



KNOWING JESUS ... MAKING HIM KNOWN

Application for Membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches:

General Instructions: Fill out this application form and send it with your membership fee to the FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, P.O. Box 384, WINONA LAKE, IN 46590 and send a file copy as an attachment to tomavey@fgbc.org. The deadline for application is January 1st in order to be considered in the following annual conference. If you wish to request an extension of this deadline, include a letter of reference from a cooperating district missions board, a sponsoring church that is already a member of the FGBC, or Grace Brethren Missions.

New Horizon Church of New York

Official Name of Church

245 West 135th street

Church Mailing Address

New York

New York 10030

City

State

Zip

646-688-5260

info@newhorizonministry.com

Phone

Email

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Meeting Place

Web Site

Michel J. Faulkner

Pastor or principle leader

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State

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Has your church joined a cooperating district? If so, which one and when?

Not Yet

Please review the Constitution and Manual of Procedure for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Note carefully ARTICLE III and ARTICLE IV of the Constitution and ARTICLE I of the Manual of Procedure that deal with the membership requirements new FGBC churches are to meet.

How did your local church take official action to subscribe to the Covenant and Statement of Faith as found in Article III of the Constitution of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc.?

Our leadership team (composed of Deacons, Trustees and Advisors) have been considering this opportunity for more than a year. We are all read the doctrinal statements and agree. All questions that have been raised have been answered.

List the present responsible officers (or leaders) of the congregation with titles:

Our responsible officers are listed as follows:

Pastor Michel J. Faulkner	Sr Pastor-Elder, Trustee
Mrs. Virginia Faulkner	Pastor Wife, Women's ministry
Pastor Lee Rouson	Asst. Pastor –Elder
Orlando Reyes	Deacon-Trustee
Brian Adjo	Trustee
Ms. Leland Carpenter	Deacon
Lisa Rouson	Treasurer

How will you identify your affiliation with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches? (ie: on a church sign, letterhead, church bulletin, etc).

Our affiliation with the FGBC will be listed in our bulletin and in our by-laws (see attached)

Describe your practice of Triune Immersion and the Threefold Communion Service.

The practice of Triune Immersion is new and we have no problems with it. As for the Threefold Communion Service, we have been observing all elements except foot washing. We will be having a footwashing service in the very near future.

To the best of your knowledge, does your church or any leadership of your church have unresolved problems with another Grace Brethren church, leader, district or cooperating organization? If so, who can we contact for clarification?

We have none.

In seeking membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, does your church recognize the obligation of mutual encouragement and cooperation with other congregations and agree to fulfill the membership requirements as stated in the Constitution and Manual of Procedure?

Yes

How many people are presently members of this church? ____60 and growing ____

A check payable to FGBC based on the chart below for the current year membership fee should be included with this application. Use your church's average attendance for 2007.

Our check for \$100 will be sent mailed out this week.

Attach or give a brief history or testimony about your churches ministry, including pictures of the church or church leadership that we can use to introduce your church to the FGBC family.

On Sunday, June 25, 2006 we embarked on a journey to discover a new horizon in Harlem because...

- Harlem is one of the most visible marketplaces in the world.
- Harlem has one of the highest concentration of churches per capita in America. While at the same time one of the highest concentrations of poverty, crime and family disintegration.
- God has called us to build a model of change and transformation in Harlem.
- Transformation here will have a World Wide ripple effect.
- We will help marketplace leaders grow into change agents.
- These change agents will serve as mentors and model builders.
- We want to be a part of God's Church planting movement in the World

OUR VISION IS TO BE A NEW EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE

God has called New Horizon to be: *A Christ centered community that empowers a New Generation of leaders to Worship God in Spirit and in truth; to love each other with agape love, and inspire excellence in the marketplace through excellence in ministry.*

Now what does that really mean?

It means that Jesus Christ is the center of everything that we think and do. He is God's response to sin and our savior. We are members of the called out community of faith. We have been called by God to be holy members of His body, "The Church" in response to our faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the Cross.

Faith expressions in the post-modern culture in which we live have been reduced to defending or responding to the crisis or the political issue of the moment. God has called us to be visible "trophy of His Grace". As such our faith is to be both personal and public. Our generation of leaders need to develop a Christ-centered world view that not only responds to attacks on religion but also works for the transformation of our society and culture

OUR MISSION IS TO BE A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

How will we accomplish this?

We want to empower a new generation of leaders to worship God in spirit and in truth. We will fellowship with each other in agape love and inspire excellence in the marketplace through excellence in ministry.

