? _____

6. Would you allow us to do a five-year background check which includes a financial check? _____ If yes, give your Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

7. Do you have a good report with local pastors and community members. If any problems exist, give the reasons and possible solutions: _____

8. How would you describe your church and/or ministry? _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____



FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

Apostolic Teams of Interdependent Churches and Ministries

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for affiliation to Faith Covenant Ministries. We believe in covenant relationships that don't just benefit one party, but benefits both. We support all our churches, not just in prayer, but also in many other areas (see page on benefits). All our teams are made up of highly qualified ministers who are prepared to aid, counsel and advise you.

In order to apply, please fill out the following information and return it to our offices at:

Faith Covenant Ministries
24 Whalen Avenue
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

There is a one-time fee to affiliate your church and be licensed and/or ordained of \$100.00. Fill out all information, application and send it with your photo and check.

Sincerely in Christ,

James W. Miley, Jr.
CEO

24 Whalen Avenue, Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Phone: (609) 209-3051

Website: www.faithcovenantministries.com

BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO FCM

- * Ministerial mentoring by senior apostolic team
- * Receive apostolic, governmental oversight
- * Become part of a team to plant churches (both nationally and internationally) and help other pastors and leaders
- * Leadership training and equipping will be provided
- * Access will be provided to an attorney's advice
- * Access will be provided to health insurance, retirement and life insurance
- * Access will be provided to an accountant's advice
- * You may receive our corporation's covering and/or receiving group exemption number
- * Be fathered by senior apostolic team
- * The local church will have control of its church with apostolic input
- * Be involved in overseas and national conferences
- * Security for pastor and church members
- * Always backing the church eldership (pastor) - I Tim. 5:19

EXPECTATIONS

- * Church and pastor submit to apostolic leadership from FCM
- * Church tithes to Faith Covenant Ministries - national or local as designated by FCM national team. We believe the tithe goes upward (Num. 18:21-29) to apostolic team.
- * The church agrees to have 50% of its board members from Faith Covenant Ministries, as designated by FCM
- * Must end its fiscal year in December if accepting group exemption
- * Must keep proper records according to IRS expectations
- * Must make changes to Constitution and Bylaws to reflect expectations or accept FCM's church Constitution and Bylaws

COVENANT AGREEMENT

I am entering into a covenant relationship with FCM. I realize that, by doing so, I agree to live holy and pure before God and that I am willing to submit to the brothers of the apostolic team, either nationally or locally. I am willing to send my church's tithe to FCM weekly and agree to all other expectation and desire the benefits as discussed under benefits and expectations.

List your expectations from Faith Covenant Ministries:

Signature

Date

Phone Number

(Do not write below this line. For official use only.)

Signature of CEO of FCM

APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN GROUP EXEMPTION

TO: FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES, INC.
24 WHALEN AVENUE
SICKLERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08081

Gentlemen:

By my signing as President of our local ministry, I certify that this ministry is hereby authorized and does request affiliation with and a charter from the Faith Covenant Ministries, Inc. with headquarters in Sicklerville, New Jersey, and declare that we are subject to the authority thereof.

I hereby request that this ministry be included in your group exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) and 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended.

Respectfully,

Signature of President / Date

Official Name of Affiliate Ministry:

Location of Ministry:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

YOUR CHURCH

Article I

Purpose

This organization shall be organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, or any superseding section, in order to establish and maintain a place of worship of Almighty God, our heavenly Father and to provide for Christian fellowship. We recognize ourselves as a local assembly to be an agency for evangelizing the world in the scriptural pattern of enlarging our mission from local witness to world evangelism (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16); to be a corporate body in which man may worship God (I Corinthians 12:13); and to be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16; I Corinthians 12:28; 14:12); to establish a New Testament church structure with apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers with apostolic oversight of the local church.

Article II

Name

The name of the church shall be Faith Covenant Ministries, YOUR CHURCH hereinafter referred to as "This Church".

