



Associated Christian Ministers
International

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and ministry excellence amongst leaders in the body of
Christ that they might work together for GOD’S
PURPOSES.”*

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ACM (AUSTRALIA) and ACMI (INTERNATIONAL)

There is a very close connection between ACM (Australia) and ACMI (International).
ACM is a registered denomination for Australian churches and ministries only.

Website: www.acm.org.au

ACMI is a network of pastors and their spouses from many nations from many denominations
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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 black ink that reads "Hal Oxley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

HAL OXLEY

Pastor Oxley will be 103 years of age this year (2019). He is still writing, studying and mentoring pastors. He and his wife, Jill are both well and continue to be a great inspiration to many people. He continues to be interested and supportive of ACMI.

A WORD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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



We have a vision to see the Church of Jesus Christ powerful, unified and effective in proclaiming the gospel of the God's kingdom and thus demonstrating the love and goodness of God to all people.

We long to see the TRANSFORMATION of villages, towns, cities and nations where righteousness, honesty, goodness and peace have dominion.

While leaders and their churches remain divided and fail to be a holy influence in their nations, witchcraft, religious fanaticism, injustice, conflict and corruption continue to devastate the nations of our world.

ACMI 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 bring glory to God.



RICHARD KERRIDGE

History of ACMI

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

Much has happened from its early days. Initially it operated in Australia and then in Holland and one or two Asian nations. The concept of ACMI has since then been caught and broadened and spread into many nations.

At present ACMI has members in at least a dozen nations with over 5000 members world-wide. Nearly all our members come from Africa and Asia.

ACMI Africa, where most of our members live, commenced in Malawi in 1994 when Pastor Richard Kerridge and Pastor Nedson Milanzi worked together to hold the first ACMI Conference in Africa.

As our world changes, so ACMI must change the way it operates. Recently we launched ACMI *iMembers* (which is available for pastors and leaders who may not be able to attend ACMI meetings but desire email communication where advice, teaching and helpful information can be shared.

On 1 March, 2018, Pastor Kerridge handed over the responsibility for the African Zone to Pastor Richard Dube. Ps. Kerridge will continue as ACMI International Chairman.

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 intervene 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 conferences.
 - b) Providing study notes to be taught by ACMI leaders.
 - c) Providing access to Bible College Courses where possible.
 - d) Providing 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 a leader of a movement, ministry or a church or those who work as recognised ministers for a church or Christian ministry.

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 congregations as God's basic structure for His body on earth. These may vary considerably in their size and how they function.
- ◆ 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.

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 their spouses 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.

This means that 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 ministers are encouraged to write to their National Chairman explaining their 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.

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 (Example: disaster relief) should firstly go to the *local* or *national* office.

All the costs for running the International office, including any travel or accommodation, are met freely and willingly by the chairman and a few loyal supporters. He doesn’t have the financial support of a church and he does not receive any fees from ACMI members. It is therefore unfair to ask for him for financial support. The national offices’ running costs should be met from annual fees. ACMI chairmen and executives should not take out loans to carry out its work.

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

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE 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 Chairmen who are able to attend our AGM, and those ACMI members considered beneficial to the Council’s operation.

This is presently made up of Richard Kerridge (Chairman); Richard Dube; Lyle Slinger; Peter Owen; Dawn Owen (secretary); and Barrie Rowland-Hornblow. During the last few years we have been blessed to have Ps. Nadasena Hewage, our chairman from Sri Lanka, attend our executive meeting.

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 integrity through the issue of studies and 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 if they take place.
- 4 Establishing membership requirements, and handling matters of discipline.
- 5 Overseeing International matters and overseeing National Annual Reports, including finance reports, when there is no Zone Chairman and executive .
- 6 Selecting and appointing the international chairman and other executive members
- 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* serves as our operation guide. 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. We recognise that different nations require different forms of organisation and accountability.

ACMI Zone Council

An ACMI Zone refers to a geographical region such as Africa or Asia that is overseen by the Zone chairman and his executive (the national chairmen and any others added by the 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 report, including a finance report, from each nation.
- 6 Keeping the International Chairman informed as agreed.

If there is no Zone Council everything is dealt with either at an international or national level.

ACMI Australian Support

A Brief History

During the years we have had a small number of Australian churches that have chosen to become committed supporters of ACMI in developing nations. These churches were an extremely important part of ACMI. In fact they made it possible for us to go into new nations and to make ACMI run more successfully. For various reasons only one or two of these churches still provide this help.

An 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 become established, hold conferences, train pastors and do what is necessary to be more effective.

ACMI National Support Churches—Past and Present

Life Ministry Centre in Melbourne, under the leadership of Pastor Hal Oxley (and later Graham Nelson), initially was the church that initiated and supported the ministry of ACMI in Europe and Asia.

Liberty Christian Church, in Melbourne, under the leadership of Pastor Richard and Dianne Kerridge, helped to see ACMI in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania and a numbers of other African and Asian nations become established.

