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For years Ben and Judy Covington traveled throughout the world spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. They led thousands to Christ and assisted in the planting of churches wherever they went

After years of ministry, Bishop Covington had a heart attack which led to a major change in their ministry. Brother Ben felt a clear call of God to establish The Missionary Church International to provide Christian ordination to men and women who had been called by God to ministry in the same way that the circuit riders of early America were called and used by God regardless of their socio-economic position.

Since its founding in 1991 The Missionary Church International has ordained thousands of ministers and missionaries who serve the Lord around the world. Each minister works independently under the authority of God. With the exception of an office building, the church owns no property and does not give direction to the place or nature of any particular ministry. The Covingtons' concept of ministry and ordination has been hailed by many as an accurate duplication of the work of the first century Christian Church. They have been an inspiration to countless persons and have begun a movement that will serve the Risen Lord until His Glorious Return.

The Advantages of Joining The Missionary Church International

- Immediate Federal tax-exemption for your church or ministry. The average waiting period now for the IRS to consider your application is eighteen months to two years and the cost of submitting an application continues to increase.
- Ordination for you and/or your leaders. Increasingly, ordination is required for prison, jail, nursing home and hospital ministry.
- Benefits available to churches and charities such as state sales tax exemption (where applicable), special bulk-mail privileges, food bank access and many others.
- Access to a network of praying people, many with prophetic gifts, who are available to "hold up the hands" of fellow ministers. God has put together a unique group of ministers in The Missionary Church International.
- Independence and freedom are maintained for each ministry.

Requirements for membership are limited to those requirements which our Lord would endorse.

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:19-20

STATEMENT OF FAITH (continued)

K. HELL AND ETERNAL RETRIBUTION. The one who physically dies in his sins without Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the lake of fire and therefore has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or for repentance. The lake of fire is literal. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting", used in describing the duration of punishment of the damned in the lake of fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in describing the duration of joy and ecstasy of the saints in the presence of God. (Heb 9:27, Rev 19:20, Heb 6:1-2)

L. COMMUNION -- THE LORD'S SUPPER. We partake of the Lord's Supper to show the Lord's death until He comes. The bread symbolizes the Lord's broken body and the cup symbolizes the new covenant in His blood which provides us with forgiveness and relationship with God. We judge ourselves before we receive it for we know if we receive it unworthily (without giving it honor as the symbol of our salvation and considering our brothers), we are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Cor 11:23-31)

M. LAYING ON OF HANDS. In obedience to the example and words in the Bible, we believe in laying on of hands for blessing, for healing of the sick, to confer office, to receive the Holy Spirit, to receive anointing and for ordination to consecrate and receive the necessary ministry tools. (Mark 10:13-16, Mark 5:22-23, Acts 8:16-17, 1 Tim 4:14)

N The Missionary Church International believes that homosexuality, as well as every other sexual perversion, is sinful (Lev. 18:22, etc), offensive to God and destructive to society (Gen. 13:13, Romans 1:27). We believe that homosexuality is a choice, perverting the soul, and disqualifying the homosexual from the Kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9). As such, TMCI believes that dynamic ministry must be offered to homosexuals in the hope of conviction, repentance and restoration, setting the soul free from the bondage of homosexuality. The Missionary Church International will not issue credentials to a person who practices a homosexual lifestyle.

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What is The Missionary Church International?

TMCI is:

- A tax-exempt group of churches and ministries recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a denomination. Exempt group status enables The Missionary Church International to grant Federal tax-exempt status to the churches and ministries affiliated with it as subsidiaries.
- A group of ministers, fulfilling the Great Commission, whose goal is evangelism and missions, to "get Heaven into people and people into Heaven"
- A network of praying people who will "hold up the hands" of those in need.
- The parent church for Your Missionary Outreach which sends missionaries into the field, including those who are rejected by other missions agencies because of age, number of children, ages of children, limited funds, etc.
- Churches and ministries in most states and territories of the US and thirty-one nations located on every inhabited continent.

