

Q and A's about the Pastors Network



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HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PASTOR'S NETWORK?

The Pastor's Network is opened to all ordained and licensed ministers of the Gospel. Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries and Para-Church leaders. You can receive an application for membership by sending your name, address and name of church or ministry to: The Pastors Network, P.O. Box 3003, Covina, CA 91722 - or you can send this information to: pastorsnet@aol.com

You will receive an application to complete.

The Pastors Network is a true fellowship of Pastors. **There is no membership fee.** We would appreciate an offering of \$10 only if you would like a certificate of membership suitable for hanging on your wall. Newsletters will be send via email. Love gifts are gladly accepted which will be used to sponsor future Pastors Conferences, the newsletter and missions.

WHEN AND WHERE DOES THE PASTORS NETWORK MEET?

The Pastor's Network of Southern California meets 11 months out of the year on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.. The main meeting is at Denny's Restaurant, 546 W. Baseline in Glendora, USA [Directions: Take the 210 Fwy to Glendora. Exit at Grand Avenue go go to the corner of Grand and Baseline (300 feet).You should see the parking lot and Denny's right there. Other branches located in other cities. Please contact pastorsnet@aol.com for location and times.

During December, the Pastor's Network hosts a Christmas banquet in lieu of the regular monthly meeting. For more information call: Pastor Mike at (626) 966-9876 #3 or Email: pastorsnet@aol.com

WHY IS THERE A PASTORS'S NETWORK?

The Pastor's Network was started by three Pastors of small independent churches. There is a great need amongst pastors for fellowship, encouragement, prayer and uplifting. This group began to meet monthly for coffee and fellowship. As more and more pastors began to hear about the fellowship, pastors began inviting their friends. Today the Pastors Network continues to increase with Pastors coming as far south as Newport Beach and as far east as Palmdale. They come because they feel the genuine love and presence of the Holy Spirit.

WHO IS THE DIRECTOR?

Dr. Michael McKinney, Senior Pastor of World for Jesus International Christian Center, President of Promise Christian University is the current director. The idea of the Pastor's Network was really launched

when Dr. McKinney wrote an article for the Christian Times entitled, "Pastoring the Smaller Church." Many pastors called to say how much they were blessed by the article and when they heard about the fellowship, they began to come.

The key verse the Lord gave the Pastor's Network is found in Psalm 133:1-5

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

CAN I START A PASTOR'S NETWORK IN MY CITY?

Yes. **You must be a pastor pastoring a church.** If you are in the Southern California area, you must come and meet with the Pastor's Network's at a luncheon or gathering, then we could ask you to commit to supporting our code of ethics.

If you do not live near a Pastor's Network then attending a Pastors Conference, World for Jesus International Convention or Crusade, and/or as a student of Promise Christian University, you can request to start a pastors network in your area.

The reason we require a personal touch is because pastors, evangelists and missionaries are encouraged when they attend the Pastor's Network meeting and the only way to understand the fellowship, spirit and anointing that's within this network is to be there. We also have a strong ethical position which we clearly state in our standards. We want you to catch our vision of reaching out to encourage, uplift and inspire pastors of smaller churches.

You can make a difference for your city and community if you begin a Pastors Network geared towards fellowship and prayer. Pastors need a place to come where they can relax and let their guard down. They need a time to laugh and sometimes to cry. Pastors are not super humans. They need to be appreciated and honored as well. If you have a heart for for pastors, we would encourage you to start a network in your community. It only takes two to begin. Pastors are available to come and speak to your group.

For foreign pastors, we have many foreign pastors writing us each and every day. We welcome foreign pastors to sign up for our online email newsletter which comes out every other month! Our events newsletter comes out twice a month.

We want to support in prayer the ministries of fellow pastors who are working overseas, but it is impossible for the small churches to support overseas ministries financially because of previous missionary commitments. Our suggestion is that you begin to plan financial seed offerings into good ministries as a step of faith a "ministry tithe," and see how God will return to you the abundant blessing! We cannot give you the fish, but we want you to learn how to fish!

Every small church pastor has had to rely on the Lord for the financial supply of the ministry! If God has called you, and if he has directed you to do something, He will supply the need.

THE CODE OF ETHICS AND THE STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE NETWORK IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US. WITHOUT ETHICS AND UNITY IN BELIEF IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP. JESUS CHRIST AND TRUST, HONOR, INTEGRITY, CHARACTER, COMPETENCE AND COURAGE IS THE

FOUNDATION OF THE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PASTORS NETWORK.

APPLICATION TO JOIN

THE PASTORS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

I am " Ordained Year _____ " Licensed Year _____ " Ministry or Para-church leader

I currently a:

" Senior Pastor " Pastor " Associate Pastors " Assistant Pastor " Youth Pastor

" Evangelist " Teacher " Missionary " Para-church Ministry Leader " Music Minister

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Home Phone	Work Phone
Fax Phone	Email
Church	
Church address:	
City, State, Zip	

Family Information:

" Married " Divorced " Single " Other _____
Spouses Name:
Children living at home and names:

Educational Information:

Bible School or College
" I did not attend nor complete College " I completed the " BA " MA " Th.D.
Schools attend and year:

Diplomas earned:

Ministry:

Church:

Organization you carry your credentials with:

Calling and Vocation is:

Gifts are:

Books, Music etc. authored:

Why do you want to join the Pastor's Network?

