



Affiliation Requirements

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ has washed us in His cleansing blood and made us one in His body. As we move forward in the Lord's work, it is His desire that His people be united in His love. We believe in One Lord, One Body, One Church with Jesus Christ as the head of the Church. To Him be honour and glory forever. Amen!

We request that Churches/Ministries that would like to be either a fellowship or affiliation agree and adhere to the principles and requirements outlined below.

Please look over the following information to determine the level of involvement and commitment you are considering with Lighthouse of Hope Christian Fellowship (LHOH).

Section 1 – General Information

Vision: One Lord, One Body, One Church

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6 (New International Version)

Mission: To build love and unity across the world with whosoever believes in their heart and confesses with their lips Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour (**Romans 9:9-13**).

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV)

Jesus Is Our Example

Churches and Ministries who affiliate with LHOH are called to uphold a humble servant's heart in word and deed, especially when representing LHOH.

Jesus set the example for all others when He said: ***“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).***

We are a group of believers saved by grace through faith in Christ and His finished work **(Ephesians 2:8-9)** who simply meet around the Lord Jesus, seeking to follow only the principles given in the New Testament. Our Lord Himself first spoke of the Church when He declared that He was its builder and would establish it on a sure foundation **(Ephesians 5:23-25; Matthew 16:18; Colossians 2:10)**. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and is its gathering centre **(Matthew 18:20; 1 John 1:3)**. To be gathered in His Name is to meet by His authority, submitting to His Lordship, and following His Word. In the New Testament there is no division between "clergy" and "laity". Elders (shepherds) in the New Testament are ordained by the Holy Spirit and are sanctified (set apart) as shepherds or over-seers in the local Church. They are always in the plural in the New Testament **(1 Timothy 3:1-7)**.

Deacons are also in the plural and take care of the administration and business of the Church to free the Elders to do the spiritual over-sight **(1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-7)**. Plurality creates checks and balances (accountability to one another and the Church). Leadership is not a one-person show, nor should any Church be built on the work of one person - it is built on Christ alone. The Bible teaches that we are all believer-priests and can bring our worship direct to God **(Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:15-17)**.

Christ's gift to the Church is the five-fold. The five-fold (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers) are for the edification of the church body, to help equip and mature the saints toward unity and fullness of Christ **(Ephesians 4:11-12; Hebrews 3:1)**.

The Apostolic New Testament Church (ANTC) is built on Jesus. It is *rooted in love and united as one body under one Lord, Jesus Christ*. It is necessary to be in "one accord" **(Colossians 1:18; Acts 2:46, KJV)**.

Affirmation Agreement for the Inclusion of All People

We believe in affirming **all** people without judgment, regardless of their nationality, tribe or tongue, gender, social/economic status, or sexual orientation. Christ died for all so that we might have eternal life through Him.

The Bible teaches us that WHOSOEVER believes in their heart and confesses with their lips that Jesus Christ is Lord is saved and this not by our works but by grace; having been sealed by the Holy Spirit our salvation is assured, our inheritance guaranteed (**John 3:16-17; Romans 10:9-11; Acts 16:31; Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:4-10; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Galatians 3:26-28**).

As an affiliate or fellowship we must agree in the above statement.

Statement of Faith

- **We believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth.**
- **We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered for us under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried, and resurrected according to the Scriptures.**
- **We believe in the guidance of the Holy Spirit within every person who has been spiritually reborn.**
- **We believe in a literal, eternal Heaven and Hell.**
- **We believe repentance of sin and personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is the only way to be made a member of the Kingdom of God, both now and eternally.**
- **We believe it is God's will every believer be baptized in water and be filled daily with the Holy Spirit.**
- **We believe the Church of Jesus Christ is formed of all those who know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord, regardless of denomination.**
- **We believe the Holy Bible contains the complete inspired written word of God to us and it is the basis for doctrine, reproof, correction and for instruction in right living.**
- **We believe in the literal second coming of Jesus Christ to earth and He shall rule as King over all the earth; there shall be no end to His Kingdom.**

Section 2

What is the difference between a Fellowship and an Affiliation?

1. Fellowship Churches/Ministries

Definition: Denominational and Non-denominational Christian Churches/ministries that want to partner with us in a common purpose, thereby coming into a mutual fellowship but not under the covering of LHOH. Fellowship Churches remain independent of LHOH and are not required to adhere to our statement of faith.

Objective: To work together in a collaborative manner for the common good of all people, both locally and worldwide, without prejudice or discrimination of any group, and united as one fellowship of believers under One Lord Jesus Christ.

Goal: Working together in outreach services, relief aid, vigils, supporting each other's ministry work, and other volunteer support and services that have been mutually agreed upon by both parties.

- a. **Fellowship churches and/or ministries** include *denominational and non-denominational* Christians that believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, the Way, the Truth and the Life and that Life is only in the Son of God Jesus Christ (**Romans 10:9-13; John 14:6; 1 John 5:9-12**). It is our desire that we work alongside each other in specific programs and outreaches.
- b. **Fellowship Churches and Ministries do NOT represent LHOH in anyway and are not under our covering.**

If your Church/Ministry fulfills the above requirements and wishes to become a fellowship with LHOH, no formal application is required. Simply make a request via email or regular mail to become a fellowship with us. Please include a brief outline of your Church/Ministry background and your desired intention for fellowship.

2. Affiliated Churches/ Ministries

Definition: Non-denominational Christian Churches/ministries that want to partner with us in a common purpose, thereby choosing to come under the covering of LHOH leadership. Affiliated Churches or ministries remain independent of LHOH and are required to adhere to our statement of faith.