Liberty Family Church in Healesville, under the leadership of Pastor John and Jocie Meadth (and later under Pastor David Hernandez), helped ACMI in Tanzania.



Richard Kerridge and Lyle and Anthea Slinger with members of South Burnett Ministries from Queensland, Australia. (Bulawayo, Zimbabwe—September 1997)

South Burnett Ministries in Kingaroy, under the leadership of Pastor Lyle and Anthea Slinger, have helped and continue to help ACMI in Zimbabwe, Botswana and Uganda.

Parkside International Ministries in Melbourne, until recently under the leadership of Pastor Peter and Dawn Owen, have helped and continue to help in ACMI in Mozambique

Churches such as **Christian Fellowship Centre** in Albury, pastored by Mark and Wendy Habgood (and now Kim and Heather Wade), have been faithfully giving to the work of God in Africa and some individuals, such as **Pastor Barrie Rowland-Hornblow** (ACTS 29ers), helped to support the work of ACMI in Sri Lanka.

Self-Sufficiency

While these churches and individuals helped as they were able, the final financial responsibility is with each ACMI nation.

The aim is always to help the ACMI nation where they are working to become self-sufficient.

ACMI owes a special thank you to these churches and individuals and the work of our Ambassadors at large. As a result ACMI has become established in over a dozen nations.

Now the challenge is for each nation to take up the responsibility for its own future.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

In A.C.M.I. we believe in:

- ◇ The divine inspiration and authority of the Holy Scripture.
- ◇ The one eternally existent Triune God who exists in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ◇ The sinful and lost state of those outside of Christ.
- ◇ Salvation by God's grace through faith in Christ.
- ◇ 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 empowering of the believer by the Holy Spirit and the free availability of the gifts of the Spirit.
- ◇ Church government and leadership by apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, elders and deacons. We accept that a variety of names and titles may be used by different churches and denominations.
- ◇ The personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the eternal fellowship with Christ of all believers.
- ◇ Recognition of the Body of Christ as being made up of all genuine 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 Jesus Christ 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 with your ACMI recommender's signature and the letter of reference.
- 4 Email or post to: The ACMI Chairman IN YOUR NATION

OR

if there is no National Chairman for your nation please send to the Zone Chairman or International Chairman

- 5 The National Chairman, with the help of the national executive, will consider your application and if necessary will contact the person who recommended you and on some occasions may require a meeting with 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 ACMI credential card for your wallet and will be placed on the mailing list for minister's letters from your national chairman.
- 9 Each nation will have its own regulations about maintaining membership status within ACMI.
- 10 If you have an email address you will receive helpful articles, information and teachings from the international and/or national chairmen.
- 11 iMembership is separate from normal ACMI national membership and requires the completion of a different application form. iMembers do not receive a membership card.

ACMI APPLICATION FORM

(NATION _____)

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.

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

ACMI iMembership Application Form

NATION _____

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

YOUR NAME: (Print CLEARLY)

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

GENDER: _____

AGE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS : _____

CELL/MOBILE PHONE: + _____

CHURCH NAME: _____

MY FAMILY (Wife and Children) _____

YOUR PRESENT MINISTRY/POSITION IN THE CHURCH: _____

FOR HOW LONG? _____

OTHER EXPERIENCE: _____

DENOMINATIONAL BACKGROUND: (if any) _____

I understand that ACMI iMembership is for Pastors and Christian leaders who desire to receive emails from ACMI that provide teaching, articles, advice and helpful information for their lives and ministry.

I understand that I should not use my ACMI iMembership as an avenue for asking for financial support or monetary aid from ACMI.

I understand that ACMI iMembership is free of charge.

(Please tick box) if you agree to these terms of membership

Please Note: If emails sent to your email box “bounce” or are rejected your name may be deleted from the email list. We recommend that you email us if you have not received any of our emails for over six months. Also please email us if you change your email address.

Please the completed form return to:

A scanned copy to Ps. Richard Kerridge: rkerridge@optusnet.com.au

OR

Post to Richard Kerridge, 24a Bridgewater Crescent, Karrinyup, WA, 6018, Australia

PHOTO GALLERY



ACMI Tanzania 2009—Lunch-break during a fellowship meeting in central Tanzania. Sharing around a meal is an important part of ACMI culture.



ACMI Philippines 2015—Delegates at Counselling Skills and Ministry in and through the Holy Spirit Seminar in Cebu.



ACMI Malawi 2013—Leaders' Conference near Blantyre. In our conferences we always aim to speak on subjects that we believe will be of practical use to those who attend.



ACMI International Leaders' Conference—Zimbabwe 2010. This conference gathered together the key leaders of ACMI from Australia and Africa.



ACMI Myanmar 2011—Healing Seminar. It is our aim to bring in speakers and ministers who are experienced in specific areas of ministry.



It is the faithfulness and commitment of men like Pastor Richard Dube from Zimbabwe (left) and the late Pastor Nedson Milanzi (right) from Malawi that have enabled ACMI to flourish in Africa.