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CONVENTION APPLICATION

FOR MEMBERS OF AN AIFA CONVENTION CHURCH

(Applicant must be a member of an AIFA Convention Church)

- Ordained Minister
- License Minister
- Certified Minister
- Licensed Christian Worker

PLEASE ATTACH A
RECENT PASSPORT
OR WALLET SIZE
PHOTO HERE.
APPLICATION WILL
NOT BE PROCESSED
WITHOUT PHOTO.

FOR A NEW CONVENTION CHURCH

(Senior Pastor must apply for ordination along with convention church affiliation)

- Ordained Minister & Convention Church Affiliation

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application was Received: _____
Requirements Met: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Testimony of Salvation Attached: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Credential Fee Received: \$ _____
Date Application was Approved: _____
Date Membership/Credential was Granted: _____
Date Application was Declined: _____
Reason for Declining: _____

The following information is needed for the processing of your application and for our office files. Please answer all questions. Failure to submit all necessary information as required, including photo, will result in a delay in processing your application. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY.

INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

1. Full Name: _____
2. Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Min. Rev. Dr. Other: _____
3. Social Security Number: _____
4. Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
5. Place of Birth: City: _____ State or Country: _____
6. Gender: Male Female
7. Address (Street): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
8. Address (Mailing): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
9. Country (if applicable): _____
10. Phone: Home: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____
Fax: (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
11. Marital Status (Please Check): Single Married Widow Separated Divorced Remarried
If separated, divorced or remarried, please give summary on a separate sheet of paper.
12. Name of Spouse (if married): _____
13. Date of Birth: _____ Number of Children (if any): _____
14. Names and ages of children: _____

Number of children living with you: _____
15. How many years have you been saved? _____ Date of conversion: _____
(Please include a testimony of your conversion on a separate sheet of paper)
16. Do you understand and agree that any unethical or heretical practices on your part will lead to discipline, which may include automatic suspension or expulsion from the local convention church and AIFA if you are a senior pastor? Or automatic suspension or expulsion from the local convention church and AIFA if you are a minister, deacon or Christian worker Yes No

17. Do you understand and agree that if you are suspended for unethical or heretical practices, you are subject to correction/discipline which leads to forgiveness and biblical restoration by leadership of the local convention church and **AIFA**? [] Yes [] No

18. Do you understand and agree that if you are expelled from **AIFA**, **AIFA** will recognize a new pastor chosen by the leadership of the local convention church or the leadership of **AIFA**, and that you must return your credentials (certificate (s) and card (s)) to **AIFA** within 30 days? [] Yes [] No

19. Have you ever held credentials for ministry? [] Yes [] No

If Yes, what organization? _____

Type of organization? Denomination [] Association/Fellowship [] Independent Church []

Name of organization: _____

What credential did you receive? _____ Date: _____

Address: City: _____ State: _____

Country (if applicable): _____

Have you left this organization? [] Yes [] No

Why did you leave? (if applicable) _____

When did you leave? _____

20. **EDUCATIONAL DATA** (Please check and circle all that applies and write name of school, city & state or city & country)

Highest Grade Completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

[] **Secular College:** 1 2 3 4 Name of School: _____

City & State/City & Country _____ Year: _____

[] **Secular University:** Master's Doctorate Name of School: _____

City & State/City & Country _____ Year: _____

[] **Bible College:** 1 2 3 4 Name of School: _____

City & State/City & Country _____ Year: _____

[] **Seminary/Theological University:** Master's Doctorate School: _____

City & State/City & Country _____ Year: _____

Please send copies of all certificate, diploma, degree and/or transcripts of all of the above checked.

21. If no Bible college or Seminary training, have you completed a Bible Institute or School of Ministry program (non-credit)? [] Yes [] No If yes, how long? _____. Did you receive a certificate or diploma? [] Yes [] No Please send copies of all certificate, diploma and/or transcripts of all of the above checked. Do you understand that you may be required to complete additional courses for the credential applying for under the **AIFA** Ministerial Credential Training Program. This is a special program designed for **AIFA** and is offered in cooperation with Adonai Bible Institute, a division of Adonai International Christian University. The program is specially priced and is offered as a non-credit course of study. You may convert to credit upon completion of the program by paying the appropriate additional fee required.

