



## **THE GLORY ALLIANCE HANDBOOK**

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## **ABOUT THE GLORY ALLIANCE**

The Glory Alliance (GA) is a fellowship of ministers, churches, para-church ministries, and organizations connected together by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of spiritual covering. The focus of this fellowship, through true covenant relationship, is to assist leadership to maximize the effectiveness of their leadership potential. Through vehicles of empowerment, such as conferences, seminars, retreats, and special meetings, the GA is committed to the development of men and women, assisting them in fully completing their mandate in the earth.

The GA is not a denomination, rather a fellowship that understands the need for accountability and covering, consisting of churches, ministries, para-church ministries, and organizations relating together in covenant partnership.

## **BENEFITS**

There are numerous benefits associated with making the connection to the GA. The covenant connection itself will provide members with the necessary tools conducive to equipping, expanding, and maximizing their ministry potential. Membership benefits include:

- *Ongoing Communications*

The fellowship keeps its members regularly updated with special e-mail blasts, timely letters, and other communications. This provides a way to stay in touch with Apostle Nesbitt and other fellowship members for special events and support.

- *Spiritual Covering*

The Glory Alliance is a fellowship of churches, ministries, para-church ministries, and organizations connected together by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of spiritual covering. Therefore, the members of the GA see Apostle Nesbitt as their spiritual father. One of the elements that you will find to be rich within this fellowship is the covenant relational aspect that is provided by Apostle Nesbitt and its membership. In addition, every member will receive an attractive official membership certificate, and an opportunity for five-fold ministry ordination from Apostle Nesbitt and the GA.

- *Exclusive Access and Meetings*

The Glory Alliance administrative offices will coordinate exclusive phone conferences with Apostle Nesbitt for the purpose of hearing what the Lord is sharing with him. These strategic times of sharing will birth within you the vision, passion, and direction of the fellowship, as well as provide helpful insight to the ministry that each member facilitates.

- *Gatherings*

One of the major mandates of the GA is to equip and train leadership to maximize their potential. Therefore, the alliance sponsors gatherings throughout the year such as regional gatherings, Sons and Daughters Advances, and the G3 Leadership Conference. These special times are designed to strengthen those that strengthen others.

Those that are members of the alliance have the benefit to access special seating at all G3 Conferences and other select events.

- *Resources*

Membership with the Glory Alliance gives you the opportunity for administrative and local church support training and leadership training. It is the aim of the alliance to partner with corresponding pastors and their local churches to accomplish their goals by providing experience, expertise, and leadership empowerment. This service is available to assist covenant members in taking their Kingdom operations to the next dimension.

- *Networking*

The Glory Alliance fosters fellowship between member ministries and provides the opportunity for genuine relationships to be established. Atmospheres are created where partners will be able to relate with like-minded Kingdom brothers and sisters. Being in the same area of labor automatically brings forth an appreciation in the hearts of those in the alliance. Furthermore, you will find that the GA is a place where leaders are committed to assisting one another in going to the next level.

- *Website Publication*

The GA website is a great resource for its members. Members will have their names, ministry, and other information posted on the alliance website. This serves as a way for other members to contact you and helps to recognize those that are within the same apostolic covering. Within the website, members have special privileges and access to certain information that non-members will not.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe the Bible to be given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, infallible, and God's revealed Word to man.

We believe that Scripture teaches that there is only one true and living God, who has chosen to reveal Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; Matthew 28:19; Luke 3:22)

We believe that man is a sinful being in need of redemption. (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Psalm 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:29; John 6:44; Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God and the Son of man. He came to save man from condemnation of sin by offering His blood as an atonement and making it available to all who exercise faith in Him. (Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. (Luke 7:50, 24:47; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 2:15; Ephesians 2:8, 9; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 2:11, 3:5-7)

We believe the Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being, and that the works of God, such as creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification, are also ascribed to the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4; Mark 3:29; John 16:8, 13; Acts 7:51, 10:19, 13:2, 13:4, 16:6; 1 Corinthians 2:11, 6:11, 12; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Peter 1:21)

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. (Romans 8:5; Philippians 2:12, 13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 John 2:29)

We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is given to believers who ask for it. (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:4)

We believe that all mankind is subject to the death of the body as a result of original sin. The soul and spirit do not die, but, immediately after death, enter into a conscious state of happiness or misery according to the character here possessed by rejection or acceptance of the Savior. (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Romans 5:12; Philippians 1:23)

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved to everlasting life and the lost, without Christ, to everlasting damnation. (Matthew 24:31-46; Acts 24:15; Revelation 22:11)

We believe in the personal, imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer. (Isaiah 53:4, 5; James 5:14, 15; 1 Peter 2:24)

## **STATEMENT OF ETHICAL CONDUCT**

“And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, ‘All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20.

Members of the Glory Alliance are expected to operate within the five-fold ministries as described in Ephesians 4: "And he gave some, apostles, and some prophets, and some, evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...." They are to demonstrate self-discipline as

instructed in Colossians 3: "Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

Toward this end, it is mandatory that members of the Alliance agree to be held accountable to all Biblical and ethical standards, and agree to pursue a life of holiness as outlined below:

- Live a life in the Holy Spirit and the requirements of the Scriptures regarding ethics, integrity, and moral purity.
- Maintain a life of sexual integrity.
- Live a life of marital fidelity as outlined in the Scriptures.
- Walk in integrity and model financial accountability in ministry and personal affairs.
- In every area of life, abstaining from anything that might be improper, or give the suggestion of impropriety, so as to remain above reproach and not cause the brethren to stumble.