Article III

Prerogatives

This Church shall observe the obligation and honor to govern itself according to the standards of the New Testament scriptures endeavor to "preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds us together. . and so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith, and in our knowledge of the Son of God we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature" Ephesians 4:3-13).

Article IV

Affiliation

This assembly is affiliated with Faith Covenant Ministries.

Article V

Statement of Faith

Section 1. The Scriptures Inspired

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:15-17; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Peter 1:21).

Section 2. The One True God

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM", the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:29; Luke 3:22).

Section 3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

(a) His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31,35)

- (b) His sinless life (Hebrews 7:36; I Peter 2:22)
- (c) His miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38)
- (d) His substitutionary work on the cross (I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 5:21)
- (e) His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; I Corinthians 15:4)
- (f) His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1-3)

Section 4. The Fall of Man

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell then thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

Section 5. The Salvation of Man

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

(a) Conditions to Salvation

Salvation is received through repentance towards God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24-47; John 3:3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 2: 8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

(b) The Evidence of Salvation

The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24; Titus 2:12).

Section 6. The ordinances of the Church

(a) Baptism in Water

The ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47,48; Romans 6:4).

(b) Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements -bread and the fruit of the vine - is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:4), a memorial of His suffering and death (I Corinthians 11:26) and a prophecy of His second coming (I Corinthians 11:26) and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

Section 7. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:29; Acts 1:4,8; I Corinthians 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Ghost come such experiences as the overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Hebrews 12:28), an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

Section 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost

(a) The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (I Corinthians 12:4-10,28), but different in purpose and use.

(b) Continuing Evidence

Since the gifts of the Spirit are used for the edification of the body (I Corinthians 12:7-11) it is vital to continually participate in them.

Section 9. Sanctification

Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (I Thessalonians 5:23; Romans 12:1,2; Hebrews 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" Hebrews 12:14). By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy." (I Peter 1:15:16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13; Galatians 2:20; I Peter 1:5; Philipians 2:12,13).

Section 10. The Church and Its Mission

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the Assembly which are written in the Lamb's Book (Ephesians 1:22,23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23). Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, the priority reason for being a part of the assembly is:

(a) To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16).

(b) To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (I Corinthians 12:13).

(c) To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Ephesians 4:11-16; I Corinthians 12:28; I Corinthians 14:12).

Section 11. The Five-Fold Ministry Gifts (Ephesians 4:11)

A divinely called and scripturally ordered ministry has been provided by our Lord Jesus for the purpose of building up the local assembly in the unity, faith and knowledge so that the local assembly will attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. All of these gifts should minister together in the local church.

Section 12. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; James 5:14-16).

Article VI

Membership

Section 1. To become a voting member of This Church, qualified to elect the Board of Directors of This Church at each meeting, such member shall have signed the Statement of Faith and shall have been approved unanimously by the Board of Directors of This Church. The first voting members of the organization shall consist of the persons signing this Constitution and Bylaws. Members shall not receive any state salary for their services as such, but, by resolution of the Board of Directors, a fixed reasonable sum or expenses of attendance, if any, or both, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special

meeting. The Board of Directors shall have the power, in its discretion, to contract for and to pay to members rendering unusual or special services to the corporation, special compensation appropriate to the value of such services. No member shall be entitled to share in the distribution of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the organization.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the voting member of this church shall be held in January, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. At such meeting, the voting members of This Church shall elect the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Section 3. Special meetings of voting members may be called and held at any time and place by the President or Directors and shall be so called upon the written request of not less than three-fourths majority of the members entitled to vote, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. In case of a tie vote, the matter will be tabled or an arbitrator will be asked to step in that will be agreeable to all parties and will initially try to reconcile all parties, but then will be allowed to cast a deciding vote.

Section 4. Notice of all annual and special meetings, together with a statement of the purposes thereof, shall be sent to all members, voting or otherwise, to their residence address at least five (5) days prior thereto.

