

# Apostolic Ministry Handbook

Governing Documents for Ordination, Church Planting, and Apostolic Networks

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## Core Values of the Ministry

Biblical Authority — The Holy Scriptures are the inspired and authoritative Word of God, governing all doctrine and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

Christ-Centered Foundation — Jesus Christ is Lord, Savior, and Head of the Church. (Colossians 1:18)

Holiness and Godly Living — Leaders are called to holiness, repentance, and obedience. (1 Peter 1:15–16)

Sound Doctrine and Discernment — Commitment to truth and protection against false teaching. (Titus 1:9)

Discipleship and Spiritual Maturity — Equipping believers to grow into maturity in Christ. (Matthew 28:19–20)

Dependence on the Holy Spirit — Empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit. (Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8)

Unity of the Body — Preserving unity grounded in truth and love. (Ephesians 4:3–6)

Kingdom Advancement — Advancing God's Kingdom through evangelism and service. (Matthew 6:33)

Integrity and Servant Leadership — Leading with humility and accountability. (Mark 10:42–45)

## Code of Conduct for Leaders

Leaders shall maintain spiritual integrity through prayer, Scripture, and obedience. (Psalm 119:105)

Leaders must live morally upright lives, avoiding conduct that brings reproach upon Christ or the ministry. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Leaders shall uphold sound doctrine and ministry teachings. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Leadership authority must be exercised in humility and love. (1 Peter 5:2–3)

Leaders are accountable to spiritual oversight and correction. (Hebrews 13:17)

## Doctrinal Statement

Scripture — The Bible is the inspired Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

The Triune God — One God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

Jesus Christ — Fully God and fully man; crucified, risen, and returning. (John 1:1–14; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4)

Salvation — By grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. (Ephesians 2:8–9)

The Holy Spirit — Convicts, sanctifies, and empowers believers. (John 16:8; Acts 1:8)

The Church — The Body of Christ called to make disciples. (Matthew 28:18–20)

Last Things — The return of Christ, resurrection, judgment, and eternal life. (Acts 1:11; Revelation 20–22)

## Leadership Qualifications (Biblical)

Leaders must demonstrate spiritual maturity and stability. (1 Timothy 3:6)

Leaders must be above reproach in character and conduct. (1 Timothy 3:1–7; Titus 1:5–9)

Leaders must hold firmly to sound doctrine. (Titus 1:9)

Leaders must serve with humility and care for others. (Mark 10:42–45)

Leaders must be faithful stewards. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

## Disciplinary and Restoration Process

Correction shall follow biblical principles. (Matthew 18:15–17; Galatians 6:1)

Discipline is progressive and proportionate. (Proverbs 27:5–6)

All matters shall be handled with fairness and confidentiality. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

Restoration is the goal upon repentance and healing. (2 Corinthians 2:6–8)

The ministry will act to protect the Body of Christ. (Acts 20:28)

## Fivefold Ministry Framework (Ephesians 4:11–13)

Apostles — Provide vision, foundation, and oversight. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

Prophets — Bring edification and exhortation aligned with Scripture. (1 Corinthians 14:3)

Evangelists — Proclaim the Gospel and equip others. (2 Timothy 4:5)

Pastors — Shepherd and care for the flock. (1 Peter 5:2)

Teachers — Instruct in sound doctrine. (James 3:1)

## Applicability

This handbook governs ordination, church planting initiatives, and apostolic networks operating under this ministry.

All leaders and affiliated ministries are expected to uphold these standards and principles.