22. Have you completed the program/course (s) required for the credential you are applying for, if applicable? Yes No
23. Number of other theology/ministry related courses (*Write name of courses, schools, dates, cities & states/cities & countries on a separate sheet of paper and attach any completion certificate (s).*)
24. Number of theology/ministry related seminars/workshops/conferences attended (*Write name of seminars/workshops, conferences, dates, cities & states/cities & countries on a separate sheet of paper and attach any completion certificate (s).*)
25. How many years have you held ministerial credential (ordination, license or certification) (if credential was previously held)?

26. What is your present ministry or ministries? (Check all that applies)
 Apostle Prophet Evangelist Pastor Teacher Missionary Minister (Non-Pastor)
 Christian Worker Please specify area of ministry _____
27. Are you active in your ministry or ministries? Yes No If no, please explain _____

28. Are you presently a member of an **AIFA** convention church? Yes No
29. Do you feel led of God to join **AIFA**? Yes No
30. If you join **AIFA** will you be an active convention member and help promote it? Yes No
31. Will you be faithful to **AIFA**? Yes No
32. Have you read the By-Laws and Statement of Faith of **AIFA**? Yes No
33. Are you in agreement with the Statement of Faith? Yes No
34. Will you gracefully support **AIFA** financially when called upon? Yes No
35. When called upon will you gracefully contribute to **AIFA**? Yes No
36. Do you promise not to slander or deliberately harm your brethren? Yes No
37. Do you promise to refrain from gossip, evil speaking, and sowing discord among brethren? Yes No
38. Are you eager to extend the right hand of fellowship to your fellow convention and **AIFA** association members and all true believers, ministers, churches and ministries in Christ? Yes No
39. Do you promise to denounce and not entertain false preachers and teachers within or without your ministry as an **AIFA** convention member? Yes No
40. Do you promise to discourage religious pride, notions of exclusiveness, and attitudes that detracts from the work of Christ? Yes No
41. Will you disassociate yourself from any individual (or group), who persist in living in sin, or who does not hold the Bible as the Holy and infallible Word of God, our authoritative rule of faith, doctrine and conduct? Yes No
42. Do you feel a sense of responsibility to the universal Church of Jesus Christ (the entire body of Christ), your local convention church, sister churches, and your fellow ministers and members of **AIFA** and realize you will give account for your daily deeds to the Eternal Judge? Yes No
43. Are you determined to be persistent and patiently wait for God to provide for and promote your ministry?
 Yes No

44. Are you prepared to be faithful to God even if the results are meager and supporters are unresponsive? Yes No
45. Do you boldly open your heart and hands to your fellow saints everywhere to display that love Jesus aid would characterize His disciples in John 13:34-35? Yes No
46. Are you willing to help and be a blessing to others as opportunities arise? Yes No
47. Are you devoted to meeting the spiritual needs of all people who come across your path when possible? Yes No
48. Do you stand ready in season and out of season to share Christ, and to proclaim the Gospel wherever the Lord enables you to go (II Timothy 4:2)? Yes No
49. Are you ready to speak the truth in love without fear or favor, and declare the whole council of God as the Spirit leads you? Yes No
50. Do you promise to practice what you preach or teach, and provide leadership by your own example? Yes No
51. Are you willing to stand for what is right, though unpopular, and suffer shame for the Gospel, even unto death as a martyr? Yes No
52. Do you understand and agree that if you experience marital separation or divorce, your credentials will be subject to temporary suspension until a full and account of the circumstance is given to AIFA and proper counsel offered? Yes No
53. Do you understand and agree that if you are overtaken or caught in a serious fault including false teaching, you will be subject to scriptural correction/discipline, including termination from AIFA and the local convention church? Yes No
54. Are you ready to endure afflictions, deal with unjust criticism, lying gossip, severe opposition and persecution, and cope with satanic attacks? Yes No
55. If you ever fall into immorality do you agree to properly submit yourself for counseling for the purpose of forgiveness and a period of restoration by the leadership of AIFA or the local convention church leadership? Yes No
56. Do you pay your debt? Yes No
57. Apart from the Statement of Faith of AIFA, what is your personal opinion concerning homosexuality?
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58. In your opinion, is intimate co-habitation between unmarried members of the opposite sex acceptable to God? Yes No If yes, please explain:
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59. Do you believe the teachings of the "New Age" cult movement is an acceptable teaching for the Body of Christ? Yes No If yes, please explain :
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60. Do you have any type of criminal record? Yes No If yes, please give summary on a separate sheet of paper.

