

I.C.A.L.M
International Covering Alliance & Licensing for
Ministries

*A Worldwide Apostolic Prophetic Ministerial Network
Fellowship*

A Brief Introduction



- Covering Without Control
- Affiliation Without Assimilation
- Community With True Unity

*The Lord spread a cloud above them as a covering and gave them
a great fire to light the darkness.
Psalm 105:39*

Getting Acquainted

International Covering Alliance & Licensing for Ministries, hereinafter referred to as **ICALM** is a Full Gospel Spirit-filled Apostolic Prophetic Ministerial network with members from coast to coast and in various parts of the world. Being a full gospel Spirit-filled fellowship, our affiliate members are comprised of those individuals with Pentecostal / Charismatic / Evangelical backgrounds and experience. "*Spirit-filled*" is the terminology that ICALM uses to define our belief system and we believe that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are still in operation today and that the Gift of the Holy Ghost is the evidence of his fullness in the believer's life by the utterance of unknown tongues. All Bible-believing Christians who study the Word of God are in agreement that the gift of tongues is present in the inspired Scriptures. In the New Testament two lists of gifts appear in which the gift of tongues is included. In 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 "*kinds of tongues*" and "*the interpretation of tongues*" are sovereignly bestowed gifts of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 12:28-30 "*tongues*" appears in the list of gifts. We call them "*spiritual gifts*" from the Greek word "*charisma*," suggesting that the gift is a special bestowment of God's grace. It is not a natural ability that one might develop, but rather a special gift given. And the Holy Spirit is sovereign in the distribution of these gifts. ICALM is a medium through which those of like mind, heart, and faith may work harmoniously together for the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. We believe that *everybody* is a *somebody* and every ministry that is of God is important to God and for the benefit of all mankind. Among the purposes and goals of ICALM is to assist and mentor all those called to Christian ministry through an *organized, reputable, apostolic prophetic network fellowship* thereby promoting *INTEGRITY, CREDIBILITY* and *ACCOUNTABILITY*.

God purposed and ordained that His messengers would come together in true unity and fellowship and be ONE in endeavor with Jesus Christ as the head and being fully dependent on the Holy Spirit for guidance. ICALM exists to help meet the needs that the messengers of God cannot conveniently meet on their own.

Our motto is:

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We look forward to hearing from you and extending to you the hand of Spiritual Covering, Relationship, and fellowship.

ICALM Offers Ministerial Credentials

ICALM offers several types of ministerial credentials in the five-fold ministry offices. They are:

- CHRISTIAN WORKER
- ELDER
- DEACON
- CHAPLAIN

- GENERAL MINISTERIAL LICENSE (Entry Level - Reverend)
- APOSTOLIC (Office of Apostle)
- PROPHETIC (Office of Prophet)
- EVANGELISTIC (Office of Evangelist)
- PASTORAL (Office of Pastor)
- TEACHING (Office of Teacher)
- BISHOP / OVERSEER (Oversees all five-fold Ministries)

Note: *A pamphlet can be provided upon request giving the general requirements for each ICALM ministerial membership classification.*

A ministerial credential card will not help you minister the Word of God, that takes the anointing of God, but licensing and credentialing do have several benefits including the “sense of belonging.” In addition, it provides a Church, Ministry, or Minister (clergy) proof of their ministerial status which is required by many in the marketplace, professional agencies, and institutions today. It also lends itself toward credibility where these secular institutions and others in the community are concerned.

ICALM members are submitted one to the other and through this submission a strong sense of accountability is formed. The actions and words of one affect the entire body. This type of unity allows for greater recognition and credibility in the Christian community and the world in general.

Churches & Ministries

Churches and Outreach Ministries can affiliate for many of the same reasons an individual clergyman would affiliate plus it opens the doors for interaction, fellowship, and networking. The ICALM organizational umbrella also provides spiritual covering for independent (inter-dependent) churches and ministries.

