



GRACE FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

grace-driven resources for spirit-led ministry

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We are a Fellowship of Churches, Ministers and Ministries across the United States and the globe.

- **Our purpose** is to add value to our fellowship members through provision of credentials, mutual support, encouragement, growth, annual conferences, regional retreats and training resources based in grace-filled relationships.
- **Our aim** is to invest in developing strong relationships that will enable our members to make an eternal impact for the Kingdom of God. We will provide opportunities to participate in special events and ministry-specific training with the purpose to edify ministers and help them to build their ministries.
- **Our credentials** include a certificate presented at the Annual Conference. All members will also receive a dated, bar-coded membership card. *Please note: Multiple credentials with other agencies are accepted. Please list them in your application.*

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We offer types of membership:

- Member Church
- Individual Membership (for ministers from GFIN churches)
- Independent Individual Membership
- Individual Chaplaincy Credential
- Ministries
- General Membership (no credentials)

1. Member Church:

The annual membership includes membership for the Senior/Lead Pastor (and spouse if applicable). Applications for Member Church Membership should be accompanied by:

- Current Articles of Incorporation
- Constitution and Bylaws
- A copy of your Federal EIN letter
- Application and fee, including background check fee for the Senior/Lead Pastor (and spouse if applicable).

Member churches are encouraged to voluntarily give 1% of the tithing income they collect from their members for the support of GFIN, regional leadership support, and GFIN's ongoing development of leadership benefits and resources.



2. Individuals in GFIN Member Church:

This is for ministers serving within GFIN Member Churches. This includes staff pastors, assistant pastors, lay pastors, teachers, youth workers, children’s workers, visitation team members, altar workers, and more.

ALL members receive a “members only” discount above any other discounts (ie: early registration, group rates, etc.) on registrations for Annual Conferences, Regional Retreats, and other resources.

3. Independent Individual Membership:

Individuals serving in ministry who are not part of a GFIN Church, but who do have relational ties to other GFIN members, are welcome to apply for membership themselves. This might include missionaries, pastoral counselors, public speakers, authors, etc.

4. Ministries:

We offer membership for ministries desiring relational coverage. This includes service organization, support groups, counseling centers, local missions, etc. Please note, ministry membership does not cover individual credentials. Individuals within these ministries must submit a separate

application if they desire credentials.

Member Ministries are asked to give 1% percent of the donation income they collect from their members for the support of GFIN, regional leadership support, and GFIN’s ongoing development of benefits, resources, mission trips, mission projects and church planting.

5. Supporting Members:

We offer non-credentialed membership into the fellowship for those who wish to support its vision and resources but do not seek ministerial licensing.

GFIN MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership Type	One-Time Application Fee <i>Nonrefundable and include a background check fee.</i>	Annual Membership Ministry or Individual	Annual Membership Per Couple
Member Church	\$50.00	\$375.00	N/A
Individual Membership from GFIN Member Churches	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
Ministries	\$50.00	\$375.00	N/A
Independent Individual Membership with Credentials	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$375.00
Individual Chaplaincy Credential	\$50.00	\$300 per individual	
General Member without Credentials	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$325.00





APPLICATION PROCESS CHECK LIST:

Each credential or membership type has specific requirements that must be met. Please check which membership type and category you are applying for:

Membership Type

- Member Church
- Individual Membership for ministers from GFIN churches
- Ministries
- Independent Individual Membership with Credentials
- Independent Chaplaincy Credentials
- Supporting Member without Credentials

Membership Category (see next page for detailed descriptions)

- License
- Education
- Chaplaincy
- Ordination

Check all that apply

- Accepted Christ as Lord and Savior
- Baptized in the Holy Spirit
- Live a consistent Christian life
- Faithfully support a local church with finances, talents, and membership.
- I have credentials and would like to transfer them to GFIN

The following information must be submitted with your application for consideration:

- Three letters of recommendation (spiritual mentor, pastor, GFIN member) that have known you for at least 2 years. Provide their address and telephone numbers. They cannot be related to the applicant by blood or marriage, and cannot be related to each other.
- Name of your current pastor _____
- Name of spiritual mentor _____
- Name of GFIN member _____
- Submit a copy of your driver license.
- Submit a professional picture – a simple snapshot of you dressed nicely or a passport photo.
- Write one page describing your calling from God.
- Write one page explaining why you want to become a part of GFIN.
- Submit a copy of your professional work history.
- Submit a copy of ministerial work history, including all volunteer positions you hold or have held.
- Submit a copy of multiple credentials you currently hold with other agencies.
- Enclose your Application Fee (see chart of membership fees).
- Interview with a GFIN Ministerial Leader. You will be notified of the date and time of this interview by email or mail.



CREDENTIAL DESCRIPTIONS

Ordination:

This credential is granted to a person who has a calling upon their life and wants to be involved in Christian activities as service unto the Lord. This level requires one year of service as a GFIN Licensed Minister. This area of service can be in any field of help within the Church or community that brings honor and glory to God. (Must be at least 21 years of age).

Chaplaincy:

This credential is granted to a person who is considered a part-time or a full-time minister or chaplain. He or she is certified and authorized to preach, perform holy matrimony, baptize, exhort, confirm, and practice any Biblical and Religious activity pertaining to the office of an Ordained Minister or Ordained Chaplain in accordance with respective ordinances of residence. (Must be at least 21 years of age).

License:

This credential is granted to a person who is considered a part-time minister, possibly desiring to be a full-time minister, but needs the experience of teaching and performing the work of the ministry and the recognition of Ministerial status among the community at large, as well as other Christian churches or ministries. Once licensed, this person is eligible to advance to the ordination level after one year of service and at the recommendation of their pastor. A new application and additional fee are required. (Must be at least 18 years of age).

Care & Education:

This credential is granted to a person who desires to teach, train, resource, serve, and otherwise minister outside of traditional pastoral responsibilities (such as preaching and performing sacramental ceremonies). This would include both staff and lay workers whose gifts and desires lie in the care, equipping, and service of others. (Must be at least 18 years of age).

Credential Transfer:

Your current credential may qualify you for a lateral transfer. This process is handled on a case by case basis and is approved by our credentialing board. Please allow for a longer phone interview process when requesting a transfer.

PLEASE NOTE: All credentials are annual and renewable by March 31st, and will be prorated to reflect start date