Although TMCI is considered a denomination by the IRS, it does not operate like any other denomination. One leader of a major denomination said about TMCI "...This is the closest thing to the new testament church I have seen". We are a ministry that allows each believer to do what God has called him/her to do. We welcome believers in Jesus from many different denominations including Baptists, United Methodists, Russian Orthodox, Anglican, Pentecostal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Charismatic to name some. Some may wonder, "how can this be?" The answer is, "Because we have a common glue in our Lord Jesus Christ".

We are a kingdom ministry: we do not care who gets the credit as long as the Kingdom of God is increased.

We invite you to join the hundreds of 'Faith Based' churches and ministries in the United States and in foreign lands operating under our covering; people who are making a difference for and in the Kingdom of God.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Endorsement and agreement with the (Trinitarian) Statement of Faith of The Missionary Church International.
2. Commitment to support the work of The Missionary Church International through a credentials or charter contribution.
3. Simple monthly reports stating the number of people ministered to and the number of decisions for Jesus Christ.
4. A pledge to pray for and a faith promise to support missions work through TMCI on a monthly basis.
5. Commitment to continue to study, learn from, and submit to the Bible. The Missionary Church International can recommend low cost study materials

BRANCHES OF TMCI

The Missionary Church International is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt faith-based trans-denominational organization.

Thousands of Individual Charters

As each church or ministry is chartered as a subsidiary of TMCI, it becomes a tax-exempt entity in partnership with many other Bible-believing ministries of various cultures and backgrounds including Baptist, Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, and Charismatic.

Your Missionary Outreach

YMO is a missionary-sending organization serving most of the TMCI missionaries. We receive and bank funds for these missionaries in the United States. The missionary can access these funds by check or debit card in the country where he/she is working.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

A. THE SCRIPTURES. The Bible is the inerrant, inspired Word of God, the product of Holy Men of old who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The Bible we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine. (II Tim 3:16, I Thess 2:13)

B. THE GODHEAD. Our God is One living and true God, Everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, the maker and preserver of all things. And in unity of this Godhead, there are three persons (or personalities) of one substance, power and eternity - The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. (Phil 2:6, Mat 3:15-17)

C. MAN, HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION. Man is a created being, made in the image and likeness of God. Through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. Jesus Christ, The Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the Devil. He gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man to God. (Rom 5:12, Rom 3:2, Rom 3:9-10, I John 3:8, Gal 3:13-14)

D. SALVATION is the Gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God. (Eph 2:8)

E. ETERNAL LIFE AND NEW BIRTH. Man's first step toward salvation is Godly sorrow that works repentance. New birth is necessary to all men, and when fulfilled, produces eternal life. (II Cor 7:10, I John 5:12, John 3:3-5)

F. WATER BAPTISM. Baptism in water is a direct command of our Lord and is for believers only. The ordinance is an outward and visible symbol of an inward and invisible work. Water baptism symbolizes the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. (Mat 28:19, Rom 6:4, Col 2:12, Acts 8:36-39)

G. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to those who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 1:8, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:5)

H. SANCTIFICATION. The Bible teaches that without Holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation. (Heb 12:14, I Thess 5:23, II Pet 3:18, II Cor 3:18, Phil 3:12-14)

I. DIVINE HEALING. Healing is for the physical, mental, and emotional ills of the body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. It is the privilege of every member of the Church today (Mark 16:18, James 5:14-20, I Pet 2:24, Mat 8:17, Isaiah 53:4-6)

J. RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE RETURN OF OUR LORD. At Jesus' ascension, the angels said, "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner." His coming is imminent. When He comes, the dead in Christ shall rise to meet Him, then those believers who are physically still alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (Acts 1:11, I Thess 4:1-17) He shall return to the Earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and together with His saints, He shall reign a thousand years. (Rev 20:6)

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