

# STARTING A CHAPTER

## *AFFILIATION WITH FGBMFI*



This Booklet Includes:

INSTRUCTIONS  
APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION  
CHARTER AGREEMENT  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS  
STATEMENT OF FAITH  
CODE OF CONDUCT

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## Becoming a Chartered Chapter of FGBMFI:

- 1) Establish a group of like-minded Christian businesspeople. Elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Pass a resolution to apply for affiliation with FGBMFI (agreeing to adhere to the FGBMFI Constitution & Bylaws and subsequent adopted resolutions by the FGBMFI International Board of Directors).
- 2) Complete the **Application for Affiliation & Charter Agreement** and send to the FGBMFI International Headquarters. Remember to also send paid membership applications for each officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer) — all officers are required to be paid members. NOTE: Applications are not approved without officer's paid memberships.
- 3) Submit paid **Membership** Applications for each member of your chapter. Each member must agree to the Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct. Make as many copies as needed of the Membership Form.
- 4) Receive a **Charter and Certificate** for your Chapter from the International Headquarters (with assigned **Chapter Number**). Also, receive information on the assigned Region for your chapter with contact information for your Regional Director. It is important to contact your **Regional Director** to receive direct support for your chapter operations and instructions on your next steps.
- 5) Sign-up for the next available **Training Opportunity** in your Region. Your Regional Director is responsible to provide training and basic resources for your chapter. Visit **WWW.FGBMFI.ORG** for information, downloads, news, resources and event information.

## Begin The Work:

Ordinary People\_ — Locally Planted — Experiencing God — Changing the World

“...we could encourage the men who'd been coming to Clifton's to start new chapters nearer their own homes. Long Beach, Glendale, Pasadena – why shouldn't each of them have its own 'Clifton's,' a center of power from which the life of the Spirit could reach into the community?”

“[a chapter is] a group... Just average business people who know the Lord and love Him, but haven't known how to show it... They will tell other men about Jesus... no theories. They tell what they've ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED OF GOD to other men like themselves — men who might not believe what a preacher said — but who will listen to a plumber or a dentist or a salesman because they're plumbers and dentists and salesmen themselves

“FAST AND PRAY in your local chapters. Let the Holy Spirit quicken to your heart the next move in your area. Wait upon His voice in your life — and when you hear it, then ACT! GO! DO!”

— Demos Shakarian, Founder

“It is our destiny to lift up Christ in every business center, every marketplace, every government center and university... every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. Men of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of Christ's power... reaching out, helping, encouraging and lifting. Today, through these efforts, we believe two million men come to Christ each year.”

— Richard Shakarian, International President

## APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

### FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MENS FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL



The FGBMFI Application for Affiliation form applies to (*check one*)  Men's Chapter  
 Ladies of the Fellowship Chapter,  Young Professional's Chapter  Mixed Chapter

At a meeting of Full Gospel Business Men/Ladies/Youth in the City of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ held \_\_\_\_\_,  
 20\_\_\_\_\_, a motion was made and carried that an application be filed for official affiliation with FGBMFI.

**The following are officers of the chapter (paid membership applications must be included for each officer):**

PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____	Home Phone _____
Work or Cell Phone _____	Work or Cell Phone _____
<b>Email</b> _____	<b>Email</b> _____
SECRETARY	TREASURER
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____	Home Phone _____
Work or Cell Phone _____	Work or Cell Phone _____
<b>Email</b> _____	<b>Email</b> _____

### MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Place Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Meeting: Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat

Frequency of Meeting: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Every Week

Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM

This chapter (in formation) hereby agrees to adhere to the FGBMFI Constitution & Bylaws and adopted resolutions by the International Board of Directors of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

Official Name of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International CHAPTER CHARTER AGREEMENT

CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration for being granted a charter in FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL, the undersigned, PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY of this chapter, do hereby agree and declare that:

