



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

International Association of Grace Ministries

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for applying for membership with the International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM). Our membership committee looks forward to meeting with you after a review of your completed application.

A completed application must include the following:

1. A dated and signed IAGM Church Membership Application (below),
2. A recommendation from a current IAGM member (submitting contact information in the application below is adequate),
3. A copy of church applicant's Statement of Faith,
4. A copy of church applicant's purpose, vision, and mission statement,
5. A copy of church applicant's Bylaws and Article of Incorporation Papers,
6. A description of why your church would like to become a member of IAGM,
7. A letter from church applicant's Board of Directors to include: 1) it's officers signatures affirming the churches desire to move forward in becoming a member of IAGM and 2) naming an authorized signer for the church to serve as a representative for any agreements in relationship to the IAGM.

Any application questions may be emailed to jcornwell@iagm.org

Thank you for your interest in IAGM,

The IAGM Membership Committee
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IAGM CHURCH APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit your completed online IAGM membership application
2. Interview virtually with IAGM Membership Committee
3. The IAGM Membership Team will notify the applying church of its acceptance or decline within 30 days of the online interview.



IAGM CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

I. Criteria for IAGM Church Membership

Approved members shall:

1. be recommended by a current IAGM member
2. be in agreement with IAGM purpose, vision, and mission statements,
3. be in agreement with IAGM statement of faith and position statements,
4. be in agreement with the IAGM Code of Conduct,
5. seek to build relationships with other IAGM churches and missionaries,
6. agree to actively participate in promoting the IAGM to the best of one's ability,
7. submit an annual report describing your outreach activities and any milestones in your ministry.

II. Maintenance of IAGM Membership

- IAGM membership is contingent upon remaining a member in good standing
- Good Standing is defined as a member remaining in agreement with the IAGM purpose, vision, and mission statements and by a member's continued compliance with the IAGM code of conduct.
- IAGM members not in good standing and unwilling to comply with the above will have its membership revoked.
- The IAGM Membership Committee reviews membership regularly and when necessary, reports to the IAGM Board of Directors for both membership recommendations and, from time to time, for membership revocation.
- All IAGM memberships are accepted or rejected by a two-thirds vote of the IAGM Board of Directors.

III. IAGM Benefits

- International fellowship with likeminded churches and missionaries
- Annual IAGM Missions Conferences
- IAGM member visits for your edification
- Advertising of your missionaries/ministry
- Collection and distribution of monies from supporters
- Live, online membership fellowships
- Ministry & theological educational opportunities
- Chaplain & ministerial endorsement for community ministry
- IAGM Prayer Chain

IV. IAGM Membership Fees

IAGM incurs several administrative and support services expenses throughout the course of the year. Five percent of the amount of the donations received is used to fund some of these operational expenses. The rest are paid by a handful of generous donors who have committed monthly gifts to cover IAGM administrative costs.

We have wrestled with charging a membership fee. We realize that serving Christ in various places around the globe can be challenging and we want to welcome those who wish to join us, regardless of what they can pay.

That being said, for 2022, IAGM has decided to waive an annual membership fee. We hope that those who can give, will offer something to join us, but our heart is to turn no one away.

IAGM PURPOSE, VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Purpose Statement

IAGM is an affiliation of churches and missionaries dedicated to the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ through world missions.

Vision Statement

IAGM vision is to support its members in effectively advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Mission Statement

IAGM will provide an organized network of resources to its affiliated churches and missionaries.

IAGM STATEMENT OF FAITH

I. The Scriptures

We believe that the books of the Old and New Testaments were written by men, verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original autographs, and are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. We believe in the full historicity of the biblical record.

II. God

We believe that God is one in nature and three in Person--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that all three persons, though distinct, share in the divine nature and thereby possess the same attributes and perfections. We believe in the providence of God, but not that He approves sin or destroys human responsibility. We believe the triune God created the universe apart from pre-existing materials.

III. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God, born of a virgin; that He is true God and true man, having two distinct natures co-joined in one Person; that He died for our sins, was buried, was bodily raised on the third day, and has ascended to the right hand of the Father.

IV. Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and that He regenerates, seals, and baptizes believers into the body of Christ.

V. Humanity

We believe that humanity was created in the image of God. Adam and Eve, the first humans, fell as a result of sin thereby incurring death for all and a curse on the created order.

VI. Salvation

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ alone and not of works, and that all who believe are eternally secure in Him.

VII. Return of Christ

We believe in the literal, visible, and personal return of Jesus Christ. We believe in the final judgment of the unsaved, who will be sent away into eternal punishment with Satan in Hell, and the final justification of the saved, who will enter into eternal life with the Lord in Heaven.

VIII. The Church

We believe that the New Testament church is a local body of believers who obey God in believer's baptism with Christ as its head and the Holy Spirit as its guide. Along with believer's baptism by immersion, churches celebrate the ordinance of communion at the Lord's Table. New Testament churches promote God's work by cooperating for missions and many other joint efforts. We believe in the priesthood of all believers so that every Christian has direct access to God in prayer through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest.

IAGM POSITION STATEMENTS

Based upon IAGM's interpretation of Scripture, the following specific issues are affirmed further:

Creation

We affirm that the universe, visible and invisible, is a result of God's special creative work. He sustains all things through His power and providence.

Last Things

We affirm the premillennial view that the Lord will return prior to the establishment of his 1000-year earthly reign.

Marriage

We affirm marriage is a covenant relationship between a male and female. Sexual relations outside of marriage are contrary to biblical principles.

Affiliation

Where consistent with the doctrinal and position statements, the International Association of Grace Ministries is committed to our statement of faith and the message of the Gospel. However, the right of each missionary to affiliate with another evangelical denomination is respected.

IAGM CODE OF CONDUCT

1. General

- 1.1 The International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM) endeavors to maintain high standards of conduct for the benefit of its members. As a key instrument of achieving this goal, members undertake to abide by the association rules and code of conduct as a condition of membership. Any Member whose conduct is deemed by the Membership Committee to be contrary to this Code may be expelled from the Association.
- 1.2 Members ensure that they will conduct themselves in line with this Code of Conduct and within the law, both criminal and civil.
- 1.3 Members agree to deal fairly and honestly with IAGM committees, representatives, and members.
- 1.4 All new members must sign the application form stating that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by the terms of this Code of Conduct.
- 1.5 In recognition of the individual characteristic diversity of indigenous members that constitute the membership, this code is not intended to be comprehensive.

2. Doctrinal Agreement

- 2.1 All members shall read, acknowledge and agree with the IAGM Doctrinal Statement and shall view it as the primary basis for their continued membership in the association.
- 2.2 All members are required to sign a copy of the IAGM Doctrinal Statement indicating their full agreement.
- 2.3 All members represented by a board of directors must provide a corporate resolution with its officer's signatures indicating their full agreement.

3. Membership Conflict Resolution

- 3.1 Members in conflict with another member agree to faithfully adhere to Matthew 5:23&24; 18:15&16; I Timothy 5:19 and the directives of their local board of directors before requesting the assistance of IAGM leadership.
- 3.2 Should the Association receive an unresolved complaint, both parties must agree to and adhere to the IAGM conflict resolution process and the association's final determination.
- 3.3 Members accept that the Association will endeavor to bring about a reasonable resolution between both parties with the aim of achieving complete reconciliation.
- 3.4 Members agree to co-operate fully with the Association and to provide honest disclosure of relevant information that would assist with reaching a resolution.

4. Association Participation

- 4.1. While members' individual commitments may vary, all members should endeavor to make some contribution through active participation in development issues of the Association.
- 4.2 Members should promote the activities and events of the Association to attract increased fellowship at such functions.