Objective: To work together in a collaborative manner for the common good of all people, both locally and worldwide, without prejudice or discrimination of any group, and united as one fellowship of believers under One Lord Jesus Christ.

Goal: Working together in outreach services, relief aid, vigils, supporting each other's ministry work, offering teachers and speakers where possible to equip the saints, volunteer support and services in other areas of Christian ministry that have been mutually agreed upon (including evangelism tours, missions, church plantings etc.)

1. **Affiliates are Churches and/or Ministries** that are already in operation and have chosen to come under the covering of LHOH. Specifically, the LHOH leadership governing body becomes their overseers (their covering). The leadership of the Church/Ministry (the affiliate) and the leadership of LHOH work together in unity and must be in agreement with one another.
2. Affiliates remain an independent entity and do not represent LHOH, but we do share a common leadership for the purpose of covering (e.g. mentorship, guidance, counselling etc.).
 - a) **Affiliated Churches and/or ministries** are *non-denominational* Christians that believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, the Way, the Truth and the Life and that eternal Life is only in the Son of God Jesus Christ (**Romans 10:9-13; John 14:6; 1 John 5:9-12**). It is our desire that we work alongside each other in specific programs, projects and outreaches (this includes evangelism and other areas of ministry that is agreed upon by both parties).
 - b) **The Church/Ministry must adhere to our statement of faith** and be in agreement with the decisions of the leadership in unity and one purpose. They must be in unity and in agreement in interpretation of the Bible when teaching together (e.g. evangelism tours, missions, church planting etc.).
 - c) **Misrepresentation.** In the event that LHOH is misrepresented by an affiliate, LHOH will commence a thorough investigation into the area of concern. As needed, appropriate action will be taken (to be determined by LHOH). Depending on circumstances and the nature of the misrepresentation, LHOH will evaluate whether or not affiliation can continue.

d) **Affiliates remain financially independent of LHOH.**

3. Non-Compliance and Cessation of Affiliation

Non-Compliance

LHOH will look at the overall compliance of the Church/Ministry throughout their association with LHOH to see if non-compliance has been an on-going problem.

In the event we do not hear from you, LHOH will do everything possible to communicate with your Church/Ministry. However, if we do not have any contact from you after a reasonable period of time, or, if after having made contact the non-compliance continues, LHOH will make a unilateral decision about the continuation of our association and relationship.

If there are mitigating circumstances as to why your Church/Ministry is unable to comply with any requirements from LHOH, to submit reports and/or to communicate with LHOH please let us know the reason, in writing, as soon as possible.

Voluntary Withdrawal from LHOH

If withdrawal is requested or desired, all affiliated items (if any), such as logos, that identify or connect your Church/Ministry with LHOH (and any ministries operating under LHOH), or anything that represents us in any way, must be returned. Anything that represents LHOH (e.g. logos) must be removed from all media and advertising (e.g. websites, brochures etc.)

Please note, withdrawal does not necessarily remove your Church/Ministry from our fellowship unless that is specifically desired and expressed to us. Withdrawal will absolve your Church/Ministry and LHOH of any mutual responsibility or accountability to one another.

We pray for continued unity in the Saints. We are under One Lord, One Body, One Church. May His Glorious Name continue to be praised in all the earth. Let the Heavens and Earth Rejoice and Shout Hallelujah to the King of Kings! Amen.

With love, respect and blessings,
LHOH Governing Body

Whatever you decide, we welcome our brothers and sisters to work alongside us in the Lord.

Please fill out the following form, starting on page 10, if you wish to become an affiliate. This will help us to get to know you better, your goals, vision and long term plans. Application will need to be considered prayerfully by the governing body of LHOH before they get back to you.

Proposed Partnership with Lighthouse of Hope Christian Fellowship Application Form

Contact Information

NAME OF CHURCH OR MINISTRY:

ADDRESS: (Please provide the address of the *physical* location only.)

TELEPHONE: (Please include country code and area code.)

Tel:

Other:

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above):

E-MAIL:

OTHER (E.g.: Face book):

Church/Ministry Representative's name:

PROPOSAL TO WORK ALONGSIDE LHOH

How do you see your organization (Church/Ministry) working alongside LHOH to accomplish and promote unity in Christ with the vision of **One Lord, One Body, One Church** throughout the world, with the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ? Please be specific and use a separate page if necessary.

YOUR VISION

Please answer yes or no.

1. We plan to become an affiliate in order to participate alongside LHOH on specific projects, programs, and other ministry services. **Yes/No**
2. We are requesting that LHOH will become the covering for our Church/Ministry. **Yes/No**
3. We understand, by placing ourselves under the covering of LHOH, we will continue to remain financially independent from LHOH as we work alongside one another. **Yes / No**

Action Steps

What steps do you perceive are necessary, if any, to achieve mutual goals and objectives? Please include any specific way in which you believe LHOH could come along side you in the Lord's work.

Cost: Please specify expected costs associated with this proposal, if any.

Other: Please list anything else you believe is related to this proposal which is not stated above.

Please submit your final draft of the application form: "proposed partnership with LHOH application form" via email to: info@lighthouseofhopechristianfellowship.ca (**contact person:** Immanuel Weir or Peter Weir) or via regular mail :

Lighthouse of Hope Christian Fellowship
P.O. Box 50012 South Slope RPO,
Burnaby, B.C. V5J-5G3
Canada

Attn: Immanuel Weir

Please note that filling an application does not automatically make you an affiliate. There are a number of things for us to consider and pray about.

Once this application has been received, it will be presented to the apostles and elders for consideration. Please be patient as we pray and review your request. We will contact you regarding the next step.

Thank you and God bless you abundantly.

Governing Body of Lighthouse of Hope Christian Fellowship

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6, New International Version)