



**HIGHER GROUND
INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, INC.
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Upon completion of this application, please email to: pastorbaylor@fmt.church or pastortcoleman@gmail.com

Once your application has been received, the Board of Bishops will review the application.

You will receive a response from the ministry within 30 days of receipt of your application, providing all questions have been completely answered and all references have been provided. To avoid delay in processing your application, please insure contact information is current for all persons listed to provide references.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Apostle Larry J. Baylor at (314) 653-9346, or Bishop Terence E. Coleman at (314) 389-9332.

Thank you for your interest in becoming an HGIMMA member of Higher Ground International Ministries, Inc.

HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

LEVELS OF AFFILIATION

There are two levels of affiliation with Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance (HGIMMA), (1) Church Affiliation, and (2) Ministry Affiliation. There is an application, screening and interview and/or referral process for all levels of affiliation except the covenant partner affiliation. This insures that each affiliate is in complete compliance with the vision, mission, and leadership of Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance.

1. **Church/Pastor Affiliation** – The affiliate must be an active Senior Pastor of a local assembly. The Senior Pastor completes the ministry application process. Upon acceptance into Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance, the affiliate Pastor and his church becomes an affiliate and receive the covering of Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance. Members of affiliated churches may qualify for fellowship, licensing, and ordination through the Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance credential process.

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE – The yearly fee for the Church/Pastor affiliation is necessary in order for the affiliated Pastor, and his/her assembly to remain in “good standing” with Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance. The membership fee covers the Pastor, his/her spouse, and the church he/she oversees. This membership fee may be paid annually, semi-annually, or quarterly.

Church/Pastor Affiliation Fee – Membership of 500 or less - \$500 annually

Membership of 500 or more - \$1,000 annually

2. **Ministry Affiliation** – The affiliate must be the active head of a ministry other than a local church. The ministry leader completes the ministry application process. Upon acceptance into Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance, the leader and his/her ministry becomes an affiliate and receives the covering of Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance. Members of affiliated ministries may qualify for fellowship, licensing, and ordination through the Alliance’s credential process.

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE – The yearly membership fee for the ministry affiliation is necessary for the ministry leader and the ministry he/she leads to remain in “good standing” with Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance. The membership fee covers the ministry leader, his/her spouse, and the ministry he/she oversees. This membership fee may be paid annually, semi-annually, or quarterly.

Ministry Affiliation Fee – Non-church affiliated ministry - \$250.00 annually

1. **Credential Fees** – All affiliate clergy, with the approval of each affiliate pastor respectively, must obtain and/or renew credentials through HGIMMA on an annual basis. Fees for such credentials are as follows:

Bishops	\$200	Ordained Elders/Evangelists	\$85
Jurisdictional Bishops	\$150	Licensed Elders/Evangelists	\$60
Pastors	\$100	Fellowship Ministers	\$35

A 20% discount will be applied to all credentials of affiliated clergy 60 years or older.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check the level of affiliation applying for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry
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Date _____

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle Init) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cellular) _____ (Fax) _____

Email (1) _____ Email (2) _____

Birth Date _____ Age of Salvation _____ Age received baptism of the Holy Spirit _____

Age received the baptism in water in the name of Jesus Christ _____

Date received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues _____

Spouse's Name (First) _____ (Middle Initial) _____

FAMILY INFORMATION Marital Status: () Single () Married () Divorced () Widowed

MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD (Attach separate sheet if additional space is needed)

Name	Relation	Age	Present Status w/the Lord
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School (circle grade completed) 9 10 11 12 College (degree completed) _____

Do you have prior theological training? (i.e. bible college, seminary, etc) _____

If so, where did you attend? _____

Did you receive a certificate of completion, degree or other credential? _____ If yes, please explain:

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CHURCH/MINISTRY INFORMATION

Are you affiliated with any other organizations, ministries and/or associations? _____ If yes, please list the names of each:

Name of your Church/
Ministry _____

How long in this Ministry? _____ Ministry members? () Yes () No

Ministry Position _____ Are you the Senior Pastor? () Yes () No

Are you seeking Apostolic covering for your Church? () Yes () No Why not?

Will your membership to join HGIMMA include your Church? () Yes () No, If no, why not?

