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If you are from one of these nations please contact the National Coordinator.

If there is no National Coordinator contact the African Zone Office and you shall be referred to a contact person in that nation or to an ACMI Ambassador who is closely connected to that nation



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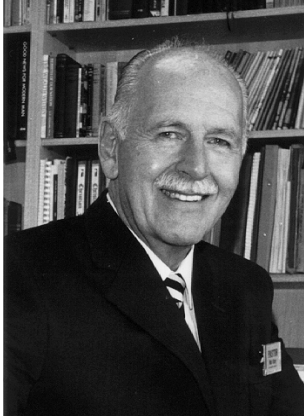
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ACM (AUSTRALIA)

There is a very close connection between ACM (Australia) and ACMI (International). ACM is a registered denomination for Australian churches only, while ACMI is a network of pastors from many nations from many denominations.

A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER OF A.C.M.I.



Dear Fellow Minister,

As a minister of the Gospel, the challenges and confrontations you face are rarely understood by those to whom you minister.

Few would ever understand the burden you carry for the flock of God or give a passing thought to the awesome charge that accompanies the call to ministry.

For some, the expectations of the flock and the demands placed upon the minister and his family have led to some form of breakdown.

Discouragement, burnout and stress within the family are far too common within the ministry.

These situations are often accelerated through isolation and a sense of being alone.

I recognize the need for ministers, united in purpose yet diverse in calling, to find friendship, fellowship and dialogue amongst their fellows. In association, a wealth of experience is brought together and shared for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

A.C.M.I. Fellowship affords relationship without the exercise of authority over any individual or local assembly. Association with the Ministers' Fellowship is personal and does not require the association or involvement of a local assembly. A.C.M.I. is a fellowship, not an organization.

As we are growing, there are already a number of like minded ministers who have father's hearts and will work with me to give covering and direction to A.C.M.I.

May this booklet strike a chord of response in your spirit.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hal Oxley".

HAL OXLEY

A WORD FROM INTERNATIONAL AND AFRICAN ZONE CHAIRMAN



Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision the people perish

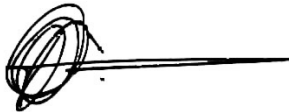


I have a vision to see the Church of Jesus Christ powerful, unified and effective in reaching the nations with the most important message in the world – the gospel of the kingdom. I, along with many other leaders, long to see every nation in our world come under the influence of the Lord.

We long to see the TRANSFORMATION of villages, towns, cities and nations.

While churches remain divided and ineffective in making disciples and fail to be a holy influence in their nations, witchcraft, religious fanaticism, tribal conflict and corruption continue to threaten the nations.

I am part of ACMI because it is committed to providing a fellowship that will help ministers across the body of Christ to have a vision for their people, villages, cities and nations and that will provide opportunities for unity, excellent training and most important of all bring glory to God.



RICHARD KERRIDGE

History of ACMI

ACMI was founded by Pastor Hal Oxley from Australia in 1989. He saw the great need many pastors had for meaningful fellowship with other pastors in their region. As result he formed a non denominational association of ministers to help meet this need.

Much has happened from a very small beginning. The concept of ACMI has broadened and spread into many nations.

At present ACMI has members in 15 nations with over 5000 members world-wide. ACMI Africa, where most of our members live, commenced in Malawi in 1994 when Pastor Richard Kerridge came from Australia to hold the first ACMI Conference in Africa. ACMI continues to grow with much interest from other nations in the Pacific and South and Central America be shown.

STATEMENT OF VISION & AIMS

ACMI MISSION STATEMENT

“To encourage and develop fellowship, unity, training and ministry excellence amongst leaders in the body of Christ that they might work together for GOD’S PURPOSES.”

IT IS OUR VISION

- To see the development of genuine fellowship and unity amongst ministers across the body of Christ, that will strengthen both them and the churches and ministries they are leading.
- To see the building of significant relationships with other ministers of similar vision and belief with the benefit of providing each other with support and accountability.
- To see ministers across the nations well trained and helping one another to be better leaders and ministers and thus being more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.
- To see, as a result of our fellowship, training and commitment to Biblical standards, the development of leadership and lifestyle excellence that is clearly reflected by the integrity, respect, character, pure motives, good morals and wisdom of those who are Christ’s ambassadors.

