

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?

We provide an affordable option for students of Grace Brethren ministries in our region to participate in a large youth event focused on establishing relationships with God. We do this through partnering with the local Grace Brethren Church.

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:

Zach Pinkerton (Executive Director)
Jeff Walter (Financial Director)
Billy Starkey (Creative Arts Director)
Jeremy Framstad (Technical Director)
Seth Nuzum (Core Team)
Tim Boucher (Core Team)
Brad Deetscreek (Core Team)

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

This ministry is fully supported by Grace Brethren Churches. Fremont Grace Brethren Church is currently operating and managing the retreat with the help from a core team of individuals from other Grace Brethren ministries in Ohio.

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

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?

Yes, over 20 Grace Brethren Churches are involved with the Kalahari Retreat on a yearly basis.

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

We are all about fulfilling the Great Commission! Kalahari Retreat is specifically designed as an event that reaches out to non-saved students. As a youth pastor, I have seen many students from my own youth group commit their lives to Christ at this retreat.

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

It is not an integral part of the FGBC? (Y)N

It is not in any way controlled by the FGBC or Fellowship Conference? (Y)N

The Fellowship Conference asks for an annual report only as a courtesy? (Y)N

Please attach a brief history and description of the ministry to this application.

Kalahari Retreat began in February 2006 as the leaders of Fremont Grace Brethren Church and Wooster Grace Brethren Church came together to provide an event for student ministries at the Kalahari Resort and Indoor Waterpark in Sandusky, Ohio. Ten years later, the retreat has grown to include over 20 churches within the Grace Brethren Fellowship from Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. This past year we saw over 2,200 students and adult leaders attend the event.

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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