

## **Application for Ministries seeking Cooperation Ministry Recognition by the FGBC Inc.**

Please review the Constitution and Manual of Procedure for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Note carefully ARTICLE II, ARTICLE III and ARTICLE X of the Constitution and ARTICLE IIII of the Manual of Procedure, which deal with the cooperation ministry requirements.

### **How does your ministry seek to serve the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches?**

Vision Ohio's Mission and Vision statements are:

Vision: To become a Holy Spirit empowered team of 2,500 Grace Brethren men and women that facilitates, assists and resources the planting of 250 Grace Brethren churches in Ohio over the next ten years. (Remember: numbers set the "order of magnitude" of the vision. We want a church-a-day in fifteen years.)

Mission Summary: To ignite and fuel a church multiplication movement that spreads the transforming power of the Gospel to the millions of lost men, women and children in Ohio.

Vision Ohio is here to seek God for a church multiplication movement in Ohio manifested by a church a day in our region.

### **How did your ministry 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 focus is to plant Grace Brethren Churches, solely. We see a Grace Brethren Church as one that adheres to and practices our SOF.

### **List the present responsible officers of the ministry with titles:**

Tony Webb - Director  
Martin Guerena - Oversight of Assessment  
Terry Hofecker - Oversight of Training  
Ron Boehm - GO2 Missionary Liaison  
Nathan Wells - NEO District Liaison  
Ron Smals - NCO District Liaison  
Ned Denlinger - Tri-State District Liaison

### **Explain how the ministry is sponsored and controlled by members of FGBC churches?**

VisionOhio was formed through the cooperative vision of all four GB Districts in Ohio in the mid-nineties. Three of those four districts still maintain channels of direct input into the VO direction. The OpCenter was formed from the combined investment of GBNAM, Northwest Chapel and SWGrace. With GBNAM's cease of operations, Northwest Chapel and SWGrace continued investment in VO. Tony Webb, Terry Hofecker, Martin Guerena represent these 2 churches. Ron Boehm representing GO2USA and Nathan Wells representing NEO District are part of the Covenant Group that oversees the day-to-day operations of the OpCenter. The district liaisons and OpCenter staff serve as the Strategic Governing Team for the movement.

### **Is the ministry a subsidiary of only one local church? (Y/N)**

No.

### **How does the ministry have a scope of ministry broader than the immediate local church ministries and exist to serve other Grace Brethren Churches?**

VO has 7 systems:

1. Recruiting
2. Coaching
3. Assessment
4. Training
5. Fund Raising

6. Prayer
7. Established Church Relations

VO has these systems and uses these systems to facilitate church planting. We desire to assist the local church by doing these systems and team with the local church to see churches planted.

**How does this ministry meet a recognized need related to the fulfilling of the Great Commission?**

Church planting is a key application from the Great Commission.

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

I am not aware of any broken relationships. If there are any broken relationships of which I am unaware, please do contact me.

**In seeking to be a cooperating ministry of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, does the ministry recognize the obligation of mutual encouragement and cooperation with Grace Brethren churches, districts, national ministries and/or other cooperating ministries?**

Yes.

**If accepted by the procedures outlined in ARTICLE X, Section 2 of the Manual of Procedure and the ministry becomes recognized as cooperating ministry of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc., does the ministry understand that :**

It is not a creation of the FGBC ? (Y/N) -Yes

It is not an integral part of the FGBC? (Y/N) - Yes

It is not in any way controlled by the FGBC or Fellowship Conference? (Y/N) - Yes

The Fellowship Conference asks for an annual report only as a courtesy? (Y/N) - Yes

**Please attach a brief history and description of the ministry to this application.**

General Instructions: Fill out this application form and send it with to the FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, P. O. Box 384, WINONA LAKE, IN 46590. The deadline for application is January 1st in order to be considered in the following annual conference.

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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_Tony Webb

## **Brief History of Vision Ohio**

Vision Ohio began as a vision based organization in the mid 1990's. Pastors Terry Hofecker and Jeff Gill both shared a vision to ask God for a new Grace Brethren Church in every county of Ohio. This began this vision-based group. Representatives from three of the four Ohio GB districts met 3-4 times per year talking, praying, seeking God for a church multiplication movement.

GBNAM starting talking about raising up Regional Career Missionaries and VisionOhio was pleased when Ron Boehm was appointed to the Midwest. With his full-time focus of life and ministry on church planting, church planters were recruited, assessed, coached and encouraged in their training tracks.

In December 2005, GBNAM announced grants for various church planting opportunities and Key Church Resource Centers. In combination with GBNAM, Northwest Chapel and SWGrace, the Vision Ohio Church Planting Operations Center was formed and they began to refine the church planting systems for Ohio.

Using Tom Nebel's 7 systems in his book, *Big Dreams in Small Places*, the staff developed this configuration:

Ron Boehm – director of Op Center; also, established church relations  
Terry Hofecker – training  
Martin Gurena – assessment  
Tony Webb – coaching and recruiting

Fund raising and spiritual dynamics we did not have covered initially.

As GBNAM ceased operations, in 2007, Tony Webb became the director of Vision Ohio. We are using the same systems as before.

God has given to us the following new churches in some form of development:

\*Eastgate Bible Church – East Ashland, Ohio – Nathan Wells, pastor  
\*Clearview – New Albany, Ohio – Andy Wirt, pastor

\*Cap City Grace – downtown Columbus, Ohio – Larry Toztke, pastor; Eric Miller on the team as well

\*Sterling Grace – Mt Sterling, Ohio – Doug Shotsky, Gatherer; Tony Webb, Shepherd

\*Darby Grace – Plain City, Ohio – Shawn Kaeser, pastor

\*Springfield – Dave Black and Ted Rastatter are seeking God for a new plant here in fall of 2007

\*Jerome Township, North Dublin – Sean Spoelstra is seeking God for a new church in beginning in the summer of 2007

\*Other places of possibility are Loudonville, Ohio; Community Center approach on the East side of downtown Columbus.