Membership in A.C.M.I. is therefore a serious decision. It is an honest commitment to be “my brothers’ keeper” and also to receive his advice.

OUR STRATEGY:

- 1 **FELLOWSHIP.** We endeavour to set up local area chapters where regular meetings are held with the purpose of knitting ministers together in fellowship and friendship.
- 2 **UNITY.** To foster unity in the Body of Christ between ministers, regardless of denominational or doctrinal differences. Of course we expect acceptance of our basic doctrinal statement of faith.
- 3 **ACCOUNTABILITY and COVERING.** To provide accountability and covering (mutual protection). It is not good for a minister to be isolated and alone. We all need peers we can call upon in times of trouble as well as someone with whom to discuss things. **NB:** We do not interfere unless requested to help.
- 4 **SECURITY.** Belonging to a genuine fellowship where there is no authority structure but where relationships are developed and where there is love, respect, integrity and trust of one another brings a real sense of security to members and their churches.
- 5 **TRAINING.** As we are able we offer help in training and teaching by:
 - a) Conducting seminars and conference.
 - b) Providing study notes to be taught by ACMI leaders.
 - c) Providing access to Bible College Courses where possible.
 - d) Personal discussion and counselling.

Ecc. 4:9-19 “Two are better than one . . . for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth . . .”

DEFINING THE FELLOWSHIP

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

WHAT IT IS:

It is:

- ◆ It *is* a fellowship of ministers and their spouses, who agree they are alike in basic doctrine (see Statement of Faith), vision, character, values and purpose.

Please Note: A minister refers only to those who are recognised as the leader of a movement, a church or those who work full time as pastors for the church.

Elders, deacons and other leaders in the church are welcome to attend most ACMI conferences and meetings but cannot be actual ACMI members

- ◆ It *is* a fellowship of ministers believing the Bible's pattern is for strong local churches as God's basic structure for His church.
 - ◆ It *is* a fellowship of ministers that provides teaching and enables members to bring balance to one another, impart new spiritual insights, strengthen existing concepts and add to one another's effectiveness in ministry in the context of willing accountability.
 - ◆ It *is* a regular gathering together of related ministries on a local, regional and national level, for times of enrichment, teaching, counsel and fellowship.
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WHAT IT IS NOT:

- ◆ It is *not* a vehicle for ordination.
- ◆ It is *not* involved in ownership of property.
- ◆ It is *not* a higher authority imposed on local churches.
- ◆ It is *not* a denomination.
- ◆ It is *not* an organization of churches.
- ◆ It is *not* a missionary society.
- ◆ It is *not* a provider of financial support for churches and ministries.

RESULTING BENEFITS

1 John 1:7(a) "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another."

WE BELIEVE OUR FELLOWSHIP WILL RESULT IN:

1. Many leaders finding a sense of IDENTIFICATION, by being able to identify with other pastors who have similar challenges.
2. Finding real enjoyment in the warmth of genuine RELATIONSHIPS and the development of new friendships.
3. Ministers and wives finding the SECURITY of mutual support as well as a consciousness of being "covered" by the prayer and advice of other leaders.
4. The opportunity to receive input from others' EXPERIENCE, principles of successful church life, an evaluation of current trends and the sharing of helpful ideas.
5. Ministers facing difficulties in their churches finding HELP from fellow pastors for *urgent* needs.
6. Receiving counsel, wisdom and fellowship from spiritual FATHERS in your own region, nation and even at an international level.
7. The availability of visiting MINISTRIES to respond to invitations to come and minister in your church, so bringing a variety of ministry gifts onto your platform with the interest and balance that this can bring.
8. In times of NEED (absences from your church, sickness etc.) brothers and sisters can be called upon to help if no local assistance is available. Other ACMI pastors can be sent to fill in during these or other emergency periods.
9. Regional gatherings at regular intervals for FELLOWSHIP, prayer and discussion about relevant subjects.
10. Equipping SEMINARS for specific subjects.
11. Annual National CONFERENCE. A time of refreshing and renewal.
12. Regular teaching and faith-building EMAILS from ACMI leaders if you have an email address and make it available.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Galatians 6:6 "Let him that is taught in the Word contribute to the support of him that teacheth in all good things."

Because of the special nature of ACMI we all need to understand our financial responsibility as members of ACMI.