61. Have you ever been charged with sexual molestation or sexual harassment? Yes No If yes, please give summary on a separate sheet of paper.
62. Have you ever been involved in any other sexual scandal? Yes No If yes, please give summary on a separate sheet of paper.
63. Do you currently have any civil lawsuits or criminal charges pending against you? Yes No If yes, please give summary statement on a separate sheet of paper.
64. Give current pastor's name (if applicable) and include address, phone (home and work) fax and e-mail (if applicable)
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- _____
65. If you are not a member of an **AIFA** convention church, through what source (**AIFA** pastor, minister, church member, another individual, publication, website, search engine) did you learn of **AIFA**?
- _____ Name of Source _____
66. Are you now in full-time ministry? Yes No
67. How much time do you devote to your ministry? 100% 75% 50% 25% Less How much?
- _____
68. Are you supported entirely by your church/ministry? Yes No
69. Have you secular employment? Yes No If so, how many hours a week do you work?
- _____
70. Do you use any of the following: Alcohol? Yes No Tobacco? Yes No Narcotics? Yes No
71. Have you received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as an endowment of power for service to the Lord? Yes No
72. Are you at the present time living a clean, consistent Christian life, according to the New Testament standards of Holiness (Galatians 5:22-26, Philippians 4:8)? Yes No
73. Is Christ first in your life, and the salvation of souls more important to you than self-edification (Galatians 2:20, Romans 12)? Yes No
74. Are you careful to lift up the name of Christ and Him crucified, buried, resurrected and glorified (Christ glorification) rather than your own name (self glorification)? Yes No
75. Will you strive earnestly for Christian unity in **AIFA**, your local convention church and the universal Church (the entire body of Christ) (John 17:20-23)? Yes No
76. Are you now a soul winner (Proverb 11:30)? Yes No
77. Do you have a definite call to some form of ministry (Romans 10:15)? Yes No
78. Do you promise to seek the Lord first in everything you do and to be led by Him? Yes No
79. Who is the head of your Life? (Check One) The Lord Jesus Christ Myself
80. If married, who is the head of your family? (Check One) I Am My Spouse
81. What motivates you? (Check any two) Love of money Love for God Love of authority

Love for others Love of recognition

82. What do you see the ministry as? (Check one) A means of receiving wealth
 A means of being esteemed and served by others A means of receiving power
 A means of achieving religious prestige A means of having control over others
 A means of achieving social prestige The privilege to serve Christ by serving others

83. FOR NON-PASTORS: If you are not a pastor, are you faithful and loyal to your local **AIFA** convention church and leadership? Yes No Will you be faithful and loyal to **AIFA**? Yes No

84. FOR PASTORS: If you are a pastor, will you be faithful and loyal to **AIFA** and its leadership? Yes No

CHURCH INFORMATION

(Applicants for credentials only, please continue from "REFERENCE INFORMATION" on page 7)

85. Name of Church: _____

86. Position Title: Pastor Senior Pastor

87. Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip: _____

88. Mailing Address (if applicable): _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip: _____

89. Country (if applicable): _____

90. Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

91. (REQUIRED) Church's Employer Identification Number (**EIN**) (or registration number): _____

92. (REQUIRED) Are you incorporated in your home State? _____ please submit a copy of certified Articles of incorporation. If you're in the process, please submit a copy of your proposed/non-certified Articles. Note: A copy of the certified articles must be submitted to **AIFA** when the incorporation is done. **AIFA** can assist in the process, when requested. Foreign applicants must submit articles of incorporation, association, organization or any other formal registration as required by your home country.

