

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?

Caribbean Vision Ministries seeks to serve the FGBC by serving as an assisting church-planting ministry among Caribbean people in the United States and the Caribbean Islands. We serve mainly among the Haitian population in South Florida & Haiti and among Trinidadians in Trinidad & Tobago though our vision is for all the Caribbean Islands. We want to assist churches in the United States in carrying out the Great Commission and Great Commandment among the peoples listed.

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.?

It is embodied in the bylaws of Caribbean Vision Ministries.

List the present responsible officers of the ministry with titles:

Dr. Chuck Davis - President and Executive Director
Pastor Elysee Joseph - Vice-President
Pastor Chet Sparzak - Secretary
Mr. Vance Andre - Treasurer
Pastor Ancil Ragoonath - Director

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

Four of the five officers on the Board of Directors are Grace Brethren Church members. Three of the five Board members are Grace Brethren Elders. The one non-member is a former Grace Brethren church planter.

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?

The scope of Caribbean Vision Ministries covers ministry among Caribbean people in the entire United States and Caribbean. CVM is designed to help all interested local churches in selecting a particular target area among Caribbean people and then devising a plan to reach those people with the gospel and a plan for establishing churches. CVM is also designed to take short-term mission teams from any interested local church to serve in ministry projects or ministry areas among Caribbean people in the United States or Caribbean.

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

Caribbean people, particularly Haitian people and the people of Trinidad, have been a neglected target group for the gospel among the FGBC. The leaders of Caribbean Vision Ministries have provided faithful leadership in this area for many years and have the knowledge and experience to assist the churches of the FGBC to successfully plant gospel ministries in these areas.

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?

We have no problems or conflicts that I know of.

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 we do and we have tried to put our beliefs into action.

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.

See attached.

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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HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF CARIBBEAN VISION MINISTRIES, INC

HISTORY

Caribbean Vision Ministries was born out of necessity. Dr. Chuck Davis, while serving with Grace Brethren North American Missions as the Southeast Regional Career Missionary, spent ten years ministering with Trinidadian and Haitian church planting in South Florida and also in Trinidad and Haiti (five years). Dr. Davis continued these efforts upon his departure from GBNAM while serving as the Pastor of a local church. But it was obvious these efforts needed to be brought under an umbrella organization with a single purpose of reaching and ministering to Caribbean people in the United States and the Caribbean Islands. In August 2009 Caribbean Vision Ministries, Inc. was organized as a non-profit corporation in the State of Florida and is now a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization. Dr. Davis began serving as the full-time Executive Director of CVM in December 2009.

DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY

Caribbean Vision Ministries is committed to assisting the local church in a church-planting ministry among Caribbean people in the United States and Caribbean countries. We will partner with churches, organizations and individuals in the United States in fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

We will:

- * Assist the local church in selecting an appropriate mission field in the US or Caribbean.
- * Organize, prepare and train short-term mission teams.
- * Provide leadership for mission teams.
- * Connect teams and leadership with appropriate in country Caribbean leadership.
- * Collaborate and assist the local church in planting new churches in the selected country.
- * Assist the local church in carrying out the Great Commission & Great Commandment ministries they feel appropriate for their mission.
- * Be a resource to the local church for information about the Caribbean peoples and their belief systems and how best to approach them in ministry.