Section 5. At every such meeting, each such voting member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.

Section 6. Voting by mail may be permitted by the Board of Directors, provided such a ballot setting forth the exact proposal is mailed to all members.

Section 7. A majority of those voting members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. Individuals shall be admitted to membership upon compliance with all membership requirements and upon acceptance by This Church of a properly completed registration form.

Section 9. Voting members shall live consistent Christian lives according to biblical standards of morals and ethics.

Article VII

Directors

Section 1. Directors of This Church shall consist of at least 50% of the members from Faith Covenant Ministries. The CEO or a designated member by the CEO will sit on each board.

Section 2. In case of a split decision, the matter will be tabled or an arbitrator from Faith Covenant Ministries, Inc. who will be agreeable to a majority of the Board of Directors will be asked to step in and will seek to reconcile all parties, however, he will have a deciding vote.

Section 3. Directors shall be selected from the membership initially present at the organizational meeting, and in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 2., shall be re-elected from the membership at each annual meeting thereafter.

Section 4. Vacancies in offices shall be filled through appointment by the remaining members of the board of This Church until an election at the next regular meeting shall fill the office.

Section 5. Directors shall hold such meetings as are necessary to conduct the business of This Church, but in any event shall hold an annual meeting of directors in January, unless otherwise designated by the Board of This Church. Each director shall be entitled to one (1) vote at each meeting.

Section 6. A majority of the directors will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 7. The Board of Directors will recognize the ministry team of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.

Article VIII

Officers

Section 1. The officers of This Church shall be a president, vice-president, assistant vice-president, a secretary/ treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by This Church.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors to serve for one (1) year or until their successors are elected and their terms of office shall begin on the first day of February. The initial slate of officers shall commence their term of office upon selection and shall serve until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected.

Section 3. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Section 4. Any officer shall be removed upon vote of two-thirds (2/3) of This Church membership.

Section 5. Vacancies in offices shall be filled through appointment by the board of This Church until an election at the next regular meeting shall fill the office. Section 6. Duties of the respective officers shall be:

A. The President shall be chief executive officer of the corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. He shall preside at all meetings of the membership and, in the absence of the Chairman of the Board, at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

B. The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and have the authority and exercise the powers of the President. He shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time delegate.

C. The Assistant Vice-President shall, in the absence disability of the President and/or Vice-President, perform the duties and have the authority and exercise the powers of the President and/or Vice-President. He shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time delegate.

D. The Secretary/Treasurer shall serve as custodian of and be responsible for all funds, investments, and assets of the corporation. The Secretary/Treasurer of This Church shall keep records of finances received and disbursed. He shall make a written report of the financial condition of the organization at such times as may be required by the Board. Within thirty (30) days following the end of each calendar year or such other time as the Board of Directors shall direct, the Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a detailed financial report. The Secretary/Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the executive committee and shall record all of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the executive committee in a minute book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President, under whose supervision he shall be. If there be a corporate seal, the Secretary/Treasurer shall keep said seal in safe custody and, when authorized by the Board of Directors, shall affix the same to any instrument requiring it, and when so affixed, it shall be attested by his signature or by the signature of an Assistant Secretary or the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for insuring that This Church meets all the requirements of exemption and doctrine imposed upon it by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The salaries of all officers and agents of This Church shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Article IX

Finances

All funds for the maintenance of This Church shall be provided by voluntary contributions, tithes and offerings by members and friends of This Church and placed into the general fund.

Article X

Contributions

This Church will make contributions on a weekly basis in the form of a tithe (10%) of its entire income to Faith Covenant Ministries, Incorporated, and a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization duly incorporated in New Jersey. It will also receive monthly missions offerings and will also contribute the entire sum to Faith Covenant Ministries to its Missions Department.

