

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?

The purpose of Grow New England is to enlist, educate, and equip church planters to establish Grace Brethren Churches on Boston's North Shore and throughout New England.

As you know NE has a minimal evangelical representation. As far as FGBC representation, minimal would be an improvement.

Does your ministry agree to live harmoniously under the Covenant and Statement of Faith as found in Article III of the Constitution of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc.?

Yes.

List the present responsible officers of the ministry with titles:

**Jack Brown, Director and Treasurer (Member of NSBC, Essex MA)
Dana Moore, Board of Directors (Member of NSBC, Essex MA)
Dan Jackson, Board of Directors (Member at Ashland GBC)
Christine Brown, Secretary (Member of NSBC, Essex MA)**

The FGBC Manual of Procedure says a cooperating ministry "... must be sponsored by at least four FGBC churches or controlled by members of FGBC churches." List at least four FGBC churches that sponsor your ministry (ie: through gifts of active involvement) or describe how your ministry is controlled by members of FGBC churches (ie: board membership).

See above list.

Also, we do receive gifts from Lehigh Valley GBC, Manheim GBC, and North Shore Bible Church. We have also been the recipients of gifts from GBIF.

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

No. Although, we are obviously closely aligned with North Shore Bible Church in our early stages. We do see this changing as the ministry grows.

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?

I could see this ministry be used by the Lord to develop a network of Grace Brethren Churches in New England in cooperation with the NAF churches and other Grace Brethren ministries. Also, we provide ministry opportunities; short-term mission trips, short-term internships, along with long-term internships for potential church planters interested in planting Grace Brethren Churches in New England.

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

"Go and make disciples..."

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 don't believe so.

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.

Grow New England was conceived by the leadership of North Shore Bible Church. When NSBC was started in April 2000 the core group had a burden to reproduce itself in various communities on the Boston's north shore.

In 2008 GNE was started and incorporated in the Commonwealth of MA. Our plan is to begin on Boston's north shore and reach beyond to the other regions in New England.

I'm attaching a two-page document that tells you more about our particulars.

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.

Official Name of Ministry: Grow New England

Mailing Address: c/o North Shore Bible Church 65 Eastern Avenue Essex MA 01929

Phone: 508-284-5098 (Jack's Cell)

Email: northshorebible@gmail.com Website: northshorebiblechurch.com (see page) - This will be changing this year.

Person filling out this application: Jack Brown

Contact Person: Jack Brown

Grow New England

The Purpose

The purpose of Grow New England is to enlist, educate, and equip church planters to establish Grace Brethren Churches on Boston's North Shore and throughout New England.

This purpose will be accomplished:

- By raising awareness among Grace Brethren Churches, other evangelical congregations and organizations of the spiritual condition of the New England states.
 - Recruiting Prayer Supporters
 - Recruiting Missions Teams
 - Recruiting Financial Support
- By enlisting men to come for short-term and long-term internships to prepare them for church planting in New England, specifically Boston's North Shore.
 - Providing Theological Training
 - Providing Discipleship Training
 - Providing Practical Ministry Training
- By formulating core groups to work with the church planter in new church plants
- By providing a support system in the early stages of the new church plant

The Specifics

- Enlisting
 - We share the latest news concerning church planting in New England through our newsletter. Please contact us if you would like to be added to our mailing list.
 - We are available to share our vision of New England church planting with your congregation, church leadership, mission board, or organization Please contact us to schedule a presentation.

- We will provide short-term mission opportunities in order to allow people to catch a vision for church planting in New England. These teams will also be helpful in cultivating new ground for future church plants.
- Educating
 - Grow New England will provide training opportunities through summer internship programs (10-12 weeks). These summer interns will receive hands-on training in everyday ministry. They will work in various aspects of the church ministry, including outreach, Christian education, counseling training, worship, and more.
 - Grow New England will also provide long-term internships (18-24 months) for the preparation of planting a new church. A long term intern will participate in the BILD training program, biblical counseling training, and other practical ministry training
- Equipping
 - A long term intern will also have the opportunity to lead BILD classes, will participate in actual counseling sessions, and will be involved in other ministry responsibilities on a regular basis.
 - During these months the intern will be establishing plans for the new church plant, and will be formulating a core group to work with him.
 - During the early stages of the new church plant, Grow New England will provide support to the local church in establishing their systems.

For More Information Contact:

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