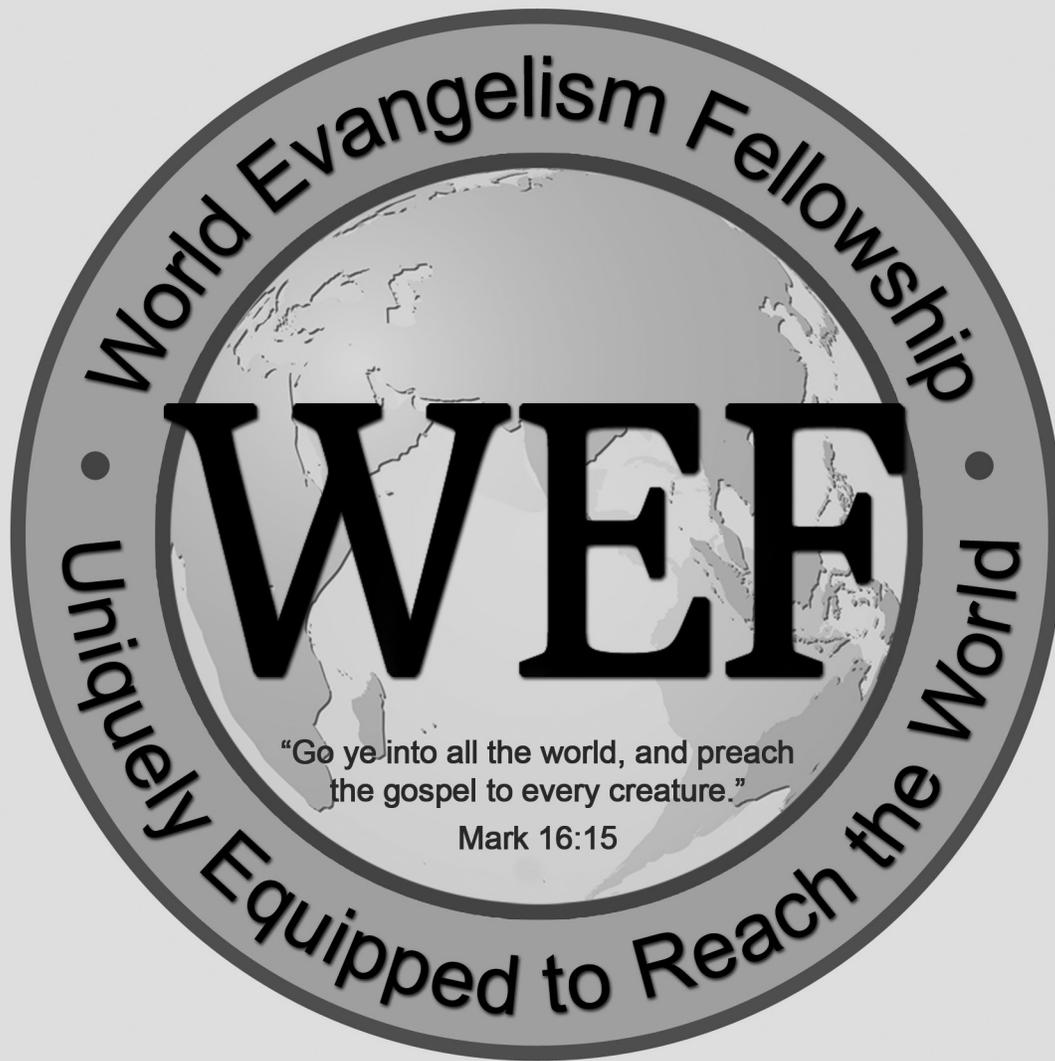


APPLICATION FOR CREDENTIALS



WORLD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP

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TENETS OF FAITH

The following excerpts are from the Constitution and Bylaws of World Evangelism Fellowship. Please read this document thoroughly before proceeding with the application process.

This fellowship accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed Will of God and the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and it adopts the following statement of fundamental truths, to wit:

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; and they are the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (I Thess. 2:13; II Tim. 3:15-17; II Pet. 1:21).

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 Spirit (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10-11; Mat. 28:19; Lk. 3:22).

3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare the following:

- a. His virgin Birth (Mat. 1:23; Lk. 1:31, 35).
- b. His sinless Life (Heb. 7:26; I Pet. 2:22).
- c. His Miracles (Acts 2:22; 10:38).
- d. His substitutionary Work on the Cross (I Cor. 15:3; II Cor. 5:21)
- e. His bodily Resurrection from the dead (Mat. 28:6; Lk. 24:39; I Cor. 15:4).
- f. His Exaltation to the Right Hand of God (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:1-3).

