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CTFM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Application for Carry The Fire Ministries Membership

The express purpose of Carry The Fire Ministries (CTFM) is to advance the Kingdom of God by identifying, relating, releasing and overseeing valid ministers and ministries nationally and internationally that would desire to relate to others of like vision. In providing spiritual covering and accountability, ministers and churches are able to grow stronger and healthier under the leadership of a spiritual father. The result is greater power and productivity in the ministers, producing true New Testament churches that are apostolic in nature.

Carry The Fire Ministries (CTFM) functions under the same general vision, but we do not believe we should promote conformity in the operation of any CTFM related ministries. The Scripture declares, "There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord" (I Corinthians 12:5). We encourage a freedom that allows for different styles and methods, as long as they do not violate the Word of God.

Although we believe in divine Government, we teach that government is not an end in itself, but a means to an end: i.e., the orderly connection of ministers for effective promotion of the Kingdom of God. Therefore we remain flexible and do not major on structure, but on life within the structure. While we do not actively recruit ministers we are open to other ministers becoming related to us.

CTFM is a Tennessee 501c-3 non-profit ministry under the apostolic leadership of Steve and Joan Driessen.

Our Goal

The goal of the Carry The Fire Ministries (CTFM) cell is to be a relationship-based ministry. We recognize that we are first all related to the Lord and His Word through salvation. Second, we are related to all who honor His Name. Third, we are related in a very practical, functional way with all who choose to join with us in our sphere of labors and the commitment of taking the Gospel into the whole world. We appreciate your interest in the CTFM.

Section 1 – Levels of Membership

CTFM provides two levels of membership for those involved in or desiring to be involved in full-time ministry. Each level allows for increased activity in CTFM but also brings increased responsibility for carrying out the mandates of God.

License

The Bible states, “Lay hands on no man suddenly...” For those who are now entering full-time ministry or nearing the end of their preparation stage for ministry, the licensing period provides a season of proving one’s ministry call under the oversight of godly leaders who will make available input, counsel, accountability and endorsement of you and your ministry. It also offers a time of building relationship with other members of CTFM through attendance of CTFM activities and conferences.

Licensing will be for a minimum period of one year. After this time, the licensee will be interviewed and the decision will be made to either present them for ordination or have them continue as licensed, with further steps of preparation recommended. A license will not be renewed if the licensee fails to meet the requirements of membership.

During this licensing stage, we do not allow candidates to perform weddings without prior approval. After completion of this licensing stage, ordained ministers will be released to perform all functions of the Church.

Ordination

Becoming ordained into ministry is a milestone in the life of any believer. Ordination is a spiritual confirmation and public acknowledgement of God’s call upon your life by proven anointed ministry leaders. Upon recognition of God’s call on your life, we will set you apart for ministry by the laying on of hands. This is a very serious step in the eyes of the Lord and man. The decision to ordain is not taken lightly for with ordination comes a greater level of responsibility, usefulness and anointing.

Please Note:

It is requested that licensed and ordained members send one-half of their tithe on a regular basis to CTFM for support of the various ministries and endeavors that the ministry is, or will be engaged in.

Section 2 – Requirements of Membership

If relationships are not specifically and practically defined, they tend to be vague, confusing and nonproductive. We believe that it is helpful to lay out certain criteria for members to help clarify matters and provide the most benefit for all. We believe the following guidelines will help you know and understand what is expected of all CTFM members.

As a member of CTFM, you must...

- Have a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ and adhere to the basic tenets of the Christian faith.
- Be a person of character, with high moral standards and integrity exhibited by a lifestyle worthy of the calling of a representative of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Possess a Biblical education or equivalent, approved by Pastor Steve Driessen.
- Be able to define the call of God on your life, the vision and sense of direction you have from the Lord.
- Demonstrate a desire to grow and develop in your ministry call and giftedness.
- Confirm your commitment and willingness to be submitted and accountable to Pastor Steve Driessen.
- Be a faithful member through tithing and attending CTFM gatherings.
- Be involved in or preparing for active ministry and be in good standing with your local congregation.
- Operate in compliance with all local, state and federal laws.