5. Relations to Members and Non-members

- 5.1 Members shall view both members and non-members who hold to the Cardinal doctrines of the faith as unique, necessary, and valuable expressions of Christ's body.
- 5.2 Members are always encouraged to fellowship, co labor, and network with other fruitful Christian organizations and churches which agree with the *Cardinal doctrines* of the faith whenever possible.
- 5.3 Members shall treat co-members and non-members who differ in methods of evangelism, worship structure or secondary doctrines with biblical courtesy and respect and shall not break or minimize fellowship over such issues.
- 5.4 Members must make every endeavor to ensure that they conduct their affairs in a biblical, professional manner and in so doing, avoid behavior that could bring the IAGM and its membership into disrepute.

6. Promotion and Representation of IAGM

- 6.1 Members may not, (under any circumstances) purport to represent, speak on behalf of or otherwise act as a representative of the IAGM, unless specifically authorized in writing or by the written definition of a role within an authorized working group.
- 6.2 Members agree to indicate their membership of IAGM on printed material, wherever and whenever possible, including on letter head and via their website.
- 6.3 Members should strive to ensure that their communications to potential candidates are clear and unambiguous.
- 6.4 Members should encourage potential candidates (Churches, Para churches, Christian Colleges and Seminaries or individuals) to apply for membership.

NOTE: The conditions of the above code of conduct are subject to periodic reappraisal by an IAGM working group and may therefore change from time to time.

IAGM CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____

Church Applicant Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____ Website: _____

Physical address

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Province _____

Country _____

Mailing address (if different from physical address):

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Province _____

Country _____

Senior Pastor's name: _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

IAGM member to make recommendation: _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

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1. **Is the applicant church incorporated?** Yes No

If yes, please attach current incorporation documents

2. **Does the applicant church have a constitution or governing guidelines?** Yes No

If yes, please attach By-Laws or equivalent

3. **What is your church's average attendance?** _____

4. **Does your church currently support its own missionaries?** Yes No

If yes, is your church hoping to raise financial support for your missionaries through IAGM?

Yes No

If yes, please share about your church's missionaries:

5. **Describe why your church would like to become a member of IAGM:**

6. **A copy of the applicant church's Statement of Faith** (please attach)

7. **A letter from church applicant's Board of Directors** to include: 1) its officers signatures affirming the churches desire to move forward in becoming a member of IAGM and 2) naming an authorized signer for the church to serve as a representative for any agreements in relationship to the IAGM (please attach).

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CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP & DISCLAIMER

If approved as an IAGM member, the undersigned church acknowledges and agrees with the following:

The IAGM has no fiduciary or legal responsibility for the undersigned church or their ministry; IAGM, its directors, officers, agents, members, or employees shall in no way be responsible or liable for the actions of the undersigned church; The undersigned church will obtain and maintain liability insurance coverage, or will be self-insured, to cover the acts of their day-to-day ministry, business, and activities. The undersigned agrees to hold the International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM), its directors, officers, agents, or employees harmless from and against any and all claims or actions asserted against or arising out of the day-to-day ministry, business and activities of the undersigned church. When advertising, the undersigned church agrees that the wording, "International Association of Grace Ministries" or "IAGM" may not be used as part of your mission's name and that you may only indicate that your church is associated with the International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM).

Additionally, the undersigned church is recognized by IAGM to be a solely autonomous entity with which the International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM) may work harmoniously with, promoting the work and objectives set forth in IAGM's Purpose, Vision, and Mission statements. IAGM shall not have nor attempt to exercise authority over this church or its leaders, to in any way limit, interfere with, diminish, or otherwise affect the autonomy of the undersigned church.

Lastly, the undersigned church agrees that they acknowledge and agree with the above IAGM Purpose, Vision, and Mission statements, IAGM Statement of faith, IAGM Position Statements, and the IAGM Code of Conduct.

Church Name: _____

Signature: _____
Authorized signer for church

Title: _____

Date: _____