Will you as a member, uphold the "code of ethics" that are enclosed? " Yes " No

If no, why not?

Is your spouse supportive of your joining the Pastors network? " Yes " No, If no, why not?

We need recommendations from two ordained ministers as references. Kindly supply us their names and addresses and permission to contact them:

1. Name & Full Address

2. Name and Full Address

To the Pastors Network, I do hereby wish to be accepted as a member of the fellowship. Family is very important in our network and we ask that your spouse be supportive of your desire to join the Pastors Network and supportive of your ministry as well.

And look forward to working together to build God's kingdom until Jesus comes again.

Finally, please tell us about your ministry. Enclose a brochure and resume.

Date: _____
Signature

Date: _____
Spouse (Wife or Husband)

Amount due:

Approved by	
Date	
Cards issued	
Money received	
Next Renewal Date	

Mail to:

The Pastors Network
P.O. Box 3003
Covina, CA 91722

THE PASTORS NETWORK

CODE OF ETHICS

*I pledge that I will do my best to uphold the code of ethics as a member of the Pastors Network.
Which is:*

- 1. We do not proselyte.** We believe strongly in commitment and dedication to the local church. Pastors do not proselyte members from fellow pastors. Evangelists and missionaries do not proselyte members from the churches they visit. The Evangelist and the missionary regards the pastor as God's servant for that particular congregation and they respect him/her. Their purpose is to encourage, uplift and edify the church and likewise the pastors recognize the contribution that the evangelist and missionary play in the growth of the church and honor them as special gifts to the body of Christ. It is truly a five-fold ministry that is needed in the church today... working together as a team.
- 2. We pray for one another.** As fellow clergy, there are times of difficulty in ministry, personally and professionally. The Pastor's Network believes in praying for one another, encouraging and uplifting one another and preferring one another in the most holy faith.
- 3. We support one another.** Whenever possible, pastors help pastors. They work together on ministry projects, answering questions, sharing advice and recommendations, and at times the network even shares financially assisting in missionary and/or charity projects.
- 4. We love one another.** We believe that ministers are all servants of God. Jesus Christ is the chief shepherd and therefore we are co-laborers one with another. The sheep and the ministry belongs to the Lord. Therefore, we are not in competition. Our goal is to see our brother succeed in the calling and ministry he/she has been called too. When good things happen and blessings come to our brothers and sisters we rejoice; when difficulties occur we weep -- but we do it together.
- 5. We endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** In the event of a misunderstanding the parties involved will meet together to resolve and reach a mutual understanding forgiving one another and restoring fellowship with one another. If necessary a third party may be asked to come and counsel as a peacemaker. If the offended or the offender refuse to seek forgiveness, repentance and restoration then we may elect to exclude them from the fellowship and continue to pray for their hearts to be changed and restored.
- 6. Personal conduct.** We ask our ministers and pastors to refrain from the "appearance of evil," and

conduct their lives and ministries in keeping with the word of God, Jesus Christ being our example and mentor.

Date:

Signature: _____

(Return original to the Pastors Network, PO Box 3003, Covina, CA 91722)

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Fellowship and Mentoring. The Pastors Network is composed of men and women who are seasoned pastors. Many have been in ministry more than 20 years.

2. Discount tuition at Promise Christian University. Members receive a 20% discount on their tuition at Promise Christian University which offers degrees from the Bachelor to Doctoral level in Theology, Christian Counseling, Christian Education, Divinity, Christian Organizational Management, Pastoral Ministries, and Sacred Music.

3. Membership in Christian Community Credit Union. (United States Members Only). The credit union offers members a place to bank at that gives to missions. CCCU has given more than \$1,000,000 to missions in the last few years. Members receive good rates on auto loans, home loans, refinancing, credit card interest rates and much more. Churches can refinance or apply for a new loan.

4. Pastors Network Newsletter. This informational piece highlights happenings within the network locally and nationally as well. For international members, you must sign up with the Pastors Network News Online. Send us an email at: pastorsnet@aol.com

5. Referral service. Visit <http://www.thepastorsnetwork.org> for a list of recommended services from graphics designing, web hosting and design, catering etc.

6. Networking. One of the benefits of belonging is access to churches, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, para-church ministries and leaders who share the same burden and vision as you do. There are opportunities to go on short-term mission trips to Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Philippines, India, Fiji, Australia and other parts of the world.

7. Church Growth Ideas. Each month, speakers come with ideas to assist Pastors in growing strong healthy ministries. Past guests have included: Dr. George Otis, Dr. Ralph Winter, Forrest Turpen, Michael Wourms, Bob Phillips, Larry Montgomery.

8. Pastors Network Conferences. The Pastors Network will be sponsoring conferences in the Philippines, India and Hawaii. As invitations arrive and finances are available, the Pastors Network will coordinate and set up the program to have a Conference in your city.

9. Access to recommended Evangelists. Evangelists are available for children's ministry, revivals and miracle rallies, teaching seminars, concerts and music ministries, prophetic and healing meetings. These men and women are recommended by pastors of churches who have been blessed by their ministries.

10. Fire of God Rallies. The Pastors Networks host local "Fire of God Rallies" each month to encourage, equip and empower the Body of Christ! Churches gather to pray in unity for the nation, the governmental leaders, the church and the body of Christ. It is awesome when pastors get together and pray! God hears those prayers when unity amongst the brethren prevails!

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