

Christian Life Network

A Ministry of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc.

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About the Network

The Christian Life Network of Churches and Ministries is a ministry of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc. and its Pastor and Bishop. The purpose of the Network shall be, for religious, charitable and educational purposes, to live and spread the orthodox, historic, Biblical Christian Faith (Matthew 22:37-39, 28:19-20) in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Statement of Faith and Bylaws of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc., and in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the Bishop (Senior Pastor of CLMI) and Executive Board of CMLI.

To fulfill the religious, charitable and educational purposes stated above, the CLMI's Executive Board adopts the following goals and objectives;

A. To seek out the lost and lead them to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour (Luke 14:23; 19:10; John 20:21).

B. To provide comprehensive training to students of all ages in the Word of God, the Holy Bible, in each and all doctrines found therein, including training for those who express an interest in the Pastoral ministry and have been so gifted by God to serve in that office (Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4:11-14; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:15; Titus 2:15;

Hebrews 5:14-6:1-3; 1 Peter 3:15).

C. To provide an opportunity for each person, whosoever will (Matthew 16:24-25; Luke 9:23), to engage in a worldwide effort to carry forth the Gospel Message to every person of every nation (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8-9).

D. To foster Christian culture in terms of refinement, appreciation, social attitudes, skills, and to thereby develop a compassionate response to needs of society as commanded in the Word of God (Matthew 22:39; John 13:35; Galatians 2:10; James 1:27; 2:15-16).

Mission Statement of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc.

1. To represent the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Doctrine, Worship and Practices;
2. To be a place where people can experience the awesome power of God, hear the Word of God proclaim faithfully and go forth empowered by the Holy Spirit to change the world in which they live;
3. To reach the various generations with the truth and power of the Gospel of Christ;
4. To develop programs and ministries that will impact the City of Albany, surrounding areas, and the world for the Lord Jesus Christ;
5. To further the reach of the Kingdom of God through good quality Christian ministry that yields genuine fruits of evangelism, discipleship and soul-winning;
6. To develop a multi-cultural ministry that will reach out and rescue the lost, rejected, wounded and hurting from a decaying world and bring them into the arms of a loving Savior;
7. To be a living expression of the Church Universal, representing the Sacramental, Reformed, Evangelical and Pentecostal expressions of the church;
8. To be a place of prophetic education and spiritual renewal;
9. To be a place where the sacraments of our redemption are regularly celebrated with faithful use of the words of our Savior;
10. To be a church that is Orthodox and Bible-Believing in its Theology and Pentecostal-Charismatic in its ethos;
11. To train, license and ordain Ministers of the Gospel; and
12. To establish and assist like-minded churches and ministries that will do the same.

Basic Beliefs

Christian Life Ministries International, Inc. and the Christian Life Network are a Bible-believing, Spirit-filled Church and Network. It is a place where the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are freely expressed for the edification of the believers. CLMI and the Christian Life Network are a place of prophetic education and spiritual growth. Among those beliefs we would underscore and commend the following:

- A belief in the Sovereignty of God
- A high view of Holy Scripture in affirming the critical importance of preaching, public reading of the Word of God, and personal Bible Study.
- The Use of the Nicene Creed as a Statement of Faith and the Apostles' Creed as a Baptismal Creed.
- A belief in the regular celebration of the ordinances/sacraments of the Gospel...i.e. Baptism and the Lord's Supper (also called Holy Communion).
- A high view of the church and a need for the people of God to gather together often for the worship of God and listening to His holy Word.
- The doctrine of saving Grace by faith.
- The real Spiritual Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and a Baptism that is effectual.
- The Real and Presence work of the Holy Spirit through gifts and signs as imparted to believers for service and witness.
- A belief in the supporting of ministry through the giving of Tithes and Offerings.

Statement of Faith (See Attach Copy of Statement)

Organizational Structure of the Network

WHEREAS the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc.(located in Albany, GA, USA), provides for the establishment of a Network of Churches and Ministries to minister to those churches and ministries affiliated with the church; and

WHEREAS Article VIII, Section 1 of CL MI Bylaws empowers the Pastor and Executive Board of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc., to establish said Network to minister to its branch and networking churches; and

WHEREAS Article VIII establishes how Churches and Ministries may affiliate with Christian Life Ministries International, Inc.;

THEREFORE the Pastor and Executive Board of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc. hereby establish the Christian Life Network of Churches and Ministries with the following Charter:

ARTICLE I

Name. (A)This network shall be known as the “CHRISTIAN LIFE NETWORK OF CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES,” hereafter known as the “Network,” and shall operate in good faith within the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc.