We will accomplish this mission and realize our vision by employing these six principles:

- Gospel Centered
- Christ Centered Community
- Empowerment
- Worship
- Agape Love
- Excellence



BY-LAWS

OF

NEW HORIZON CHURCH
OF NEW YORK

ARTICLE I: CHURCH NAME, PURPOSE AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. New Horizon Church of New York (“New Horizon Church” or “Church “is a community of believers and followers of Jesus Christ who have organized in accordance with the Holy Bible and the laws of the State of New York to form a local church. *and to meet together for worship and in agreement about common principles and spiritual goals.*

Section 2. New Horizon Church shall perform various activities and functions, which shall include, but not be limited to the following:

to perform and conduct prayer and worship services;
to teach, practice and conduct biblical ordinances, rituals and ceremonies;
to hold and conduct Bible classes;
to establish additional churches and places of worship of God
to ordain ministers, preachers, missionaries, evangelists and other religious workers to promote the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Section 3. New Horizon Church of New York shall be a member of The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. When recognized by said Fellowship we shall strive to walk in unity and fellowship with all sister churches in brotherly love. We shall be united with FGBC for spiritual and doctrinal accountability, mutual fellowship and the expansion of the Kingdom of God through the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE II: VISION AND VALUES

Section 1. Church Vision: New Horizon Church is a Christ Centered Community empowering a new generation of leaders to worship God in Spirit and truth. We endeavor to fellowship with each other through agape love. We will inspire the excellence to transform the marketplace through excellence in ministry.

We believe that the urban church is in desperate need of a paradigm shift. We will build an authentic model of transformation that will be replicated through church planting and evangelism. We will join a growing number of urban church planting movements and networks.

Section 2. Values: New Horizon Church shall adhere to the following values:

(a) The Gospel: The gospel (the “Gospel”) is the declaration of jubilee—an announcement of good news. The gospel of Jesus is a declaration that God has made good on his promise of redemption and restoration in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son. God became man to be offered as the perfect sacrifice to pay for the sin of everyone that would believe in His name. Every person that hears this Gospel and responds with faith will change forever.

((b)Christ Centered Community: The Christ-centered community is inclusive of all people regardless of their background or religious experience that desire a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We believe that authentic community will be both transformative and contagious. We believe that one of the greatest needs in our culture is the need to belong to a spiritually healthy learning community.

(c)Empowerment: We want to live, teach, and model the principals of marketplace transformation. We want to see the marketplace transformed from only centers for profit and trade to places where God's grace is evident, and available to everyone. Through the modeling, teaching and coaching of marketplace leaders, we will strengthen, encourage and release others to bring transformation.

(d) Worship: We worship God because that is what we are created to do. Our worship must include every deed or action that we take. Our worship does not only happen in church on Sundays, rather it takes place wherever we are and in whatever we are doing.

(e) Excellence: God is excellent and He has created us in excellence. Our response to God as creator must reflect this excellence. Excellence in our administration of God's calling (ministry) must be modeled in everything that we do. We are committed to demonstrating excellence in every aspect of ministry for that reason.

(f) Bridge Building: By reaching leaders in the marketplace, we not only affect change in them but also in those that they influence. In Harlem where we are located, people of various economic levels live side by side. New Horizon Church is building bridges between these two communities in the name of Christ.

Section 3: Standards for Church Communications

Each covenant member must agree to the following goals for communications. When there is a deviation the matters will be handled first by the individuals themselves. If the matter cannot be resolved they are to bring the matter to the Elders or Trustees for resolution. If the matter still cannot be resolved, it will be referred to the Senior Pastor for his binding counsel.

Section 4: Ministry and Community Relationship

We believe that ministry is about relationships and shared love, shared grief, and shared hope. The church is a community called to a growing life together as we model the agape love of Christ. We are committed to approaching this work as a team—a community of leaders that will pray together, suffer and rejoice together, and hope together as friends in the shared task of ministry. When we fall short of these ideals we want to be reminded of the love shared by each member of the Church.

ARTICLE III

CHURCH GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Senior Pastor: The Church shall be governed according to the tenets and principles set forth in the Holy Bible. Jesus Christ is the head of the church. The Senior Pastor (the “Senior Pastor”) shall be the head of the local church. The Senior Pastor shall be a Elder and a Trustee with a term of service concurrent with his pastorate (Acts 20:28 and I Peter 5:1-4

Section 2. Elders -The Elders (the “Elders”) shall function as spiritual leaders and assist the Senior Pastor in the guidance of this local church. The Senior Pastor shall function as the head Elder. The Elders shall be appointed by the Senior Pastor with the approval of the majority of the Elder board. The term of appointment shall be three years with a renewable three year term. No Elder shall serve more than two terms without one year sabbatical.

As to spiritual and ecclesiastical matters, the Senior Pastor, with the advice of the Presbytery and Board of Elders, shall be the authority of the Church (I Corinthians 1:9 and 3:11).