Size of Church Membership _____ Number of Church Staff _____ How Many in Leadership _____

Denomination Affiliation _____

Church/Ministry Tax Exemption Status 501C3? () Yes () No, Are you applying? _____

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- Do you believe and teach that the Bible is the inspired word of God? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe and teach that Jesus Christ is the unique Son of God? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe and teach the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Yes () No ()
- Are you born again according to Acts 2:38? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe and teach that baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ is essential to the salvation process? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe and teach that speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe and teach the oneness of God according to Ephesians 4:5-6? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe and teach New Testament tithing? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe in and teach the necessity of a holy and sanctified life? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe in and teach the rapture of the church according to I Thessalonians 4:13-18? Yes () No ()
- Do you believe in and teach the Lord's Supper and foot washing? Yes () No ()

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CHURCH/MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Church/Ministry Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Church/Ministry (Phone) _____ (Fax) _____

Email _____ Website URL _____

Office Hours _____

MINISTRY INFORMATION

Age called to Ministry _____ Years active in ministry _____

Briefly describe your call to ministry _____

To which of the Five-Fold (Ephesians 4:11 & 12) ascension gift ministries do you believe you are called?

Apostle _____ Prophet _____ Evangelist _____ Pastor _____ Teacher _____

Has this been confirmed? () Yes () No How many times _____ How and by whom? _____

What is your present ministerial function? _____

What is your major ministry burden/passion now? _____

Why are you applying for membership with HGIMMA? _____

What gift(s) or helps are you bringing to HGIMMA? _____

Please list current ministry affiliations you now hold:

Licensed with _____ Date _____

Ordained with _____ Date _____

Relationship with _____ Date _____

Relationship with _____ Date _____

Have you ever been disciplined and /or expelled by a church or denomination? () Yes () No

If Yes, please explain (Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary) _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PAGE 5)

Q&As in this section may be of a sensitive nature. However, this ministry believes it is necessary in considering candidates to be affiliated with HGIM. If you prefer to confer your responses in person, please indicate it below.

ETHICAL PERSPECTIVE

A. Background, e.g.,

1. Do you have a history of previous arrests or criminal charges? _____ If yes, please explain.

2. Have you ever been assaulted or a victim of abuse? _____ If yes, will your assault or abuse hinder you in any way while working in the ministry? _____

3. Do you have a history or current problem with Drug and/or Alcohol abuse? If yes, are you currently in treatment? _____

4. Have you ever been arrested, charged and/or convicted of using, possession of, purchasing or selling any illegal substance(s)? _____ If yes, when and where? _____

B. Sexual orientation, e.g.,

1. Homosexuality

2. Heterosexual

3. Pornography

4. Pedophilia

5. Adultery /Fornication

Are there any particular factors or circumstances we should consider while appraising your ministerial status?

Yes _____ No _____ if so, explain. _____

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Did you graduate from high school? _____

Did you attend college? _____ If yes, year graduated? _____

Major? _____ Degree obtained? _____

Other training (vocational school, technical or graduate schools):

List any awards, special recognition or achievements: _____

LIFE EXPERIENCE

As a minister, what experiences have you acquired to be successful in ministry? _____

What accomplishments have you made in ministry during your Pastoral experience? _____

Have you ever been a board member of any community, social or corporate organization? _____

If so, when? _____ Are you currently a board member? _____

List the name of all organizations you have been or are currently a board member.

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REFERENCE INFORMATION

What current member of HGIMMA recommended you for membership? _____

What is your current relationship to the current HGIMMA member? _____

List the names of two (2) Pastors (other than the Pastor recommending you) and two (2) Ministers that we may contact as references.

Pastor Recommendation From(Name) _____

Contact Information: _____

Pastor Recommendation From(Name) _____

Contact Information: _____

Minister Recommendation From(Name) _____

Contact Information: _____

Minister Recommendation From(Name) _____

Contact Information: _____

Briefly state what you think they would say and why they would make such statements _____

Do you presently have a senior minister with whom you have a committed, confessional, counseling and fatherly/motherly (spiritual father/mother) covering relationship? () No () Yes, Who? (provide contact information) _____

Are you currently affiliated or connected with or a member of an organization, ministerial covering, such as an apostle, prophet, evangelist pastor or teacher? _____ If yes, who? _____

If you are accepted, are you willing to be accountable to and submit to the authority, doctrine of HGIMMA? _____

Are you willing to allow HGIMMA to be the only means by which you are elevated in ministerial status/rank? _____

Are you willing to fulfill your financial obligations and responsibilities as a member of HGIMMA? _____

AGREEMENT

I attest that I understand the membership requirements of Higher Ground International Ministries Ministerial Alliance and I am in full agreement with the same. Further, I attest that I am in full agreement with the mission, vision, and the beliefs of the Alliance.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Bishop's Signature _____ Date _____