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 and, thereby, incurred not only physical death, but also Spiritual Death, which is separation from God (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom. 5:12-19).

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 of Salvation: Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by Grace through Faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of Eternal Life (Lk. 24:47; Jn. 3:3; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph. 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

b. The Evidences of Salvation: The inward evidence of Salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom. 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:24; Titus. 2:12).

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 Saviour and Lord are to be baptized. Thus, they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in Newness of Life (Mat. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 6:4).

b. Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing the Divine Nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Pet. 1:4). It is a memorial of His

suffering and death (I Cor. 11:26) and a prophecy of His Second Coming (I Cor. 11:26); and it is enjoined on all Believers "*till He come!*"

7. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit. All Believers are entitled to, should ardently expect, and earnestly seek the Promise of the Father, the Baptism with the Holy Spirit 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 the uses of the Gifts in the work of the ministry (Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; I Cor. 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 with the Holy Spirit comes such experiences as: an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Heb. 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 (Mk. 16:20).

8. The Evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The Baptism of Believers with the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with others 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 Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

9. Sanctification. Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Rom. 12:1-2; I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "*holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord*" (Heb. 12:14). By the Power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "*Be ye holy; for I am Holy*" (I Pet. 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 dominion of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:11, 13; 8:1-2, 13; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 2:12-13; I Pet. 1:5).

10. The Church. 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 General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in Heaven*" (Heb. 12:23; see also Eph. 1:22-23; 2:22).

11. The Ministry. A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a twofold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world (Mk. 16:15-20); and, (2) the edifying of the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-13).

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 (Isa. 53:4-5; Mat. 8:16-17; James 5:14-16).

13. The Blessed Hope. The Second Coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with his saints to reign on the Earth for one thousand

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years (Zech. 14:5; Mat. 24:27, 30; Rev. 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This Millennial Reign will bring the Salvation of Israel (Ezek. 37:21-22; Zeph. 3:19-20; Rom. 11:26-27) and the establishment of universal peace (Ps. 72:3-8; Isa. 11:6-9; Mic. 4:3-4).

14. The Final Judgement. There will be a final Judgement in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the Devil and his angels, the beast, and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in *“the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”* (Rev. 21:8; see also Mat. 25:46; Mk. 9:43-48; Rev. 19:20; 20:11-15).

15. The New Heavens and the New Earth. *“We, according to His Promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth Righteousness”* (II Pet. 3:13; see also Rev., Chpts. 21-22).

16. Marriage and Sexuality. We believe that because God our Creator established marriage as a sacred institution between one natural-born man (hereinafter “man”) and one natural-born woman (hereinafter “woman”), the idea that marriage is a covenant only between one man and one woman has been the traditional definition of marriage for all of human history (“Traditional Definition of Marriage”). In Genesis 2:18-24, the Lord God specifically made Eve (woman) to be the help meet for Adam (man) and created the first Marriage Union. Upon receiving his help meet, Adam said, “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife.” This fundamental principle of marriage is found again in Matthew 19:4-6 where in speaking about marriage Jesus referred to the fact that “He which made them at the beginning made them male and female.” Because of the longstanding importance of the Traditional Definition of Marriage to humans and their relationships and communities, and, most importantly, the fact that God has ordained that marriage be between one man and one woman, as clearly conveyed in God’s inerrant Scriptures, the Church hereby creates this policy, which shall be known as the “Marriage and Sexuality Policy.”

a. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, should abide by and agree to this Church’s Marriage and Sexuality Policy and conduct themselves accordingly. Under this Church’s Marriage and Sexuality Policy, the Traditional Definition of Marriage is the only definition of marriage that will be recognized or accepted. No elder, officer, employee, servant, agent, volunteer, or any person, corporation, organization, or entity under the direction or control of this Church shall commit any act or omission, or make any decision whatever, that would be inconsistent with, or that could be perceived by any person to be inconsistent with, full support of this Church’s Marriage and Sexuality Policy and strict adherence to the Traditional Definition of Marriage rather than any alternative to the Traditional Definition of Marriage.

b. WEF’s Marriage and Sexuality Policy specifically prohibits acts or omissions including but not limited to permitting any Family Worship Center Church (Church) assets or property, whether real property, personal property, intangible property, or any property or asset of any kind that is subject to the direction or control of the Church, to be used in any manner that would be or could be perceived by any person to be inconsistent with this Church’s Marriage and Sexuality Policy or

the Traditional Definition of Marriage, including but not limited to permitting any church facilities to be used by any person, organization, corporation, or group that would or might use such facilities to convey, intentionally or by implication, what might be perceived as a favorable impression about any definition of marriage other than the Traditional Definition of Marriage. Further, use of any of the Church assets and/or property (as described above) for the purpose of hosting any marriage ceremony and/or related gatherings (i.e., showers, receptions, etc.) is limited to active members of the Church only. Active membership in the Church shall be determined based at least in part upon the individual’s regular attendance at Church services and functions as well as his/her tithing.

c. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one’s sex, or disagreement with one’s biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God.

d. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

e. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hatred and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of this Church.

f. We believe this Fellowship’s Marriage and Sexuality Policy is based upon God’s Will for human life as conveyed to us through the Holy Scriptures, upon which this Church has been founded and anchored, and this Marriage and Sexuality Policy shall not be subject to change through popular vote; referendum; prevailing opinion of members or the general public; influence of or interpretation by any government authority, agency, or official action; or legal developments on the local, state, or federal level.

17. The Message of the Cross. We believe that the Message of the Cross—faith continually exercised in Jesus Christ and Him crucified for salvation and sanctification—is the new covenant. This message, originally given to the apostle Paul, is supported by these four elements of biblical truth:

1. Jesus Christ is the source of all things that believers receive from God (Jn. 1:1, 14, 29; 14:6, 20; Col. 2:10-15).
2. The Cross of Christ is the means by which all of these things are given to believers (Rom. 6:1-14; Gal. 6:14; Col. 2:14-15).
3. The Cross of Christ must be the believer’s object of faith (I Cor. 1:17, 18, 23; 2:2).
4. The Holy Spirit, who works exclusively within the parameters of the finished work of Christ, superintends this entire process in the believer’s life. (Rom. 8:1-14; Eph. 2:13-18).

18. Alcohol. We believe that every Christian should be opposed to the consumption of alcohol in any form or amount. Believers, especially those called to ministry, should desire to set a good example before the world and take a public stand against any and all use of alcohol. Isaiah 28:7 says, *“But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.”* (See also Prov. 20:1, 23:29-32; Isa. 5:11, 22, 28:1, 7; Hab. 2:15-17).

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CHURCH DATA

Of what church are you a member?

What leads you to believe God has called you into the ministry? _____

What is your special calling? Pastor Evangelist Other _____
(List calling)

In what ministries are you presently engaged? _____

How much time do you devote to these ministries? _____
Number of hours per week

Do you have any other occupation? Yes No

Is so, what type? _____

How many hours per week do you work in this occupation? _____

If you are a pastor, give name and location of your church:

Church name _____

Church address _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Are you Licensed or Ordained?

If so, give date and name of group:

Month/Day/Year

Month/Day/Year

Have you ever made application for credentials to any other credentialing body and been refused? Yes No

If yes, give particulars: _____

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Why do you wish to be affiliated with Word Evangelism Fellowship?

Do you FULLY subscribe to Article IV, the Tenets of Faith of the World Evangelism Fellowship?

Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

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EDUCATIONAL DATA

List your formal education:

Elementary _____ Years _____
Name of school Completed

High School _____ Years _____
Name of school Completed

College _____ Years _____
Name of school Completed

Bible School _____ Years _____
Name of school Completed

Is your school bill paid? Yes No

Have you followed any home study courses for the ministry? Yes No

If so, which courses? _____

If deemed necessary by the Credentials Committee, would you be willing to take a course of study recommended by the World Evangelism Fellowship? Yes No

FINANCIAL DATA

Are you involved in anything, financial or otherwise, that would hinder you from fulfilling your calling? Yes No

If involved financially, please list only "*past-due*" bills (not regular monthly obligations), when they were incurred, and payments you have made as well as balances due:

CREDITOR	DATE INCURRED	PAYMENTS MADE	BALANCE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

REFERENCES

List the names and complete addresses (including zip codes) of three ministers who can be contacted by the Credentials Committee for a personal reference on your character and ministry. Do not include members of your immediate family.

Name Address

City State/Prov. Zip Telephone

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

By tendering this signed application, the applicant affirms his/her submission to the decisions of the World Evangelism Fellowship Credentials Committee and to the Articles and Bylaws of World Evangelism Fellowship.

The applicant agrees that all matters concerning his/her credentials with World Evangelism Fellowship will be determined by the ecclesiastical process of the World Evangelism Fellowship Credentials Committee and not by secular law and jurisprudence.

The applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless World Evangelism Fellowship and its officers in any and all matters of public and private liability, including malpractice or any other matters arising out of the actions of the applicant.

The applicant agrees to be faithful to the sacred trust of the ministry by diligence, by uprightness in business matters, by ministerial ethics, by self-sacrifice, by purity, by avoiding the very appearance of evil, and by cherishing the anointing of the Holy Spirit, even unto death.

My statements in this application are true, and I agree to be bound by the terms of this application.

