

**HELPS MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**”Helping Evangelize by Loving Preachers Saints and Sinners”**

Helps Ministry Fellowship International, was founded in 1999 by Dr. Afton B. Oglesby, Senior Pastor of Community Revival Center Church in Ottawa, Kansas, at the unction of the Holy Spirit, along with the Board members of H.M.F.I.—Vice President Dan Oglesby, Secretary-Treasurer Bill Stack, Trustee Berniece Robinson, and Trustee Mark Ellis. Helps Ministry Fellowship International simply stands for “Helping Evangelize by Loving Preachers Saints and Sinners.” H.M.F.I. is a cooperative fellowship based upon the mutual agreements voluntarily entered into by its membership.

Our purpose is to assist every minister to fulfill the Great Commission to go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature. We believe that every ministry and every church must take a strong, positive Scriptural stand toward evangelism and soul-winning and trusting in the Holy Spirit, and to use all Scriptural methods in preaching the Word in order to bring the lost to Christ. We believe evangelism and soul-winning should be at the forefront of every church and ministry.

In assisting ministers and churches to achieve their maximum potential in Christ, every minister and every church must be treated with respect and equality. We believe that the Pastor who has ten should be treated with the same respect and equality as the one who has 1,000. Every minister who is faithful in where God has called him, regardless of how small it may be, is as important to the Kingdom of God as the one who has been called to a larger field.

Regular fellowship meetings will be held with the purpose of strengthening and encouraging one another, with the understanding that each member supplies as the other has need.

H.M.F.I. will support missions programs and/or missionaries at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, and each member church is asked to give as the Lord directs them to support the H.M.F.I. missions program. Those involved with the missions supported must meet the criteria for missionaries found in the “Ministerial Policies and Requirements” section of this document, under the title “Definition of a Missionary.” An offering will be taken at fellowship meetings. One-half of said offering will go to the church hosting the meeting to be used at their discretion, and the other one-half will go to H.M.F.I. to be used at their discretion.

There will be regular youth fellowship meetings, as the youth are our present and our future. We must strengthen them for their ministry in the harvest of souls for the kingdom of God.

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The fundamental beliefs of this organization are reflected in the following clear statements of faith:

- A. We believe the Scriptures are infallible, inerrant, and the sole and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:16; I Corinthians 2:13).
- B. We believe in the Eternal Godhead Who has revealed Himself as God existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—distinguishable, but indivisible, commonly known as the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14).
- C. We believe in the creation, test, and fall of man as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to divine righteousness (Romans 5:12, 18).
- D. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of all men, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, very God and very man (Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14-18; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6).
- E. We believe that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day, and personally appeared unto His disciples (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 4:25).
- F. We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation, and personal, literal, and bodily coming-again the second time for His church, commonly known as the Rapture (John 14:2,3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

**G. We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Calvary, by which we obtain remission of sins (Ephesians 2:8,9; Hebrews 9:12, 22; Romans 5:11).**

**H. We believe in the necessity of water baptism by immersion in the name of the Eternal Godhead in order to fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:34-36; 19:1-6).**

**I. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a real experience at, or subsequent to, salvation, with the Scriptural evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:1-4; 8:14-17; 10:44-46).**

**J. We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as enumerated in I Corinthians 12-14, as manifested in the early church.**

**K. We believe in the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world, and perfecting holiness in the fear of God as expressing the true Christian faith (Ephesians 5:18; II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1).**

**L. We believe in the healing of the body by divine power, or divine healing in its varied aspects as practiced in the early church (Acts 4:30; Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 12:9; James 5:14). This does not exclude the use of physicians for the betterment of health.**

**M. We believe in Communion, or the Lord's Supper, for believers (I Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:26-28).**

**N. We believe in the reality and personality of the devil and eternal judgment in the lake of fire for the devil and his angels and eternal punishment for the unbelievers (Mark 9:43-48; II Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:10-15; Matthew 25:41).**

**O. We believe in eternal life for believers (John 5:24; 3:16).**

**P. We believe that government is ordained of God, and the powers that be are ordained as ministers of God to us for good. To resist the powers and the ordinances is to resist the ordinances of God. We are subject not only for wrath's sake but for conscience sake, rendering to all their dues, custom to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. We declare our loyalty to our government and its leaders and will cooperate in every way possible consistent with our faith in the Scriptures as Christian citizens (Romans 13).**

**Q. Be it resolved that we will separate ourselves from any group that preaches or teaches violence, or the overthrow of our government. Be it known, also, that we will separate ourselves from any cult or occult group. We will separate ourselves from any group that is involved with apostasy or a compromised position. While we must allow for differences in interpretation among believers concerning areas not essential to the fundamentals of faith, we will not carry this liberty into areas of disobedience of clear commands of Scripture.**

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

***Officers:***

There will be a minimum of five (5) officers--the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two (2) Trustees. The terms for the officers will be four (4) years. The officers will be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting. All board member nominees to be voted on will be selected by the President/Officers of the H.M.F.I.