We need to understand that ACMI is an association of ministers and therefore the only money available comes from those who are members. However, we do need money to operate.

So there is a commitment and responsibility in this area. This is a challenge, but at the same time it offers great rewards and sets an example for those we lead.

Financial Realities

To communicate, gather people together and organize conferences requires money. The costs include postage, paper, envelopes, equipment, phone-charges, arranging gatherings, the chairmen's travel and accommodation when no other resources are available.

Each member is requested to financially support the ACMI Fellowship each year *according to the arrangement of each nation.*

In cases where it is not possible to fulfill this request, then please write to your National Chairman explaining your situation and requesting release for the year. We do not desire to put any burden upon any member who genuinely cannot afford to pay their fees, however we do not want our members to be irresponsible about such matters.

National Chairmen will be responsible for invoicing and collecting of fees and will keep proper books of account. It is our aim that 10% of each nation's fees collected will be paid to the International Office in July each year. However, at present this requirement has been waived.

Some nations have a *support fund* and any nation may establish one. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to a member when some disaster or crisis comes upon him or his family, beyond his or his church's resources to meet. If the existing funds become drained, we will make a call for help in that nation.

The leadership of ACMI is pledged to exercise trustworthy stewardship with pure motives and with integrity.

Apart from a support fund, if in existence, it is important for members to realize that ACMI's International and Zone offices do not have financial resources available for those in need. Any special requests for help (eg: disaster relief) should firstly go to the *national* office.

At this stage all the costs for running the International and Zone offices are met freely and willingly by the Chairman's church; and the national offices running costs are met from annual fees and their chairman's church.

For more information on ACMI Financial Policies see our *Procedures Manual*.

Act 20:35 "And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

LEADERSHIP OF ACMI

1 Timothy 3:1-7 “Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without . . .”

The ACMI International Council

The International leadership of the Minister’s Fellowship will be conducted by an International Apostolic Council, made up of the International Chairman, the Zone Chairmen and any National Chairman or ACMI member considered beneficial to the Council’s operation.

This is presently made up of Richard Kerridge (Chairman); John Meadth (Deputy-Chairman); Lyle Slinger (Deputy-Chairman Africa) and Peter Owen.

It’s Duties include: [With the help of A.C.M.I. members]

- 1 Vision and direction for A.C.M.I.
- 2 Assisting doctrinal accuracy through the issue of studies or their discussion at seminars. However, there is no intention to impose doctrinal viewpoints.
- 3 Setting up and selecting speakers for A.C.M.I. International conferences.
- 4 Establishing membership requirements, and handling matters of discipline.
- 5 Responsibility for finance handling including supervision of an annual finance report in each nation and at International Headquarters.
- 6 Selecting and appointing the International Chairman.
- 7 The International Chairman will endeavour to send Minister’s letters to National Leaders several times a year, dealing with current issues.

No constitution has been prepared and the *ACMI Handbook* and the *ACMI Leaders Manual* serve as our operation guides. It is desired that members be free of administration and organization concerns so that they may benefit from fellowship and ministry input when we gather together.

ACMI Zone Council

An ACMI Zone is an association of ministers and their spouses that is overseen by a geographical area of related nations with a zone chairman and his executive, and then national chairmen and their executives, regional (provincial) chairman and their executives; district chairmen and their executives and finally at the grass roots level by a local chairman and his executive.

ACMI Zone Council Responsibilities

- 1 The vision and direction of the Zone
- 2 Helping to organize Zone conferences.
- 3 Establishing ACMI membership and ACMI Zone operational procedures.
- 4 Handling matters of discipline at National Executive levels.
- 5 Responsibility for supervision of an annual finance report from each nation
- 6 Giving advice to the International Council in the selecting of the Zone Chairman.

Please Note: Much greater detail about the leadership of ACMI can be found in the *ACMI Procedures Manual*.

ACMI Australian Support Churches

We have now a number of Australian churches that have chosen to become committed supporters of ACMI in developing nations. These churches are an extremely important part of ACMI. In fact they make it possible for us to go into new nations and to make ACMI run more successfully.

Kinds of Partnerships

1. **ACMI National Support Church.** This is a church that is partnering with an ACMI nation, their chairman and executive, with the purpose of helping them hold conferences, train pastors and do what is necessary to be more effective.
2. **ACMI General Support Church.** This is a church that regularly supports ACMI financially and is involved in sending teams to ACMI conferences in various parts of the world.

