

## GCMF GUIDELINES FOR AFFILIATED CHURCHES

*Gospel Crusade churches are registered affiliates of the Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship, Inc. (GCMF) and are approved to use the Gospel Crusade name and logo in their advertising and printed material. They look to GCMF for spiritual and administrative covering in accord with Deuteronomy 17:8-11, and provide a level of voluntary submission to the leadership of GCMF in the official records of the church. If the affiliated ministry is a church it will assemble together regularly according to Hebrews 10:24-25.*

1. Each local church should be a legal entity, registered with the Secretary of State's office in the State the church meets, if it is American, or the Provincial Capital if Canadian. In most states this means the church is incorporated as a not-for-profit religious corporation.
2. Each local church should adopt a form of church government which can be defined in the By-Laws of the corporation. Model articles of Incorporation and By-Laws are available from the GCMF office.
3. Each local church should file a form 1023 request for tax exempt status with the IRS according to section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. It must also be exempt under the terms of section 170 of the code as well.
4. A copy of the certified Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the tax status letter from the IRS should be on file at GCMF headquarters.
5. An affiliated church must have as its Pastor a Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship current credential holder.
6. The church government shall consist of a pastor, plus elders, deacons and a board of trustees as may be required as the church grows.
7. An affiliated church may not also be a part of or member of any other denomination or organization of ministers and churches of this kind.
8. Each affiliated church is expected to identify individuals who are experiencing a call of God on their lives for Christian service and to refer them to GCMF for further training at one of Gospel Crusade's school's in preparation for the ministry to which God has called them.
9. A member of the GCMF Presbytery is expected to minister in each local church at least once annually. This may include meeting with elders, boards, deacons, preaching a public service, Sunday School class and personal ministry to leadership.
10. An annual financial report is expected to be filed with the GCMF office in January or within 60 days after the close of the church's fiscal year. This form can be obtained from the GCMF office or downloaded from the website at [www.gcmf.org](http://www.gcmf.org).
11. Each affiliate church shall file its own IRS reporting annually, if any be required.

## **Information Regarding Ministry Affiliation**

1. Purpose: To provide a basis for fellowship between independent churches and ministries, as well as spiritual support and counsel as requested or needed, according to the scriptures: Hebrews 10:24,25; Acts 20:28; and Deuteronomy 17:8-11
  
2. Benefits:
  - A. Provides broader recognition of a ministry
  - B. Provides a source for support ministry:
    1. In event a pastor or leadership is needed.
    2. In event outside itinerant ministry is desired.
    3. In event needs arise beyond the ability of local leadership
      - a. Spiritual matters
      - b. Legal matters
      - c. Disputes or misunderstandings
  - C. Provides source of fellowship with like-minded ministries and churches
    1. Periodic fellowship meetings and conferences in geographically organized districts
    2. Annual conferences
  - D. Provides leadership training for your ministry
    1. Seminars, conferences or retreats
    2. Audio and video tapes available on specific subjects
    3. Gospel Crusade Institute of Ministry
  - E. Provides a connection with a world-wide organization of missionaries
    1. To receive missionaries into your church for teaching and edification
    2. To adopt and develop a missionary outreach
  
3. Method:
  - A. Fill out the application for church affiliation.
  - B. **Insert this clause into your organization's by-laws:**
    1. *At any time deemed necessary, or mutually advantageous, either the pastor by himself, or the elders by themselves, or both together, may call upon the leadership of GCMF for assistance or advice."*
    2. *"In the event we are unable to resolve a local problem, we will submit to the counsel of Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship Presbytery, and/or leadership and comply with their decision regarding the situation."*
  - C. Attach copy of your church charter, Articles of Incorporation, and by-laws to the application form.

Upon consideration of Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship you will be notified as to your acceptance, and will receive a Certificate of Affiliation. A representative from GCMF will be available to present the affiliation certificate as part of your church service.

# APPLICATION

## GCMF Church or Ministry Affiliation

*Mail or Fax completed form, with attachments, to:*  
**GOSPEL CRUSADE MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP**  
192 Cocalico Creek Road, Stevens, PA 17578  
Phone: 717-336-0038 Fax: 717-336-0411

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of church or ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address of ministry: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name and addresses of officers:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Name and address of person(s) affiliated with the Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship, either by licensing or ordination, who are involved in this work or who can recommend your group:

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5. How long has your group been assembling together as a church body or ministry?

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6. Define your ministry or describe the vision of this ministry. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Has this ministry ever been affiliated with any other organization, fellowship or denomination? If yes, please list the name and address of the organization and period of this affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is this ministry currently affiliated with any other organization, fellowship or denomination? If yes, please list the name and address of the organization.

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9. Describe your purpose for affiliation with the Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship.

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10. Length of time this ministry has been in existence\_\_\_\_\_, or date of incorporation.\_\_\_\_\_ If incorporated, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (charter) and By-laws are to be attached to this application.

11. Does this ministry support any missionary in a foreign country? \_\_\_\_\_If yes, please provide their names, along with the city, state, and country of their foreign location.

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12. If regular weekly services are held, please identify them as follows:

Sunday Morning:	Time_____	Average Attendance _____
Sunday Evening:	Time_____	Average Attendance _____
Mid-week:	Day_____ Time _____	Average Attendance _____
Others:	Day _____ Time_____	Average Attendance _____

**Include the following with your application:**

1. A one to two page typewritten history of this ministry since its inception.
2. A picture of the meeting place, building or physical location of this ministry.
3. A sample of recent newsletter, bulletin, or flier communication of this ministry.
4. A copy of the organizational charter, or Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.
5. A non-refundable fee of \$50.00. Please make checks payable to Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship, Inc.

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Statement of Faith

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**We Believe:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Bible to be the inspired and infallible and authoritative word of God.</li> <li>2. there is one God eternally manifested in the person of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</li> <li>3. in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, in His victorious and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension, and in His personal return in power and glory upon the earth.</li> <li>4. regeneration and conversion through faith in Jesus Christ is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful humanity</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. the gospel includes holiness of heart and life, healing of the body, and definite personal experience with the Holy Spirit where-by the gifts of the Spirit become active in the life of the believer.</li> <li>6. in the bodily resurrection of believers at the endtime; the just unto eternal life and the unjust into eternal damnation.</li> <li>7. in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.</li> </ol> |
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- Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship maintains the right to deny, revoke, repossess or withhold affiliation certification with due written notice.
- We believe there are other God-called fellowships, organizations and association of which Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship is only one of many.
- We believe in the above confession of faith and agree to uphold the high standard of ministry of Jesus Christ and of the Gospel Crusade Ministerial Fellowship

*WE THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREE TO LOOK TO GOSPEL CRUSADE MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP, INC. FOR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION AS DESIRED, OR AS NEEDED, IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN THE FLOW OF GOD'S WILL FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THOSE FOR WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN US RESPONSIBILITY:*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Print name:* \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Print name:* \_\_\_\_\_

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