Section 3. The Presbytery - There shall be a presbytery (the “Presbytery”), consisting of seasoned servants of the Lord, who shall be chosen by the Senior Pastor and approved by the Elders. The Presbytery shall be the absolute and sole corporate authority in all spiritual and ecclesiastical matters, including pastoral oversight and accountability, but shall have only an advisory function with respect to all non-spiritual and non-ecclesiastical corporate matters of this local Church.

ARTICLE IV: PRESBYTERY

Section 1. Qualifications and Designation. Presbytery shall consist of 3 to 5 individuals qualified as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who have demonstrated wisdom and judgment, have overseen successful ministries or works and are senior men and women with an uncompromising commitment to the Word of God (the Holy Bible)

Section 2. Accountability and Oversight of Senior Pastor. The Presbytery shall function as a senior board of advisors and counselors to the Senior Pastor. They shall meet, subject to the provisions of this Article, at the sole and express request of the Senior Pastor. The Presbytery shall provide spiritual covering and shall prayerfully give necessary aid, comfort, instruction, guidance, protection and, where appropriate, correction and discipline to the Senior Pastor (2 Timothy 3:16 and Acts 15)

Section 3. Pastoral Discipline. In the event that the Senior Pastor shall be accused of wrong doing with regard to his morals, doctrines, ethics, finances or the conduct of the business and affairs of the Church, the Presbytery shall be the sole arbitrator of such questions or accusations, except those that relate to the financial affairs of the Church and

the fiduciary duties and obligations of the Pastor and the Trustees in accordance with applicable law.

ARTICLE V: ELDERS AND DEACONS and CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 1. Elders. Elders shall be chosen by the Pastor with the advice and counsel of the Presbytery. Elders shall demonstrate the spiritual qualifications set forth in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:27, Titus 1:6-9 and 1 Peter 5:23). Elders shall be members in good standing of the Covenant Fellowship and shall be financially accountable as evidenced by tithes and offerings for the well being of the Church. Within the Fellowship, the Elders shall provide spiritual leadership and teach and demonstrate to the Church the principles of Christian fellowship. The Elders shall provide spiritual support to the Senior Pastor in the discipleship of new believers, praying for the sick (James 5:14) and those in need, and by encouraging and helping develop spiritual gifts and ministries within the Fellowship. As directed by the Pastor. Elders shall assist in the administration of the ordinances of the Church and shall give such counsel and assistance to the Pastor and Board of Trustees in the performance of the work of the ministry as necessary and desirable or specifically assigned.

Section 2. Deacons. Deacons shall be Covenant Fellowship members who serve the Church as trusted spiritual leaders. Their roles are specified to provide hands on ministry leaders and helps and administration leaders of the Fellowship. Deacons shall be presented by the Pastor with the advice and counsel of the Elders of the Fellowship for election by the covenant community for a term of three (3) years. They may serve no more than two consecutive terms. Deacons shall demonstrate the spiritual qualifications of Elders (1 Timothy 3:27, Titus 1:6-9 and 1 Peter 5:23). They shall also qualify by the standards of 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Deacons shall assist the Pastor, Elders and Trustees in the administration of the ordinances of the Church and in the support of the Pastors, Trustees, Elders and Officers in the care and safety of the facilities, property and persons in the Fellowship. Deacons shall serve the body by assisting in the ministry to the temporal needs of the community (Acts 6:3-4.)

Section 3. Church Officers: The Church shall select church officers to assist in the business of the Church including, but not limited to, a Church secretary to maintain the records of the Church and to keep minutes of official meetings of the Board of Trustees and Church treasurer to maintain and keep the financial records of the Church.

ARTICLE VI: TRUSTEES

Section 1. General Powers. The corporate affairs of the Church shall be managed by the Board of Trustees, each of whom shall have a fiduciary obligation to the Church. The Board of Trustees and the Senior Pastor shall have the sole responsibility to set policy and procedures for the governance of the Church in non-spiritual matters.

Section 2. Number, Term and Qualifications. The number of Trustees shall be no fewer than three (3). There shall be no maximum number of Trustees. There shall always be an odd number of Trustees in order to prevent a deadlock concerning any policy matter or procedure. In the event that the number of Trustees for any reason shall become an even number of four or more, the shortest serving Trustee shall become inactive until such time as a fifth Trustee is elected as provided for herein.

The term of each Trustee, with the exception of the Senior Pastor shall be one year from the date of the annual meeting in November of each year until the next annual meeting. The Trustees need not be residents of the State of New York. The Trustees shall be members of the Covenant Fellowship.

Section 3. Annual and Regular Meetings of Trustees. There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees each year no later than February 15th of the immediately following year after the Church annual meeting to transact the business of the Church. The election of Trustees for full, one year terms shall take place at the annual meeting, together with such other business as the Senior Pastor and The Board of Trustees determine.