The word "ministries" is used in reference to an evangelistic outreach organized for promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and humanitarian efforts. These “para- church ministries” may include (*but not limited to*) emergency preparedness, addiction recovery, deliverance ministry, chaplaincy, prison ministry, hospital visitation, group homes and care centers, inner city outreach to the poor and indigent, teaching ministries, ministry of helps, worship teams, gospel singers, expressive dance troupes etc., and missions (*foreign and domestic*). Membership with ICALM provides these diverse ministries with greater strength through identification with the entire network fellowship of ICALM. Affiliate churches within the ICALM network will also have more access to available and anointed ministers and ministries within the fellowship of ICALM.

Legal covering is an important benefit of church or ministry affiliation. The group exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service provides protection for the contributor to the ministry and offers other government and non-profit tax exemption status. A special pamphlet is available upon request that gives more detailed information concerning churches and ministries desiring affiliation with ICALM.

The independent (inter-dependant) church may also align and affiliate under the covering and guidance of ICALM. For those churches coming under the ICALM banner,

they may become an official “recognized” ICALM church in their perspective city and state and use the authorized logo on church stationary and signs, as well as enjoy many other church start up “turn- key” privileges and benefits that our ICALM covering provides.

Alignment ~ Fellowship ~ Networking

Membership affiliation with ICALM provides the opportunity to meet, fellowship, network, and align with others of like faith and like vision. This provides an avenue to work with others to better enhance individual ministry. While there are areas of duplication in all ministries and churches, there are also areas of expertise unique to certain individuals. We cannot all be experts in every aspect of the Christian ministry, but this CAN be accomplished through alignment, fellowship, and networking with others. If nothing else, it’s good to get together with others and just be friends. We all need healthy friendships outside of our own four walls.

Church Planting and Start Up Ministry

Assistance is provided by ICALM to those desiring to pioneer a new church or ministry. ICALM will assist through resources, counsel, procedures to incorporate a church or ministry, set up of local by-laws and constitution and government, and assistance in acquiring all necessary tax exemptions. ICALM is also involved in planting churches and providing pastors for those churches.

Conferences ~ Conventions ~ And Other Spirit-filled Gatherings

Uniting together, serving together and supporting each other we learn from one another by the gifts God has given. To help promote fellowship and meet the needs of the ministry, various fellowship functions are conducted each year. As can be well understood, more frequent activities are conducted in areas of greater representation. But it is our desire and goal to see ICALM expand in all areas so equal benefits can be enjoyed by the total membership on a more convenient basis.

ICALM has at least one Annual Conference per year where it is HIGHLY encouraged that all members and affiliates make the necessary travel plans and financial arrangements to attend. In addition, in areas where possible, other fellowship functions are provided including Glory Encounters and Breakthrough Conferences. Glory Encounters and Breakthrough Conference are organized revival services with powerful praise and worship and anointed five-fold ministry leaders as the keynote speakers. It provides for ICALM members as well as non-members alike to come together in a spirit of unity, meet, get acquainted, and receive necessary encouragement. Most importantly they provide a great venue for spiritual leaders to receive a refresh Word and receive special prophetic impartation from the Spirit of God.

Foreign Missions

Missions, foreign and domestic, are an important part of the Christian ministry. ICALM has foreign members as a part of the fellowship. Corporate mission projects are carefully selected and funded by supporting ICALM churches and ministries. Any church or

ministry can send its mission support through the ICALM office for forwarding to the mission field. Presently ICALM sends dollar for dollar to the mission field minus any bank or financial institution transfer fees. Additional information concerning missions is available upon request.

Ministerial Educational Programs & Degrees

ICALM offers accredited Bible College credit through a 2 year AA-Associates degree, a 4 year BA-Bachelors degree, and 5 to 6 year MA- Masters and Doctoral degrees through Gateway International Bible Institute ICALM's Fast-track apostolic prophetic ministerial training center. GIBI provides corporate classes, online courses, and correspondence courses. Visit www.gibionline.org today!