Membership in the Alliance will be withheld from applicants or members found not to be exhibiting these characteristics, and/or modeling a lifestyle outside of these guidelines.

### **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

There are some networks, fellowships, and even denominations that require their churches to send tithes (10%), in addition to an offering. Apostle Nesbitt feels strongly that this should not be a requirement of those that are affiliating with the Glory Alliance. Many times this may be a little much for local churches, as Apostle Nesbitt is very much interested in the health of each local assembly.

Although each church and organization is not required to give tithes and offerings, each minister is personally asked to consistently tithe (10%) and give offerings. Tithes and offerings can be sent directly to The Glory Alliance mailing address or setup for automatic debit, monthly into our account.

Our mandate at The Glory Alliance is to further the Kingdom of God through true covenant relationship and to assist leadership to maximize the effectiveness of their leadership potential. Your financial commitment to the Glory Alliance will not only allow you to partner in the vision, but also contribute to its expansion.

Each member of the Glory Alliance will be billed an annual membership renewal of \$200 to cover administrative costs. For affiliates in developing nations, we ask that you would pray about sending the Glory Alliance occasional offerings as you are able to, so we may cover administrative expenses for your country. All memberships must be renewed at the beginning of the calendar year, and will be assessed a \$30 late fee after February 1.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Thank you for your interest in affiliating with The Glory Alliance. You may affiliate as a Five-fold minister and you may also choose to affiliate your primary area of ministry involvement, such as your church, ministry, organization, or school. For example, if you are the senior leader of an independent church, you may affiliate both, yourself, as a minister, as well as the church you lead. This may not be applicable if your church is affiliated with a denomination that does not permit such ministry oversight, in which case, you would only affiliate as a minister.

The purpose of Glory Alliance affiliation is to join in true covenant relationship and to maximize your leadership potential, while receiving the teaching, oversight, and grace of one of God's leading voices, Apostle C.D. Nesbitt.

Please type or print clearly. All parts of the application must be submitted in one large envelope.

- *Photograph*

Attach a recent photograph of yourself, preferably a professional photo. This photo should be an original, not a copy or printed version.

- *Glory Alliance Membership Affiliations*

**Five-Fold Ministerial Affiliation.** Affiliation for Five-Fold ministers only. If you are not currently ordained, select this affiliation and indicate in the next section that you desire ordination through the Glory Alliance. See the Handbook for further instructions concerning GA ordination.

**Church Affiliation.** Affiliation for independent churches. Application must be submitted by the senior leaders of the church. The church will then be submitted under the spiritual covering and oversight of the Glory Alliance. This affiliation may not be applicable if the applicant church is still affiliated with a denomination that does not permit church covering outside the denomination.

**Trans-Local or Para-Church Ministry Affiliation.** Affiliation for trans-local traveling or para-church ministries. Application must be submitted by the head of the ministry. Only officially registered, non-profit organizations that may seek this form of membership.

**Organization Affiliation.** Affiliation for non-profit organizations. Organizations must have a ministry focus in their mission, although not exclusively ministry organizations. This includes, but is not limited to, organizations that would be involved in humanitarian/relief operations, medical missions, international apostolic missions organizations, etc.

**Market-Place Minister Affiliation.** Affiliation for kingdom business leaders and market-place ministers who desire to impact their sphere of influence in the business world, ministering with apostolic and prophetic revelation. Although the business itself may not be submitted under the covering of the Glory Alliance, you, as a minister, and your involvement in the business would be held accountable to the Glory Alliance statements of faith and ethical conduct.

- *Glory Alliance Ordination*

If you desire to apply as a candidate for Five-fold ministry ordination from Apostle C.D. Nesbitt and the Glory Alliance, you must meet the qualifications below, and then submit a written request for review. This is not a requirement for The Glory Alliance affiliation, since some ministers have either been licensed or ordained through other churches, organizations, or denominations. However, we realize that there are some who may feel that because their previous ministerial licensing or ordination service did not involve the presbytery of apostles and prophets to impart and prophesy into their lives, they would desire to receive a fresh commissioning and ordination.

Ordination is only for proven full-time ministers who have bore the fruit (works) of the Five-fold office to which they are called and requesting ordination. Candidates for ordination must be of good character, meeting the requirements of I Timothy 3. To be considered for ordination, you must submit a Glory Alliance application for membership, including 3 letters of recommendation. On a separate paper, please submit a typed summary concerning your calling and ministry, and why you desire Glory Alliance ordination. This serves as your written request. An interview will be conducted with leadership within the Glory Alliance. Upon completion of the commissioning/ordination service, you will receive the Glory Alliance credentials in the form of an official certificate of ordination.

- *Recommendations*

If a Glory Alliance member is recommending you, you must furnish their recommendation, plus one other, for a total of two (2) letters. If you do NOT have a recommendation from a Glory Alliance member, then you must furnish three (3) letters of recommendation from pastors or ministers who have known you for at least 2 years and can personally attest to the validity of your ministry and character. Each letter must be attached to your application packet in a sealed envelope.

- *Method of Payment*

For those that are living in the United States and Canada, a \$200 application fee is required to be submitted with your application, which covers your first year of membership. If for some reason your application is not approved, you will receive a refund check of \$170 within 6-8 weeks. (Each application is assessed a non-refundable \$30 processing fee.)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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