1. This chapter is subject to the general supervision and control of FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL, which has sole authority in granting or rejecting applications for affiliations by chapters, in canceling affiliation for any causes deemed by it sufficient and in all other matters except local matters internal to the chapters.
2. This chapter adopts and adheres to the Statement of Belief and Code of Conduct of The International, and its rules and regulations as set forth in its Constitution and By-laws and approved Resolutions.
3. This chapter is organized exclusively for religious purposes including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law). No substantial part of the activities of this chapter shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the chapter shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
4. No part of the net earnings of this chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that chapter shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, this chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation or association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation or association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
6. After its governing board has paid or made provision for the payment of all its liabilities, upon dissolution all the assets of this chapter shall revert to The International. Use of the name Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, FGBMFI, the insignias and other language equivalents belong to and are the property of FGBMFI International. If the chapter is separated from the International they will immediately stop using these names and insignias.
7. This chapter will submit the required monthly and annual reports to The International at such time and in such format as may be prescribed from time to time by The International.
8. For the purpose of facilitating the conduct of official business between this chapter and The International and other public and private organizations and persons, a permanent mailing address will be established. This address will serve as the address of record at The International for the purpose of official mail and written notifications. Also, this chapter will establish an email address and report it to The International to facilitate communication with the leadership of the Fellowship.
9. In recognition of its eligibility to be included in the Group Exemption letter, which The International has received from the Internal Revenue Service, The International is authorized to add this chapter to its group exemption letter.
10. We agree not to recruit members and acquaintances from FGBMFI to any similar type of organization.

In Witness whereof,  
we have hereunto subscribed our names this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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ACCEPTED BY: (For Official Use Only: Directors and/or Headquarters)  
FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL Assigned Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)



**FGBMFI Scriptural Code of Conduct:**

- 1) I shall submit to one another in the fear of God
- 2) I shall be sober and watchful in prayer for my leaders.
- 3) I choose to love my brother and walk in light, rejecting darkness.
- 4) I shall submit myself to every ordinance of this Fellowship
- 5) I shall walk worthy of the call to which God has chosen my in this Fellowship, and shall walk in lowliness and gentleness toward my brothers.
- 6) I shall let no corrupt communication proceed out of my mouth concerning my brothers in this Fellowship, but shall speak only those things that will edify and impart grace to the hearer, that I shall not grieve the Holy Spirit.
- 7) I shall not deceive myself by saying I love my brother and then proceed to say all types of hateful things about him.
- 8) I shall pursue peace and holiness with all men so that others will see the Lord.
- 9) I shall not gossip or distribute a bad report about any member of this Fellowship. I shall not devise wicked plans against the leaders of this Fellowship and shall not sow discord among the brothers.
- 10) If I find myself in an unresolved conflict with my leaders, I will not cause strife and division, but seek God's direction and move to that part of the body of Christ which God has chosen for me (of which I may be more compatible).



**Statement of Faith - We Believe (simply stated):**

That **God** exists. That He is the Creator of the Universe. That God is the Father of mankind. He created the first man and woman in His image. That God's plan for mankind is GOOD!

That **Jesus Christ** is the Son of God. He was born into this world to redeem mankind back to a proper relationship with the Father. Through faith in His death and resurrection, we receive salvation and are reconciled to God.

That the precious **Holy Spirit** of God is working in our lives today, through His giftings and fruit, to bring about the will of the Father. I am personally seeking His fullness in my life.

That the **Holy Bible** is the Word of God to mankind.

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## **Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International**

### **Doctrinal Statement in Detail:**

We believe in one God, Maker of all things and being in Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, became incarnate, was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.

We believe the Bible, in its entirety, to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the eternal happiness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost.

We believe in personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Christ.

We believe in sanctification by the blood of Christ, in personal holiness of heart and life, and in separation from the world.

We believe in divine healing, through faith, and that healing is included in the Atonement.