93. (REQUIRED) Do you currently have an IRS tax-exempt determination letter recognizing the church as a legal tax-exempt organization in the U.S.? Yes No Please submit a copy of determination letter. If not in the proper government agency country, recognizing your church/ministry as a legal religious non-profit/not-for-profit entity. Foreign applicants must submit the equivalent letter or any other formal equivalent document as required by your home country.

94. (REQUIRED, IF REQUIRED BY HOME STATE) Do you currently have a State determination letter (Individual or Group Exemption) recognizing your organization as a legal tax-exempt organization in your home State? _____ (Please check with your State) Please submit a copy of determination letter if required your State. Check N/A box if this is not applicable to your home State

95. What is the approximate size of the congregation of the church? _____

96. If the church becomes an **AIFA** convention church, will it be active and promote **AIFA**? Yes No

97. Will the church comply with the terms of convention affiliation with **AIFA** and submit to its leadership? Yes No

98. Will the church be faithful and loyal to **AIFA**? Yes No
99. Is the church in agreement with the Statement of Faith? Yes No Will it abide by the same and teach the same?
 Yes No If no, please explain _____

100. Does the church teach or hold any other (strange) doctrine or view contrary to evangelical/fundamental Christian doctrine as found in Statement of Faith of **AIFA**? (Example: Teachings of the New age Movement, etc.) Yes No
 If yes, please explain _____

101. Will your church gracefully support **AIFA** financially on a continuing basis as established and when called upon occasionally when needed? Yes No
102. If your church/ministry is led to do so, will it tithe into **AIFA**? Yes No
103. Will your church/ministry endeavor, as much as possible, to cooperate with the ministries and activities of **AIFA**?
 Yes No
104. Does your church/ministry promise to discourage religious pride, notions of exclusiveness, and attitudes that detracts from the work of Christ? Yes No
105. Is your church/ministry willing to help and be a blessing to other churches and ministries as opportunities arise?
 Yes No
106. Will your church/ministry strive earnestly for Christian unity in **AIFA**? Yes No

REFERENCE (S) INFORMATION

All convention candidates must be recommended by an AIFA convention pastor (senior or associate) or three (3) ordained ministers of another organization (s). The recommender (s) must know the candidate enough to be able to attest to his/her character, life-style and ministry. Please present a letter of character, life-style and ministry from each of your recommenders along with this application. The letter must be on the recommender (s) official letterhead (or type all necessary information in the form of a letterhead), signed and dated. Please write names, addresses, phone numbers and other contact information below.

1. Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: Home: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____
 Fax: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

2. Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: Home: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____
 Fax: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

3. Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: Home: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____
 Fax: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

ANNUAL CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees must be sent along with this application or paid online @ AIFA website.

<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ORDAINED MINISTER AND CONVENTION CHURCH AFFILIATION	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ORDAINED MINISTER	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	LICENSED MINISTER	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	CERTIFIED MINISTER	\$85.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	LICENSED CHRISTIAN WORKER	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	SPECIAL OFFERING	\$
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED WITH THIS APPLICATION OR PAID ONLINE	\$

PROVISION FOR AMENDMENT

The church MUST make a provision in its bylaws (an amendment) declaring affiliation with THE ALLIANCE as a “convention” church with the following statement: *“(Name of church) shall be affiliated with Adonai International Fellowship Alliance, Inc. as a local convention church under its covering, and shall fully submit to its Apostolic Leadership.”* A copy of the amended bylaws shall be submitted to THE ALLIANCE. THE ALLIANCE By-Laws of the local convention church shall be in effect for all planted churches of THE ALLIANCE. The church must also do the following: **1.** Add the name “Adonai” to its existing name (Example: New Life Adonai Church), **2.** “AIFA” at the end of its name (Example: Maranatha Fellowship Church, AIFA), or **3.** “Affiliated with (or Convention Affiliate of) Adonai International Fellowship Alliance, Inc.” under its name on every sign, ad or document.