By presenting an application you are indicating that...

- You see the need to partner with others of like faith and vision.
- You are willing to participate in the activities and functions of this apostolic ministry network.
- You will give and receive the support experienced in a “family” of like faith.
- You desire the influence and input of “spiritual father” who expresses the loving care of our heavenly Father in helpful and beneficial ways.

Section 3—Applying for Membership Credentials

Having credentials with CTFM represents more than a “rubberstamping” of someone’s ministry. The desire of the leadership of CTFM is to develop and maintain relationship with the various members at whatever level possible through communication and participation in CTFM meetings and functions. This requires a commitment on the part of everyone involved. We do not take lightly the opportunity or obligation represented in providing credentials for individuals who desire to serve the Lord together with those of like vision and faith. Before applying for credentials we recommend you read Ken Sumrall’s publication *Apostolic Fathers and Their Families*. Copies are available through Amazon Books.

Applicants must submit ...

- Completed application.
- \$35.00 non-refundable application fee.
- A current photo.
- A single-page, typed, account of your personal testimony.
- A single-page, typed, statement sharing what you believe your call to ministry is and why you want to be a member of CTFM.

Upon receipt of the above items, an interview meeting with Pastor Steve Driessen will be set up. Once your three references have been received a decision will be made as to application approval.

If you have additional questions you may contact Pastor Steve Driessen @ (920)213-1066 sdinhim@yahoo.com

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Membership Application Form

Applicants are asked to fill out the application completely and return it. All information given is considered CONFIDENTIAL. Send applications to:

CTFM, Attn: Steve Driessen, 3363 Vinemont Drive, Thomson's Station, TN, 37179

Non-refundable application fee is \$35.00 per applicant. Make checks payable to: CTFM

General Information

Date _____ Male _____ Female _____

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

If mailing address is different than above please provide that information.

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Your DOB _____ Social Security _____

Marital Status: Single ____, Married ____, *Divorced ____, Widowed ____ * If divorced, please explain on a separate piece of paper.

Spouse _____

Spouses DOB _____ Social Security _____

Anniversary date: _____

Is spouse a member of CTFM? _____ Is spouse applying also? _____

Children's Names and Ages

What ministry gifting do you believe you have?

____ Apostolic ____ Prophetic ____ Evangelist ____ Pastoral ____ Teaching ____ Counseling ____
Administration ____ Helps ____ Leadership ____ Service Other: _____

Reason for Wanting to Become a Member of CTFM _____

On a separate piece of paper share what you believe your call to ministry is and why you desire to become a member of the CTFM family.

If you have been ordained before by another organization and are in full-time ministry you will enter CTFM as an ordained member for a period of at least one year. If you are new in ministry, not in full-time ministry and/or are preparing for the ministry and/or in process of building adequate relationship with Pastor Steve Driessen, you will enter CTFM as a licensed member. If not sure we will discuss the situation.

I am applying for Ordained, _____ Licensed, _____ Not sure. _____

Educational Background

Please include Name - Location - Level and Degrees

High School _____

College _____

Bible College _____

Seminary _____

Military _____

Ministerial Experience _____

Have you been ordained before? If so...By what organization _____

When? _____

Present Place of Ministry Name _____

How Long? _____

Address _____

Contact person _____

Phone _____

Position (s) Held _____

Previous Place of Ministry Name

How Long? _____

Address _____

Contact person _____

Phone _____

Position (s) Held _____

References

We ask that you have two individuals not related to you, send letters of reference on your behalf and one pastoral reference. References are to include their relationship to you, how long they have known you and a personal statement describing your call to ministry, character and integrity. Please have them send it to the same address that your application is sent.

The names of your references are:

1. Name _____

Phone _____

2. Name _____

Phone _____

3. Name _____

Phone _____

Applicant's Statement

I have read the qualifications and requirements given in order to be a member of the Carry The Fire Minister's (CTFM) I am in full agreement with all of them and I commit myself to follow them to the best of my ability. I understand that failure to do so could possibly result in the loss of credentials with CTFM.

Signature _____

Date _____