***Trustees:***

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to manage and conduct the day-to-day business and affairs of H.M.F.I.

***Regular Meetings:***

The Board of Trustees shall hold regular meetings, date and place to be set by the Board.

*Special Meetings:*

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President or by the request of the majority of the members of the Board. These meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, or at a place designated by the President.

*Quorum and Notice:*

A quorum shall exist if a majority of the Trustees are present at any meeting. Each Trustee shall be given written notice fourteen (14) days prior to any called meeting, stating the purpose of said meeting.

*Board Decisions:*

The act of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting shall constitute a legitimate action of the Board.

*Vacancies*

If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees shall fill the vacancy with a member from the current membership. The term for anyone filling a vacancy will be the remainder for that vacated term.

*Removals:*

Any officer elected to the Board of Trustees may be removed by the Board of Trustees for conduct contrary to the Statement of Faith and/or the membership requirements of H. M.F.I.

*Compensation:*

Trustees shall not receive compensation for serving as members of the Board, but may receive compensation for expenses incurred while performing services on behalf of the corporation.

*The President:*

H.M.F.I. finds its headship under the Lord Jesus Christ. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. He shall have general management of the business of the corporation and have supervision of the other officers. He shall chair all meetings of the Board of Trustees and see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He shall execute in the name of the corporation all deeds, bonds, mortgages, contracts, and other documents authorized by the Board of Trustees. The President reserves the right to name his/her successor.

*The Vice-President:*

The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, carrying out his wishes in case of his temporary absence from the office of H.M.F.I., and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be granted or imposed by the Board of Trustees.

*The Secretary-Treasurer:*

The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend all sessions of the Board of Trustees and act as clerk thereof and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings. He shall give notice of meetings of the Board of Trustees to all Board members. He shall keep the membership rolls of the corporation and perform the duties incident to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of H.M.F.I. in such banks and depositories designated by the Board of Trustees, but shall not be personally liable for the safekeeping of any funds or securities so deposited pursuant to the order of the Board.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation as ordered by the Board.

## MINISTERIAL POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

*Definition of a Missionary:*

1) must have a home church, 2) must be submitted to the Pastor of that church (or if not currently submitted to a Pastor, then under the authority of a like-faith organization's governing board, and receive recommendation from said board, 3) must support their home church with their tithes and prayers, 4) must be involved in missionary work (see item 5 for description) at least 6-8 months a year, 5) be involved in any or all of the following activities: establishing churches, schools, Pastors, orphanages, Christian workers, youth leaders, and the evangelistic efforts toward the saving of lost souls.

Each minister will fill out a simple application for membership in H.M.F.I.

There will be three (3) levels of credentials: (a) exhorters, (b) licensed, and (c) ordained.

All applicants for credentials, whether for exhorter, licensed, or ordained, must be approved by the Board of H.M.F.I.

Any applicant approved will be prayed over by an ordained H.M.F.I. minister at a fellowship meeting.

Concerning the advancement of credentials: (a) those exhorted may apply for license after one (1) year; (b) those licensed may apply for ordination after one (1) additional year; and (c) ordination is the highest order of credentials.

Exhorter credential fee: \$30.00

Licensed credential fee: \$40.00

Ordained credential fee: \$50.00

*Missionary License fees:*

If a person falls under the definition of a missionary their yearly license fee will be \$5.00. Otherwise they will be charge the normal licensing fee.

*License fees for ministers over 65:*

Anyone applying for a license at the age of 65 or older will pay for one year at the normal price and then be awarded a lifetime license free for the rest of their life as long as they are eligible.

All credential fees will come due in September. All new applications beginning in January will be on a pro-rated basis.

*Pro-rated schedules*

**Ordained Ministers**

October-December	\$50.00
January-March	\$37.50
April-June	\$25.00
July-August	\$12.50

**Licensed Ministers**

October-December	\$40.00
January-March	\$30.00
April-June	\$20.00
July-August	\$10.00

**Exhorters**

October-December	\$30.00
January-March	\$22.50
April-June	\$15.00
July-August	\$ 7.50

*Voting Membership:*

The voting membership will consist of all licensed and ordained ministers who are members in good standing in H.M.F.I.

*Membership Requirements:*

Membership requirements for ministers will consist of, but not be limited to:

- (1) Personal salvation experience recognizing Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord;
- (2) desire to help one another by obedience to the Word of God;
- (3) agreement and conduct consistent with the Statement of Faith;
- (4) a lifestyle consistent with Biblical conduct and doctrine. A lifestyle of sexual perversion will not be considered a lifestyle consistent with Biblical conduct and doctrine. Some examples of sexual perversion, but not limited to, are: homosexuality, bestiality, incest, and molestation. Scriptures concerning these matters include: Leviticus 18:6-23; 20:10-21; Romans 1:24-32; and I Corinthians 6:9-11.

No person involved in a common-law relationship or living an alternate life-style, including homosexuality or lesbianism, shall be issued any level of ministerial credentials with H.M.F.I.

