

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?

MetroGrace serves by helping churches gather, train, send and coach teams to develop gospel-centered, community-based churches in urban neighborhoods.

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.?

MetroGrace developed within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches with the support of Crossroads Grace Brethren Church of Philadelphia and Grace Brethren North American Missions. The board of directors has approved the Covenant and Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

List the present responsible officers of the ministry with titles:

James Brown, President
Michael Connor, Treasurer
James Arleth, Secretary

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

All officers are members of a Grace Brethren Church.

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?

MetroGrace helps Grace Brethren Churches develop gospel-centered, community-based churches in neighborhoods throughout the city. We provide training through short-term mission experiences, summer internships, urban missionary internships and church planting internships. We gather, train, send and coach church planting teams.

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

MetroGrace develops gospel-centered, community-based churches in urban neighborhoods.

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

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.

In November 1999, Grace Brethren North American Missions asked Jim Brown to serve as a career missionary to develop a cluster of urban churches in Philadelphia. Crossroads Grace Brethren Church of Philadelphia and the Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches were eager to support this World-class City Project.

Recognizing a need, MetroGrace was incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania in 2003 and determined to be a public charity by the Internal Revenue Service in 2004.

Grace Brethren Churches and people throughout the world continue to support MetroGrace as they gather, train, send and coach teams to develop gospel-centered, community-based churches in neighborhoods throughout the city.

MetroGrace has hosted many short-term missionaries, trained a variety of interns and helped some men become licensed or ordained elders in the FGBC. So far, three congregations have been established in Philadelphia in the neighborhoods of Frankford, Holmesburg and Wissinoming.

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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