(B) The Network shall be commonly called the “CHRISTIAN LIFE NETWORK.”

ARTICLE II

Purposes. The purpose of the this Charter is to establish said Network, which shall be a ministry of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc. to its Branch, affiliated and networking churches and ministries.

ARTICLE III

Mission and Authority. Christian Life Network commits itself to the propagation of the unchanging Gospel of Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of the great commission to make disciples of all nations. We further commit ourselves to the formation of genuine disciples who are saved, bible-believing and spirit-filled and who believe in the ultimate authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Sovereignty of God.

ARTICLE IV

Relationship to the other Churches. We believe in fellowshipping with Churches and Ministries of like Faith and Practice regardless of denominational affiliation. Such relationship will be based on agreement with the CLMI's Statement of Faith, Missions and Purposes.

ARTICLE V

Network Structure. The Network shall be structured as follows:

(A) The Network shall consist of all churches and ministries who shall make application to affiliated with Christian Life Ministries International, Inc., and its Bishop. Churches and Ministries shall be able to affiliate with Christian Life Ministries International, Inc., through this Network as a branch church, affiliated church and/or ministry and networking church and/or ministry. Each church shall come under the spiritual covering of Bishop of CLMI and his network representative in their area.

(B) There shall be a Network council consisting of the Bishop of CLMI and clergy and lay representative from around the Network. They shall be appointed by the Bishop of CLMI and confirmed by the CLMI's Executive Board. The affairs of the Network shall be managed by the Bishop of CLMI (President of the Network), in consultation with the Network Council. The Network shall have three (3) council members initially. The Network may increase the number of council members, but it shall never be less than three (3) nor more than, nine (8).

(C) The council shall assist the Bishop of CLMI in shaping the policy and direction of the Network in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, doctrine, discipline and worship of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc.

(D) The Bishop of CLMI shall be the President of the Network and shall have general powers of appointment. As president of the Network, he shall be the chief pastor and apostle of the Network and shall provide counsel and advice to affiliated churches and ministries. He shall provide for the ordination, installation, and the recognition of gifts and ministries either personally or through his regional representative. He shall select the most qualified ministers to represent him as Regional Directors. They shall serve as Regional Directors of their Regions as long as their services are profitable to the people and ministers in their areas. The license and ordination certificates shall bear the signature of the Bishop of CLMI or his symbol of office if they are signed by His regional representatives.

(E) The Regional Directors. The Network's ministry shall be divided into regions whose boundaries shall be geographical based on national or state boundaries and may consist of more than one state or country. These regions shall be lead and coordinated by their Regional Directors. It shall be the duty of the Regional Directors to preach the Word of God, giving their time and talent and influence for the spreading the Gospel of Christ throughout their regions such that the

greatest possible good may be accomplished and greatest number of souls saved. They shall maintain a list of affiliated churches and ministries in their regions. They shall conduct conferences and seminars; they will build up the churches and ministries in their areas. They shall provide council and advice to members of the network in their area when ask. They shall be accountable to the Bishop of CLMI.

ARTICLE VI

Affiliation. The Network calls upon and seeks other like-minded Churches and Ministries to apply for Network affiliation. Any churches and ministries desiring to affiliate with the Network shall fulfill the requirements for membership as established by CLMI's Pastor and Executive Board and administered by the Bishop of CLMI and the Network Council.

1. Each applicant for membership shall submit an application along with a \$30.00 USD donation to CLMI. Once approve by the Bishop or His network representative shall be received into the Network.
2. Annual Membership fee shall be \$30.00 USD donation to be submitted along with your annual ministerial report.
3. Requirements for membership:
 - a. Must believe in the lordship of Jesus Christ and subscribe to the Mission and Statement of Faith of Christian Life.
 - b. Should adhere to the ministry's commitment and operational guidelines in the membership packet.
 - c. Must be a place that seeks to empower the people of God in every area of their lives.
 - d. Must be a church or ministry where the Sacramental, Reformed, Evangelical and Pentecostal expressions of the church universal converge to form one mighty river.

ARTICLE VII

Commitment. The strength of this Network will be based on the commitment of each local CLMI branch church, affiliate, or networking church to support the vision and ministry through prayer, attendance at conferences, and fellowshiping with other members of the network and your voluntary monthly financial support (Amount determined by Member and is not meant to be a tithe).