No person who uses intoxicating liquor, narcotics, hallucinogens-any kind of mind-altering drug, or tobacco, shall be issued any level of ministerial credentials with H.M.F.I.

*Any minister who has been divorced before accepting Jesus Christ as personal Savior has been forgiven and the matter forgotten when Christ saved him. A minister, after being saved, may still receive license if the conditions of the divorce were based upon Biblical principles. But only one divorce after being saved will be permitted in order for any license to be given. A minister must be an example to the Body of Christ.*

***Renewal of Membership:***

Membership shall be renewed annually upon the receipt of all applicable fees and paperwork. Those who have not renewed during the month of September will be charged a \$15.00 application and late fee

***Termination of Membership:***

Membership shall be terminated by: (a) failure to apply for renewal of membership; or (b) violation of the membership requirements of H.M.F.I. or (c) violation of standards and regulations of H.M.F.I.

***Policies in Dealing with Accusations Against a Fellow Minister:***

Accusations against any minister will be on a Scriptural basis according to I Timothy 5:19 and Matthew 18:15-17. These two sets of Scripture must be followed to the letter. When that is done, then and only then will it be brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees of H.M.F.I. All decisions made by the Board will be by a majority vote.

**POLICIES CONCERNING RECEIVING CHURCHES INTO THE HELPS MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL**

**NOTE:** We will NOT be offering 501(c) 3 umbrella coverage to any church. Any organization that offers umbrella coverage MUST follow the I.R.S. Publication 557 Chapter 1 page 6 Section 1) All subordinates organizations (i.e. churches):

b) Are subject to its (the umbrella organization) general supervision or control

e) Are all on the same accounting period as the central organization if they are to be included in group returns

Section 2) A detailed description of the purposes and activities of the subordinates, including the sources of receipts and the nature of expenditures.

An umbrella organization must be given control of your church, and have records of financial activities of your church.

We at H.E.L.P.S. have no desire to be in control of your church or to know about your financial activities; therefore we will not be offering an umbrella covering.

So what will H.E.L.P.S. be offering?

As finances and resources become available H.E.L.P.S. will be offering the following:

1. A minister/spouse conference twice a year called the "Three R's of Ministry: Renewal, Refreshing, and Restoration"
2. Information on changing tax laws
3. Financial planning advice
4. Stewardship information including insurance compliance, etc.
5. Various other ministerial financial, legal, and spiritual resources
6. Spiritual guidance from experienced and proven ministries

***Church Membership***

**A.** The church seeking to become a member of H.M.F.I. must agree with the By-Laws and policies of this fellowship.

**B.** The governing body of said church will fill out and sign the Church application form. This document will be provided by the Secretary-Treasurer of H.M.F.I.

C. When the Pastor is appointed to the church applying for membership, he/she must obtain credentials with H.M.F.I.

D. The Pastor not willing to comply will cause said church to be removed from H.M.F.I.

E. The church applying for membership must be recognized and be operating as a church.

1. Prayer groups or Bible studies do not qualify as a church
2. Church services must be held at least once a week in a building open to the public

After said church applying qualifies and has been approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees of H.M.F.I., and after the Secretary-Treasurer's office the application form, and the amount of annual fee set previously by the Board of H.M.F.I., then they become a "Member Church" with H.M.F.I.

A. H.M.F.I. has no control over the property of member churches unless said church property has been deeded to the Fellowship.

B. The fee for churches affiliating with H.M.F.I. will be: \$50.00. All church membership fees will come due in August. Beginning in December, all new applications for church covering will be pro-rated.

In the event that a church may someday wish to disassociate with H.M.F.I., they shall inform the H.M.F.I. Board by letter signed by the governing body of that church.

#### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Altered, amended, repealed, and new By-Laws may be recommended by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees of H.M.F.I. The President will then call a special meeting of the membership for the purpose of voting on the proposed changes. The membership of H.M.F.I. will be provided advanced written notice fourteen (14) days prior to the said meeting and the changes may be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.

#### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the H.M.F.I. corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such shall qualify as an exempt corporation or organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (or by the corresponding section of any future Revenue Code of the United States of America) or by a corporation, contributions of which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States Revenue Law.

#### SEAL

The Board of Trustees shall provide a corporate seal

#### FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of H.M.F.I. will begin September 1, and will end August 31<sup>st</sup> of each following year.

#### NEWSLETTER

There will be a periodical newsletter published and mailed out containing information and announcements for all ministers and churches associated with H.M.F.I.

#### Corporate Office

The corporate office of Helps Ministry Fellowship International will be located at 2749 Montana Road, Ottawa, Kansas, 66067.

H.E.L.P.S. Ministry Fellowship International, Inc., is dedicated to those unsung heroes, men and women of God, who labor for the Lord Jesus Christ unnoticed, many not known, but who stand on the front lines daily, giving their lives for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We salute all of you with a warm, heart-felt admiration for your labor of love!