



KNOWING JESUS ... MAKING HIM KNOWN

Application for Membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches:

General Instructions: Welcome to the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Most likely, your church is already a part of the family. This application is a step of further team-building with other churches in our family for the sake of the Kingdom. You honor the FGBC by applying. We praise God for your ministry and the privilege of serving with you. If you want more information about the FGBC, we invite you to <http://www.fgbc.org/who-are-we.htm> for an overview. Or if you have any questions, email tomavey@fgbc.org

The deadline for application is January 1 in order to be considered at the following (summer) national conference of the FGBC. After January 1, applications can be considered at the following conference if accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a cooperating organization, cooperating district, or sponsoring church.

Please gather the following information about your church, Vision, Mission and/or Purpose Statement; Constitution or other organizational documents; Picture of pastor or church (people, not buildings); description of ministry area; and send them to tomavey@fgbc.org (or FGBC, PO Box 384, Winona Lake, IN 46590)

General Instructions: Fill out this application form and send it with your membership fee 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. If you wish to request an extension of this deadline, include a letter of reference from a cooperating district missions board, a sponsoring church that is already a member of the FGBC, or Grace Brethren Missions.

Official Name of Church
ENCUENTRO LATINO

Church Mailing Address
P.O. BOX 11

City	State	Zip
COATESVILLE	PA	19320

Phone	Email
N/A	N/A

Meeting Place	PA	19320
570 OLIVE ST (& VIRGINIA AVE)		
COATESVILLE		

Pastor or principle leader
CARLOS PERALTA

Address
1125 CONESTOGA RD

City	State	Zip
CHESTER SPRINGS	PA	19425

Phone	Email
610 827 1228	MCPERALTA@AOL.COM

Please review the Constitution and Manual of Procedure for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Note carefully ARTICLE III and ARTICLE IV of the Constitution and ARTICLE I of the Manual of Procedure that deal with the membership requirements new FGBC churches are to meet.

Has your church joined a cooperating district? If so, which one and when?

We are participating in the life and events of the district but we didn't fill any application (we never received one).

How did your local church 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.? We took and official action to subscribe. In addition, each new member will singing the church's membership covenant and in it, it clearly says that we are partnering with the FGBC.

List the present responsible officers (or leaders) of the congregation with titles: **CARLOS PERALTA, Pastor & Planter**
Carlos E. Peralta, co-pastor.

How will you identify your affiliation with the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches? (ie: on a church sign, letterhead, church bulletin, etc). ***In several publications that we will use in the future.***

Describe your practice of Triune Immersion and the Threefold Communion Service. ***We practice triune immersion baptism in the two baptisms that we already had. We also celebrate the threefold communion service including washing feet, the Lord's Supper and the bread & cup.***

To the best of your knowledge, does your church or any leadership of your church have unresolved problems with another Grace Brethren church, leader, district or cooperating organization? If so, who can we contact for clarification?
No

In seeking membership in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, does your church recognize the obligation of mutual encouragement and cooperation with other congregations and agree to fulfill the membership requirements as stated in the Constitution and Manual of Procedure? **yes**

How many people are presently members of this church? **15 baptize members**

A check payable to FGBC for \$5.25 per member for the current year membership fee should be included with this application. **We are sending \$78.75 by mail.**

Attach or give a brief history or testimony about your churches ministry, including pictures of the church or church leadership that we can use to introduce your church to the FGBC family.

At the beginning of 2001 two pastors meet together in a Leadership Event sponsor for John Maxwell and Invoy. Pastor Dan O'Deens, from Gateway Church and Carlos D. Peralta a pastor, missionary and evangelist. Dan and Carlos spent hours talking, praying and dreaming in how to reach Latinos for Christ.

In February 2002, pastor Carlos participated with Gateway's Missionary Team to Mexico City. The goal was to "to see new Point of Lights spring up" in various *colonias* (neighborhoods) of the biggest city of the world. There, we partner with other Grace Brethren missionaries and leaders.

That was an incredible experience! During almost two weeks, we intensively shared and had the opportunity to get to know each other and to share our dreams and passion for the Kingdom. Another purpose for the trip was to have a first hand experience with Mexican culture. The audiences heard the voice of God in a very powerful way. Marriages were reconciled and leaders challenged to reach the biggest city of the world (Mexico City) for Christ.

In our area, too many hurting people have been overlooked by the mainstream; many of the hurting are Latinos. Latino migrants are working, many of them, under almost very harsh conditions.

Today, Encuentro Latino has a average attendance of 80 people. Lack of space is limiting our growing. We are also planting a church in Chester County Prison were we saw more of 2000 inmates coming to the Lord in the last 3 years!