We believe in the baptism in the Holy Ghost, accompanied by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance, (Acts 2:4) as distinct from the new birth, and in the nine gifts of the Spirit, listed in 1 Corinthians 12, as now available to believers.

We believe in the Christian's hope - the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in intensive world-evangelism and missionary work in accordance with the Great Commission, with signs following.



# **Standard of Conduct**

## *His Banner Over us Is Love...*

Whereas the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International was inspired by a heavenly vision to release men around the world from the bondage of sin, and to see them lifted, inspired and led to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; and

Whereas Jesus Christ, the Head of our Fellowship, has directed us to love one another as He has loved us; and

Whereas Jesus Christ, the Head of our Fellowship, has further directed believers to do the works that He did;

Now, therefore, we, the International Board of Directors of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, hereby resolve that the work of this Fellowship is to call men back to God and to comfort, encourage, help and train men of every nationality, race, culture and social economic stature to do the work of Jesus.

We further resolve that the following Code of Honor shall be a condition of membership:

### *The FGBMFI Code of Honor According to Our Scriptural Beliefs*

Realizing that our Fellowship was founded on the principle of brotherly love and good will (John 15:12); and Realizing that in the last days people shall take free speech as a license to *"reject authority and speak evil of dignitaries"* (Jude 8), and shall *"...walk according to the flesh ... and despise authority..."* becoming *"... presumptuous, self-willed and not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries..."* (II Peter 2:10);

*As a member of the FGBMFI, I choose to be a different man and agree to submit myself to the following Code of Honor:*

1. Ephesians 5:21 states *"...submitting to one another in the fear of God."* Proverbs 1:7 states *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*

Therefore, I shall honor God and the leaders of this Fellowship, and submit myself to my brothers in this ministry in the fear of God as the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I further agree to be governed by the decisions of the International Officers, the International Board of Directors, and the International Delegates.

2. I Timothy 2:1-3 states *"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."*

Therefore, I shall be sober and watch in prayer for my leaders.

3. I Peter 4:8, Ephesians 4:3 and Proverbs 10:12 state *"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins."* *"...endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* *"Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins."*

I John 2:10-11 states *"He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."*



Therefore, I will bless, knowing that I am called to inherit a blessing. I shall choose love for my brother and walk in the light, rejecting darkness which would blind me.

4. I Peter 2:13 states *"Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.... "* Therefore, I shall submit myself to every ordinance of this Fellowship.

5. Ephesians 4:1-3 states *"I.. beseech you to have a walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. "*  
Therefore, I shall walk worthy of the call to which God has chosen me in this Fellowship, and shall walk in all lowliness and gentleness toward my brothers.

6. Ephesians 4:29-30 states *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. "*  
Therefore, I shall let no corrupt communication proceed out of my mouth concerning my brothers in this Fellowship, but I shall speak only those things that will edify and impart grace to the hearer, for I have determined that I shall not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

7. I John 3:18 states *"...let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. "*  
Therefore, I shall not deceive myself by saying I love my brother and then proceed to say all types of hateful things about him.

8. Hebrews 12:14 states *"Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: "*  
Therefore, I shall pursue peace and holiness with all men so that other men shall see the Lord.

9. Romans 8:8 and I Corinthians 3:3 state *"...those that are in the flesh cannot please God" and "...where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"*

Therefore, I shall not gossip or distribute a bad report about any member of this Fellowship, I shall not devise wicked plans against the leaders of this Fellowship, and I shall not sow discord among the brethren. I choose to walk in love, and I refuse to walk in a fleshly, carnal manner as characterized by envy, strife and division, for those who do so cannot please God.

10. I recognize that the Body of Christ has many members, and that the FGBMFI is just one part. If I find myself placed in an unresolved conflict with my leaders, I will not cause strife and division, but I will seek God's direction and will move to that part of the body which He has chosen for me.

I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct shall result in the suspension of my membership rights in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

*These Standards of Conduct were adopted and put into effect by the*

*International Board of Directors on October 8, 1994.*