Article XI

Deacons

There shall be deacons as stated in I Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-6. In Scripture, the meaning of deacon is servant. Deacons shall serve the body in all areas of ministry as stated in Philippians 1:1; I Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-6. All who qualify may serve as found in I Timothy 3:10. The body shall choose deacons in the following manner: The body shall look among themselves for those qualified (Acts 6:3). Their names shall be submitted to the Pastor and the Elders for initial review. Then those initially qualified will be posted on the church bulletin board and/or announced from the platform two weeks prior to such meeting in order for the body to review them (Matthew 18:15). After the people submitted as deacons are tested (I Timothy 3:10) and proven qualified, they shall be confirmed by voice approval as a group at the meeting and recognized in a Sunday service and allowed to serve (Acts 6:3). Deacons will be allowed to serve until such time that they are no longer qualified scripturally.

The body recommends those to be considered as deacons (Acts 6:3) and the body, the Ministry Team (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers) and the Board of Directors will approve of all candidates to ensure they are qualified.

Article XII

Ministry Team

There shall be elders who meet the qualifications found in I Timothy 3:1-13; James 5:14; I Peter 5:1-3. Elders are the ministry team (presbytery) which are called by God and are apostles, prophets, evangelists pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11). The ministry team will work closely together with the local church pastor by advising, counseling and encouraging him. On matters concerning the direction and vision of the church, the pastor will not act or make decisions separately from the rest of the Ministry Team and/ or the Board of Directors. The Ministry Team may serve on the Board of Directors, but will not exclusively be limited to the Ministry Team.

Elders (Ministry Team) are those who are recognized by the Board of Directors as such and have proven to be faithful. Only those with ministry gifts are part of the Ministry Team. The every day running of the local church will be the pastor's responsibility, however, on direction or vision, the Ministry Team, which includes the pastor, will be responsible for maintaining and directing.

Article XIII

Restoration of the Pastor

Should at any time the pastor of This Church depart from the Word of God or fail to live a consistent Christian life, one of the Ministry Team should approach him according to Matthew 18:15 and to follow the entire restorational process, however, if the pastor does not respond, a majority of the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the approval of the ministry team can ask for his resignation and therefore remove him from office. In case of a split decision within the Board of Directors, an arbitrator from Faith Covenant Ministries will be asked to step in and will try to reconcile all parties, however, he will be allowed to cast a deciding vote. After a resignation or removal, restoration must be sought of the Pastor who is a part of the team. In the case of resignation or removal, the Ministry Team member of This Church will take the place of the pastor until such time a replacement is found, or if the former pastor can be restored into office.

Article XIV

Appointment of the Pastor

The pastor will be chosen by the Board of Directors and voted in by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting membership of This church with consent of the Ministry Team. The pastor is an integral member of the whole vision and part of the team. He will be set into the team through fasting and prayer by the Holy Spirit's direction. Once placed into office he is a part of the ministry and team of the local church.

Article XV

Constitutional Amendments

The Constitution can be amended by approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

BYLAWS

Article I

Property Rights

Section 1. All property real or chattel shall be taken, held, sold transferred or conveyed in the corporate name of This Church.
Section 2. No real property of This Church shall be sold, leased, mortgaged or otherwise alienated without the same having been authorized by the leading of the Holy Spirit through fasting and prayer and the confirmation of a majority vote.

Article II

Order of Business

The regular order of the business meeting shall be as follows:

- 1. worship, prayer and devotion
- 2. reading of previous minutes by secretary
- 3. report of treasurer
- 4. report of ministries
- 5. unfinished church matters
- 6. confirmation of new elders and deacons
- 7. new church matters
- 8. adjournment

Article III

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of This Church and the winding up of its affairs, the assets of This Church shall be distributed to Faith Covenant Ministries, provided it then qualifies under the provisions of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superseding section, or, in the event it does not so qualify, that it be distributed exclusively for charitable or religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superseding section.

Article IV

Amendments

These bylaws can be amended at any annual or regular meeting of This Church by a majority vote.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____