Weekly corporate classes are currently held in Peoria, Arizona located at: 9299 W. Olive Ave. Ste. 601, Peoria, AZ 85345. Phone: (623) 486-5000

ICALM Membership How to Apply

Membership affiliation with ICALM either Individual, Church, Evangelistic Outreach Ministries, or a combination thereof are by Application Only!

An official application(s) is available upon request. A Ministerial Recommendation Form is required if the applicant does not have a current ICALM minister as their sponsor. Other references may be required or requested as necessary.

Membership is not restricted by sex, race or national origin. When submitting any application, a recent passport type photo and annual dues (fees) should be included. Applications received are forwarded to Apostle Dr Brian Alton, Presiding Bishop of ICALM and to the ICALM regional apostolic membership committee for processing.

The Current Annual ICALM Membership Dues Are As Follows:

- Individual Ministerial Credentials (Annually)..... \$100.00
- Husband / Wife Ministerial Credentials (Annually)..... \$75.00 each
- Evangelistic / Outreach Ministries Covering (Annually)..... \$200.00
- Start Up / Mission Church (10 to 100 members) (Annually)..... \$300.00
- An Independent Sovereign Church Aligning with ICALM (Annually)..... \$500.00
- Full Covenant ICALM Affiliate Church (\$200.00 App. Fee) 10% weekly tithes

Vision Statement

We are a Christ-Centered Apostolic Prophetic ministerial network fellowship called to help facilitate a stronger unity among the messengers of God, to create a medium through which those messengers may harmoniously work together in unity and to provide the necessary credentials, and spiritual covering , and assistance needed by the members to better equip them for their spiritual calling , purpose and destiny.

The Administration

The spiritual governing body of ICALM is made up of: A presiding Bishop (*Chief Apostle / Overseer*). Board of Directors made up of tried, tested, and trusted five-fold ministry leaders -- Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists, & Teachers local, regional, and international. A college of commissioned and appointed Regional apostles made up of

nationally and internationally recognized apostolic prophetic leaders who serve in an advisory capacity to the Presiding Bishop, Apostle Dr. Brian W Alton. More information on the ICALM Administration can be provided upon request.

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Dr. Brian W Alton is the Founding Chairman and Presiding Bishop of ICALM. He and his wife, Pastor Phaedra Alton currently minister and flow in all five fold ministry gifts of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. They travel locally and internationally under the banner of Brian Alton Ministries, International Covering Alliance & Licensing for Ministries, Desert Rose Community Church, and Gateway International Bible Institute, conducting revivals, crusades, conferences, seminars, ministerial training and other special Spirit-filled meetings. Apostle Brian is a popular conference speaker, local television personality, bestselling author, and Bible college Professor. He is used by God to help the corporate Church worldwide experience a higher dimension of spiritual maturity and freedom. He has a powerful Psalmist anointing which releases divine healing and draws the manifest presence of the Lord in his meetings. Dr. Alton is considered an Apostolic Prophetic leader to the body of Christ. It has been said by many of his peers that he is a spiritual Father and a "Leader to Leaders." Dr. Alton trains, credentials, licenses, and oversees many leaders and ministry organizations around the world.

In Summary

ICALM - IS a covering ministry medium through which those affiliated may work harmoniously in cooperation with each other. It is NOT nor shall it ever be a legalistic religious denomination which exercises ecclesiastical or hierarchical authority over its members. ICALM shall NEVER attempt to impose a single attribute of power or authority over any church, ministry or individual member that would limit the sovereignty of that member or ministry. However certain ICALM guidelines and policies must be in place to provide proper Biblical spiritual covering and credibility, but we recognize the sovereignty of all members under one SOVEREIGN, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Every minister, church, or evangelistic outreach ministry will be free to carry on their own programs as they are led by the Spirit of God. Members and affiliates of ICALM are expected to conduct their affairs and morals in such a way that would truly be reflective of a Christian life of holiness, character and integrity.

We offer the hand of fellowship to those individuals, churches and ministries that are genuine and sincere in their spiritual calling and can embrace the ideas and goals as put forth by **International Covering Alliance & Licensing for Ministries.**