

## **GBCanada USA (related to Grace Brethren Canada)**

**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 III 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?

**Planting Grace Brethren Churches in Canada.**

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.?

The Grace Brethren statement of faith is included in our Canadian by-laws. It is also included in the by-laws of Canadian Grace Brethren churches that eventually incorporate as a result of our church planting efforts.

List the present responsible officers of the ministry with titles:

Nathan Bryant, Executive Director (FGBC ordained pastor, member NEO District)  
Philip Bryant, Director of West Coast Operations (FGBC ordained pastor, member NW District)  
Ted Adomanis, Director of Finance and Administration (former GBNAM missionary and GTS graduate)

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

All Directors and Trustees are FGBC pastors or members of FGBC churches. The officers are two ordained FGBC pastors and a GTS graduate. GBCanada USA Trustees are all FGBC men and the President is Kurt Miller, current senior pastor of Martinsburg GBC and former director of GBNAM church planting efforts in all of North America. Our sister organization in Canada, Grace Brethren Canada, has the same officers and its directors are all members of Canadian Grace Brethren churches. The president is Bartley Sawatsky, senior pastor of Grace Community Church and former missionary with GBNAM.

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?

Our goal is to plant a Grace Brethren church in every major metropolitan area of Canada by 2020. Currently, we have churches in Ontario and British Columbia. Our short-term plans are to target the provinces of Alberta and Quebec and eventually begin a Canadian fellowship of networked churches. These are lofty and God-sized goals that involve a much broader scope of ministry than the ministries of the immediate local church.

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

Before 1998, there were no GB churches in Canada. GBNAM began a Matthew 28 work here over ten years ago that is only now starting to bear significant fruit. Our first church, Grace Community Church, is now averaging 300 and is moving into its first permanent facility. From that humble beginning of twelve people, we have planted two other churches, impacted the surrounding communities and seen hundreds of people come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Hundreds more are being discipled as we begin to develop leaders for the next generation and next new Grace Brethren church.

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?

No.

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, GBCanada USA and Grace Brethren Canada already receive the cooperation, love and support of FGB churches as well as several GB church districts and national ministries.

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.

GBCanada USA is a newly formed U.S. 501 (c)(3) charity established to replace our former U.S. mission agency, GBNAM. GBCanada USA is a sister organization of Grace Brethren Canada, a Canadian registered charity, formed by GBNAM missionaries in order to operate under the laws of Canada. GBCanada USA is the new sponsoring agency continuing the work GBNAM started in Canada over ten years ago. Our history, therefore, is solely through GBNAM which is widely known throughout the FGBC and our church planting efforts are a continuation of an FGBC initiative starting over ten years ago.

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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