

# Procedure for National Ministries to be Recognized by the Charis Fellowship

The Manual of Procedure for the Charis Fellowship sets forth the policies for ministries to be recognized by the Charis Fellowship as National Ministries. Those policies are reprinted here:

## ARTICLE VI

### Ministry Associations

#### Section One. National Ministries.

1. Requirements. Although Charis Fellowship national ministries remain distinct, autonomous legal entities, such ministries seeking recognition by the corporation and desiring to serve the Fellowship as a national ministry shall meet the following requirements:
  - a. The Ministry and its governing body shall agree to live harmoniously under the Charis Commitment to Common Identity set forth in Section Two of Article III of this [Manual of Procedure](#).
  - b. The Ministry must be sponsored and controlled by members of Charis Fellowship churches.
  - c. [The Ministry shall not be a subsidiary of only one local church; it shall have representation on its governing board from each of the geographical regions of the Fellowship as identified in Article V, Section Two, Point #3 of the Manual of Procedure.](#)
  - d. The Ministry must have a scope of [ministry](#) broader than the immediate local church ministries and exist to serve other Grace Brethren Churches.
  - e. The Ministry must meet a recognized need related to the fulfilling of the Great Commission.
  - f. The Ministry must be able to demonstrate a tradition of national influence that has consistently advanced the mission of the Charis Fellowship.
  - g. [The Ministry must be able to demonstrate a tradition of financial stewardship and accounting practices.](#)
  - h. [The Fellowship Council must believe that is in the best interest of the Fellowship for the Ministry to receive this recognition.](#)
2. Procedure. National Ministries meeting the requirements of Section One of this Article may be recognized by the Fellowship, upon recommendation of the Fellowship Council, by two thirds affirmative majority vote of the delegates present, entitled to vote, and voting.
3. Recognized National Ministries. Ministries recognized as national ministries of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc. are not creations of the Fellowship, nor are they an integral part of its organization. While the Charis Fellowship requests an annual report as a courtesy, it does not in any way control any of the recognized national ministries.
4. Review. The Fellowship Council has the responsibility to review national ministries regarding the above qualifications. Recommendations for removal of a National Ministry's recognition shall be approved by the delegates by a majority affirmative vote.