

## **Application for Ministries seeking Cooperating 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?**

Grace in *ACTION* usa (GiA) exists to "Bridge the church to the community through education and economic development." GiA has materials and means to assist any church or group of believers to teach Life and Job Skills to children (K-12) living in areas of poverty. GiA serves the Fellowship when it's churches use the LifeTime Learning curriculum and resources, open a Community Life Center, and/or assist in a local economic development project. Any and all of these efforts can result in bringing people to Christ, growing a local church, and bringing financial support for the work of the local church and mission efforts.

### **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 Board of Directors was polled and unanimously subscribe to the FGBC Covenant and Statement of Faith.

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

Gladys M. Deloe, President  
Ned Denlinger, Vice President  
Jesse Deloe, Secretary, Treasurer

### **Other board members are:**

Clive Craigen  
Jim Hocking  
Kurt Miller

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

Grace in *ACTION* usa is the creation of a person who belongs to a Grace Brethren Church and directed by a board, all of whom are members of Grace Brethren churches.

### **Is the ministry a subsidiary of only one local church? (Y/N) No**

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

Generational poverty and its associated problems are everywhere. Often unrecognized or ignored by the church in North America, very little of lasting value has been done to change the situation. A church or group of Christians can begin to impact the pockets of poverty in its area by becoming involved in people's lives, offering real and practical assistance, and teaching children a better way. It's a long and often thankless task.

Communities have charitable assistance; however, very few of them address the underlying issues. Many Christian and government organizations offer various kinds of helps. I have not found any that concentrate on teaching Life Skills as a means of bringing about permanent change. Unfortunately, such efforts are much like putting a band-aid on a gaping wound.

It is the vision of Grace in *ACTION* usa to make a difference through its programs of education and economic development. The ministry of GiA is available to any church (GBC or not) or group that wishes to use it to help those trapped in generational poverty.

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

For years missionaries concentrated on the spiritual and health needs of people, while offering little help in areas like farming, economic development, education, or life skills training. And while the Great Commission says nothing about these practical implications, the good news of the gospel includes every area of life. When we take the gospel to the least and the lost in a package of love that fulfill Jesus' words, "I have come to give you an abundant life," we indeed fulfill the Great Commission. Grace in *ACTION* usa offers the Church a bridge to the community which gives it the opportunity to see lives changed for now and eternity.

### **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?**

To my knowledge, none of the directors has any such problems.

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?

The purpose of requesting this status is to seek the mutual encouragement that comes by cooperation with the Fellowship and other cooperating ministries. We welcome the opportunity and do not see it as an obligation.

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 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.

Official Name of Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Grace in *ACTION* usa \_\_\_\_\_

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