Section 4. Election as Trustee; Vacancies, Additions and Removal of Trustee. A Trustee of this Church shall be elected by a simple majority of the existing Trustees present at a duly called meeting of the Trustees. Any vacancy that occurs during the term of a Trustee shall be filled for the unexpired balance of that term by the Senior Pastor with the advice and counsel of a majority of the Trustees remaining.

Section 5. A Trustee may be removed by the Senior Pastor for any reason upon a majority vote of the remaining Trustees at a meeting called for that purpose for which notice has duly been served upon all Trustees by mail.

Section 6. Compensation of Trustees. Trustees shall receive no compensation as such for their service as Trustees. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Church from paying a Trustee reasonable compensation for actual services rendered to the Church by that Trustee.

ARTICLE VII: Church Membership

Section 1. Covenant Fellowship. The Church shall be a Covenant Fellowship and shall be governed by its Pastor and Elders, as set forth in these By-Laws.

Section 2. Application to join the Fellowship. A person desiring to become a part of the Covenant Fellowship of the Church shall submit a written, signed application on a form approved by the Board of Elders to the Church Secretary. Said application shall demonstrate the applicant's qualifications which shall include, but not be limited to: regular attendance at scheduled Church events and services, regular Growth Group participation, and other qualifications as set forth in these By-Laws and in the Church Manual. Applicants approved shall become active [participants] members of the Covenant Fellowship of the Church.

Section 3. Requirements for Membership in the Fellowship. Each applicant shall give clear evidence of their acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and their new birth in Christ Jesus including water baptism. Each must demonstrate consistent Christian behavior and participate in worship at the Church on a regular basis for at least three (3) consecutive months prior to the submission of their application and continue the same throughout the approval process. Each applicant must demonstrate his or her financial support of the Church in accordance with the Word of God and must affirmatively and publicly subscribe to the tenets of faith and doctrine as defined by the Church.

Section 5. Participants Subject to Church Leadership Authority. Each applicant shall expressly acknowledge that the primary relationship between the Church and the individual members of the Covenant Fellowship arises from the individual's accountability to the (Church Leadership), Senior Pastor or Pastors, Elders and leadership of the Church in the interest of the applicant's spiritual growth and the enhancement to the Body of Christ "the universal church of Christ"). Each applicant understands and agrees that the government and the affairs of the Church, according to the Word of God, are administered by the Pastors, Elders and Trustees and those persons designated as officers and by the Sr. Pastor, Elders or Trustees, in accordance with the Word of God these By-laws and applicable law.

Section 6. Termination of Covenant Fellowship. The Board of Elders and Board of Trustees, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Elders acting jointly may suspend or expel any person who is part of the Covenant Fellowship for acting in a manner that violates any of the dictates of the Word of God regarding behavior, beliefs, actions, speech or style of life and has refused restoration as presented by the Senior Pastor with the council of the Elders.

Section 7. Resignation from Covenant Fellowship. Any member of the Fellowship may resign by transmitting a written resignation to the Church Secretary.

Section 8. Reinstatement to the Covenant Fellowship. Upon a written request filed with the Church Secretary, a former member of the Fellowship may petition for reinstatement to the Fellowship. The Elders will consider each request on an individual basis and reach a consensus decision that they shall submit to the Senior Pastor for his approval. Upon the Senior Pastor's approval of a member's request for reinstatement, a former member may be reinstated.

Section 9. Transfer of Membership. The Church may provide a letter of good standing to another church or fellowship to Fellowship members in good standing at their request.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. The By-laws may be amended from time to time upon a resolution of the Board of Trustees at a duly called meeting upon notice by mail upon 2/3rd of the members of the full Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Section 1. The New Horizon Church of New York may be dissolved only with authorization by its Board of Elders and Trustee given at a special meeting called for that purpose and with subsequent approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Upon dissolution or other termination of The New Horizon Church all remaining assets of the church, after payment in full of all its debts, obligations, and necessary final expenses, or after the making of adequate provision therefore, shall be distributed to such tax-exempt organizations (with purposes similar to those of The New Horizon Church of NY as shall be chosen by the then existing Board of Elders and Trustees

Section 2: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any donor, director, officer, nor any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of corporate assets. Upon dissolution, any assets of the corporation must be distributed to one or more organizations of like faith and practice recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as one organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes.



July 7, 2011

Dear Fellowship Council,

GO2 Ministries is pleased to recommend "New Horizon Church of New York" to the FGBC for membership. Please extend the deadline for submitting an application so that they can be considered at the 2011 annual meeting of the FGBC.

Thank you.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ti' or 'Tim'.

Tim Boal
Executive Director