Date

Your Signature

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APPLICATION FOR CHURCH AFFILIATION

Note: All Church Affiliate Pastors MUST be licensed or ordained through WEF.

Application Instructions: This form is to be completed ONLY by applicants for Church Affiliation Certificates. There is no application fee required for Church Affiliation.

CHURCH DATA

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS

CHURCH NAME

STREET ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from street address)

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Church Office

Pastor or other officer

DATE CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED

Average Sunday School Attendance _____

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Average Church Attendance _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE

Applicant is a

Chartered Church

Fellowship

Other

If other please explain: _____

CHECK IF APPLICABLE

U.S. Applicants

Applicant is chartered as a not-for-profit religious corporation of the state where it is located.

Applicant has received recognition from the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit religious organization.

Foreign Applicants

Applicant is registered with, and recognized by, the government of the country in which it is located as a religious organization.

AFFILIATION INFORMATION

PLEASE COMPLETE ANY INFORMATION THAT APPLIES

Applicant is presently a member of, or affiliated with, the following group, fellowship, or denomination: _____, with headquarters in _____.

Applicant was formerly a member of, or associated with, the following group or denomination: _____, with headquarters in _____.

Affiliation was served on _____.

Briefly explain your form of church government: _____

Please provide the names and addresses of the pastor and (if applicable) church officers:

Name

Title

Street and number

City or town

State/Prov.

Zip

Name

Title

Street and number

City or town

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PREROGATIVES AND PRIVILEGES

1. THE APPLICANT

- A. Shall be chartered as, and remain, an autonomous body. It shall have the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, including the power to choose or call its pastor, elect its official board, and transact any and all business pertaining to its function as a church body.
- B. Shall have the right to use the name World Evangelism Fellowship and all registered trademarks associated therewith in publications, signs, advertisements, letterheads, and other places not named herein, but that will be mutually beneficial to the local church and to World Evangelism Fellowship, as long as it shall remain in good standing with World Evangelism Fellowship.
- C. Shall have the right to request the assistance of the World Evangelism Fellowship Credentials Committee in filling a pastoral vacancy.
- D. Shall have the right to administer discipline to its members according to the Scriptures and its Bylaws.
- E. Shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property either through authorized representatives or in its corporate name as a self-governing body.
- F. Shall have the right to operate specialized ministries of World Evangelism Fellowship.
- G. Shall have the right to terminate the Fellowship Covenant, without cause, and agrees to notify World Evangelism Fellowship, by certified letter, within seven (7) days of such decision by the church governing body.
- H. Shall have the right to participate in the world missions involvement of World Evangelism Fellowship and to designate funds for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- I. Shall have the right to representation and participation at all World Evangelism campmeetings and conventions.
- J. Agrees to be faithful to the sacred trust of the ministry by diligence, by uprightness in business matters, by ministerial ethics, by self-sacrifice, by purity, by avoiding the very appearance of evil, and by cherishing the anointing of the Holy Spirit, even unto death.
- K. Agrees, by the signature of its chief officer, to indemnify World Evangelism Fellowship and its officers in any and all matters of public and private liability, including malpractice, or any other matters arising out of the actions of the applicant.

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- A. Shall have the right to terminate the Fellowship Covenant for cause, and agrees to notify the applicant, by certified letter, within seven (7) days of such decision by the Credentials Committee of World Evangelism Fellowship.
- B. The Credentials Committee of World Evangelism Fellowship shall have the right to restrain the use of the World Evangelism Fellowship name and associated trademarks in an action of law and in equity in the event the applicant at any time ceases to be a cooperative fellowship.
- C. Shall, while recognizing the sovereignty of the applicant church, retain authority relative to any and all ministerial credentials issued to pastors, associate pastors, evangelists and other members of the applicant church who are credentialed by World Evangelism Fellowship, and such matters will be determined by the ecclesiastical process of the World Evangelism Fellowship Credentials Committee and not by secular law and jurisprudence.
- D. Shall have the right to recommend a person or persons to fill a pastoral vacancy, upon request from the applicant church's governing body.
- E. Agrees to be faithful to the sacred trust of the ministry by diligence, by uprightness in business matters, by ministerial ethics, by self-sacrifice, by purity, by avoiding the very appearance of evil, and by cherishing the anointing of the Holy Spirit, even unto death.
- F. Agrees, by the acceptance of this application, to indemnify the applicant and its officers in any and all matters of public and private liability, including malpractice, or any other matters arising out of the actions of World Evangelism Fellowship.

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The statements contained in the application are true, and I, by my signature hereon, indicated that the governing body of this fellowship agrees to be bound by the terms of this application.

Signature

Printed name

Title

Date

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