ARTICLE VIII

Benefits of Affiliation. The following shall be the benefits of affiliation with the Network: (A) Training, Licensing and Ordination of Ministers and Church Leaders and recognition of their gifts and ministries. This will be done through the issuing of minister's license or the imposition of hands in the rite of ordination for the candidate for ordain ministry. Certificates may also be issued for Church Workers. Each license or ordained minister shall be issued a fellowship card that shall be proof of fellowship and good standing with the Network annually, upon the receipt of the annual ministerial report and donation towards the work of the ministry of the Network.

Ministers already ordained shall be issued a *Letter of Acceptance* upon the reception of a copy of said license that shall provide proof of ordination. Ordination for this Network involves the rite of Laying on of Hands of the presbytery according to Holy Scripture.

(B) Periodic communication from the International Headquarters and regional directors via E-mails, Newsletters, Teaching/Position Papers, audio tapes, CDs, DVDs, VHS/Video Tapes and/or telephone communications.

(C) E-mail ministry-Each affiliate that has access to e-mail has the opportunity to correspond with the International Headquarters and the Regional Directors. We are able to pray with, counsel, encourage and teach affiliate as their needs arise. This connects us in ways that is cost prohibitive through the use of the telephone.

(D) Prayer-The Network staff prays for the specific requests we receive by regular mail as well as by e-mail. We also pray over all affiliates that have not sent in specific requests.

(E) Opportunity for Fellowship-Conferences and Seminars shall be offered in the USA and in other countries for the benefits of affiliates, friends and partners of this Network. In several countries, we have national/regional directors and Bishops in residence who are available to assist the affiliates in ministry. Each affiliate is encouraged to fellowship with other affiliates in and outside of their areas.

(F) To actively engage in missions and church planting efforts, both nationally and internationally.

(G) Opportunities for participation in ongoing short-term missionary outreaches and crusades.

(H) Community and Economic Development Projects

ARTICLE IX

Stewardship. All assets, of every kind and nature, held by the Network are, and shall be, irrevocably dedicated to and inured to the benefit of the charitable, educational, and religious purposes of the Network, and used according to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3), and no part thereof shall inure to the private benefit of any individual or be used for any impermissible purpose. Each gift or contribution received by the Network and shall be deemed restricted and designated by the donor to advance charitable, educational, and religious purposes of the Network. In the event of dissolution or termination of the Network, the Network’s property in the USA shall become the property of CLMI or property aboard shall be distributed as directed by Network Council.

ARTICLE X

Amendments. This charter may be amended by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members of the Council at a duly called meeting. No amendments shall be in consistence with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc. All such amendments shall be submitted to the Executive Board of Christian Life Ministries International, Inc. who shall have the power to accept, modify, alter or reject such amendment.

Executed this 16th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Five at Christian Life Ministries International, Inc., Albany, State of Georgia, in the United States of America signed by the Pastor/Bishop of CLMI and Secretary of the Executive Board.

_____ Bishop of CLMI

_____ Secretary

(Affixed CLMI Corporate Seal Here)

The Ministry

The Network believes in the ministry of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, and Pastor-Teachers. That these gifts are for the perfecting (maturing) of the Saints, Work of the Ministry and the edifying of the Body of Christ. The Network, also, believes in the priesthood of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our ordained clergy are responsible for the liturgical, sacramental, and teaching ministries of the Church. The Network clergy are called chiefly to equip and lead the Church, which is the royal and priestly company who offer to God the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving through the

stewardship of time, energy, money, and spiritual gifts.

Worship is so intrinsically bound to the role of our clergy that if it does not flow into or out of the altar, it is not an essential element of ordained ministry.

Each minister desiring to be license and/or ordained by the Network shall be examine for fitness for the Ministry in the area of Beliefs, Practice and Lifestyle. They shall submit an application for licensing and/or ordination to the Network. Upon approval the Bishop or his appointee shall license and/or ordained you to the work of the ministry in this Network.

What We Believe

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written word of God.
- We believe that there is one sovereign God who is eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return.
- We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.
- We believe in the election and perseverance of the saints.
- We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
- We believe in the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross which provides healing and health for the human body and prosperity for the soul in answer to believing prayer.
- We believe in the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who asked for it.
- We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world.
- We believe in the regular supporting of the storehouse treasury of God through our Tithes, Offerings and gifts of Love.