Please Note: While these churches help as they are able, the final financial responsibility is with each ACMI nation.

ACMI National Support Churches

Zimbabwe Support Church: Pastor Lyle and Anthea Slinger and *South Burnett Ministries* in Kingaroy

Mozambique Support Church: Pastor Peter and Dawn Owen and *Parkside International Ministries* in Melbourne

Tanzania Support Church: Pastor John and Josie Meadth and *Liberty Family Church* in Healesville

Myanmar, International Office and ACMI Africa Support Church: *Liberty Christian Church* in Melbourne; and also Pastor Barrie Roland-Hornblow

ACMI General Support Churches:

Pastor Mark and Wendy Habgood and *Christian Fellowship Centre* in Albury have been faithfully giving to the work of God, especially in Malawi.

Others Needed!



Richard Kerridge and Lyle and Anthea Slinger with members of South Burnett Ministries from Queensland, Australia in Zimbabwe.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Titus 1:9 "Holding fast the faithful word . . . "

To become a member of A.C.M.I. it is required that we believe in:

- ◇ The divine inspiration and authority of the Holy Scripture.
- ◇ The one and living God eternally existent in three persons in unity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ◇ The inherent corruptness of man through the fall, the necessity for repentance and the regeneration by grace through faith alone and the eternal separation from God of the finally impenitent.
- ◇ The Virgin Birth, sinless life, atoning death, triumphant resurrection, ascension and abiding intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ◇ Justification and sanctification of the believer at the throne of God through faith in the finished work of Christ.
- ◇ The Sacraments of Baptism in water and of the Lord's Supper.
- ◇ The security of the believer as he abides in Christ.
- ◇ The empowering of the believer by the Holy Spirit.
- ◇ Church government and leadership by Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Elders and Deacons. We understand that differing names may be used by some churches
- ◇ The personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the eternal fellowship with Christ of all born-again believers.
- ◇ Recognition of the Body of Christ as made up of all born-again, on-going believers, regardless of denomination.
- ◇ Please Note: These are guidelines for the national executive to use. However it is never ACMI's aim to exclude any minister who loves the Lord and desires fellowship with other ministers.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A.C.M.I.

Psalm 133:1 "How pleasant and how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

- 1 A member of A.C.M.I. needs to recommend you
- 2 A letter of reference from an ACMI member is required.
- 3 Submit an application form (copy in this booklet at back) with your ACMI recommender's signature and the letter of reference.
- 4 Post to: The ACMI Chairman IN YOUR NATION

OR

if there is no National Chairman, to the contact person for your nation or to the International Chairman (See Page 3)

- 5 The National Chairman, with the help of the national executive, will consider your application and if necessary he will contact the person who recommended you.
- 6 You will be advised of the decision made on your application and from the time of such approval, you will be a member.
- 7 If your application is approved, you will be officially welcomed into fellowship at the next annual meeting of your nation.
- 8 On coming into fellowship, you will receive a credential card for your wallet and will be placed on the mailing list for minister's letters from your national or regional chairman.
- 9 If you have an email address you will receive helpful articles, information and teachings from the International and/or Zone Chairmen.

ACMI APPLICATION FORM

(ZONE: _____)

(AFRICA, ASIA, PACIFIC, EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA)

YOUR NAME: (Print in Full)

(Title) (First Name) (Surname/Last Name)

HOME ADDRESS:

Postcode: _____ NATION: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ SPOUSE NAME: _____ NO. OF CHILDREN: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

(If Different to Home Address)

CHURCH NAME: _____

CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

YOUR PRESENT POSITION IN THE CHURCH: _____

FOR HOW LONG? _____ Full Time Part Time

OTHER EXPERIENCE: _____

DENOMINATIONAL BACKGROUND: (if any) _____

PRESENT DENOMINATION AFFILIATION: (if any) _____

YES, I WISH TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A.C.M.I. (Please tick box)

NAME OF ACMI MEMBER RECOMMENDING YOU (if possible): _____

OTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY WISH TO ADD: _____

Please forward to:

The A.C.M.I. Chairman or contact person in your nation. (See Pages 3 and 4 in Handbook)

*If there is no National Chairman or address for your nation then send to the Zone or International Chairman of A.C.M.I.