NOTE: THERE ARE TWO (2) SEPARATE AGREEMENTS BELOW, BASED ON THE AIFA ASSOCIATION STATUS:

1. INDIVIDUAL CREDENTIAL AND CONVENTION CHURCH/MINISTRY AFFILIATION

2. INDIVIDUAL CREDENTIAL APPLICATION

PLEASE SIGN THE APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT BASED ON THE MEMBER STATUS YOU HAVE SELECTED.

FOR SENIOR PASTOR:
DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS
AND CONVENTION CHURCH AFFILIATION

I hereby declare that I, along with my church, fully understand and in agreement with the statement of faith, purposes, mission and vision of Adonai International Fellowship Alliance, Inc. (AIFA) as contained in the by-laws. I also declare that we fully submit our church to AIFA as a convention church and will fully submit to the leadership of AIFA in the operation of the church. I further declare that all information provided by me in this application, including all attachments and exhibits, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am granted ordination and church convention status with AIFA, my ordination and convention church status may be withdrawn or terminated by AIFA, at anytime without notice before such termination, if any information presented herein is discovered to be untrue or misleading. I promise to abide by the terms of the credentials under the provision of the by-laws of AIFA. I promise that I will not misuse or misrepresent my ordination and convention church status with AIFA. If granted ordination, and convention church affiliation, I/we will obey all the laws of the land as long as such laws or law does not impede my/our mode of worship and walk with the Lord according to the Holy Scriptures. I/we understand that my membership with AIFA is on an annual basis and that my ordination and convention church affiliation must be renewed annually. The terms of this Application and Declaration of Agreement are in effect.

Applicant's Signature

Date

FOR NON-SENIOR PASTORS, MINISTERS, AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS:
DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CREDENTIALS ONLY

I hereby declare that I fully understand and in agreement with the statement of faith, purposes, mission and vision of Adonai International Fellowship Alliance, Inc. (AIFA) as contained in the by-laws; and that I'm a member of an AIFA convention church. I further declare that all information provided by me in this application, including all attachments and exhibits, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am granted ministerial credentials with AIFA, my credentials may be withdrawn or terminated by AIFA, at anytime without notice before such termination, if any information presented herein is discovered to be untrue or misleading. I promise to abide by the terms of the credentials under the provision of the by-laws of AIFA. I promise that I will not misuse or misrepresent my ordination, license or certification with AIFA, and I understand that this may lead to termination of ordination, license or certification with AIFA. If granted ordination, license or certification, I will obey all the laws of the land as long as such laws or law does not impede my mode of worship and walk with the Lord according to the Holy Scriptures. I understand that for accountability purpose, my credentials with AIFA is on an annual basis and that my ordination, license or certification must be renewed annually. Certification may be upgraded to license at renewal upon completion of the AIFA licensed minister training program. The terms of this Application and Declaration of Agreement are in effect.

Applicant's Signature

Date

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SENT ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE CHECK:

- PHOTO ATTACHED
- APPROPRIATE FEE: Enclosed _____ Paid Online _____
- COPIES OF MINISTERIAL CREDENTIAL (S) DEGREE (S), DIPLOMA (S) & CERTIFICATE (S) (if applicable)
- TESTIMONY OF SALVATION
- STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL CALLING, TRAINING AND HISTORY (RESUME)
- STATEMENT OF AMENDMENT TO CHURCH BYLAWS

NOTE: Below are two additional options for submitting your application in addition to the regular postal mail:

- 1. Application may be faxed and photo sent by email and tuition/fees paid online.***
- 2. Application may be or scanned and sent by email with photo attached and tuition/fees paid online.***