



Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

This document provides the requirements that must be fulfilled in order for a minister or a pastor to be considered for membership approval in BREATH OF LIFE UNITED FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES INT'L. (BOLUFCI). As our name states, we are a fellowship, and not a denomination. These requirements are set forth for the purpose of upholding the standards and integrity of BOLUFCI.

BOLUFCI has three areas of membership:

General Membership – Available to **Bishops/Pastors** that currently holds ordination credentials with another organization or denomination and is applying for membership to come under the covering and **or** be an affiliate of B.O.L.U.F.C.I and leadership of our Int'l. Presiding Bishop. **\$75 one-time non-refundable application fee.**

All who are coming under the covering of Bishop Olford are asked to tithe consistently on a monthly basis into the office of the Int'l Presiding Bishop.

Bishops who are fully assimilated into the Bishopric of this fellowship (after review) are required to submit a \$300 yearly covenant seed.

Individual Membership – Available to individual **Licensed Ministers/Evangelist**, but must have approval of their Senior Pastor. **\$50 one-time non-refundable application fee**, plus systematic, consistent seeding into B.O.L.U.F.C.

License/Ordination Membership – Available to a minister who is currently in **full-time ministry**, has not received his/her credentials, and desires to apply for ordination through the Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches. Also available to a minister who is in **part-time ministry** and whose ministerial calling and gifts are formally recognized by the Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches Int'l. **A full-time minister is defined as one who makes his/her living solely through working in ministry. \$100.00 one-time non-refundable ordination application fee, plus monthly covenant partner seeding into B.O.L.U.F.C. This membership is at the discretion of the Int'l Presiding Prelate upon investigation of ministry. With additional requirements upon acceptance.**

*****All application fees are nonrefundable***

Membership Requirements:

- Completed and signed application
- Passport-sized photo of applicant

- Provide the following recommendations:
 1. **Ministry Recommendation***: To be completed by your pastor or a credentialed minister who have known you for three or more years.
 2. **Personal Recommendation***: To be completed by a friend or acquaintance who has known you for three or more years.
 - Signed Statement of Ethical Conduct
 - Ministry Statement
 - Copy of current Ordination or License Certificate, if applicable
 - Applicable Payment, as outlined above.
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BOLUFCI Approval Process:

- The applicant is responsible for making sure that all components of his/her application arrive at the BOLUFCI office in a timely manner.
- Review of the application will not begin until all components of the application are received by the BOLUFCI office.
- After the BOLUFCI office receives all components of the application, please allow 4-6 weeks for completion of the review process.
- If approved, membership credentials and paperwork will be forwarded to you. If denied, you will be notified in writing of this decision.

Every applicant is subject to these fees and it is required at the time applicants submit the Membership Application.

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY. If a question does not apply, type or print "N/A".

PERSONAL DATA

Official Title of Applicant: (Circle One): Bishop Overseer Pastor/Elder Minister/Evangelist

Name _____
(First) (middle) (last)

_____ Apt. _____
Present Address

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(____)____-____ (____)____-____ (____)____-____
Home Phone Cell Phone Fax

E-mail Address

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, Country of _____

Citizenship: _____

(If permanent resident alien, please enclose copy of green card.)

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separate ☐ Divorced

(REQUIRED)

SPOUSE/FIANCÉ DATA (IF APPLICABLE)

Name (first) (middle) (last)

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Date of marriage: ____ / ____ / ____

Is your spouse or fiancé saved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your spouse or fiancé in full support of your call to ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ACADEMIC DATA

(Circle highest level attained)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 GED Vocational/Technical 1 2

College: 1 2 3 4 Bible School Associate Bachelor Master's Specialist Doctorate

List all higher educational institutions attended and degree earned.

Name of School Dates Major Diploma/Degree

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Are you currently involved in full time ministry? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years? _____

Current Ministry Position: ☐ Sr. Pastor ☐ Assoc. Pastor ☐ Youth ☐ Children ☐ Music ☐ Other

If Other, please provide detail.

Are you presently or have you ever been licensed or ordained? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please list the denomination/organization and date credentialed. *(Please attach a copy of credentials)*

Are you a Consecrated Bishop? _____ If so, in what year were you consecrated? _____

Under which Reformation were you consecrated? _____

National Headquarters Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please name the Chief Consecrator _____

Please name the Co-Consecrators _____

**** Full assimilation into the Bishopric of the BOLUFCI will be determined after review and investigation. ****

CHURCH AFFILIATION

List the name of the church which you currently pastor or attend.

Name of Church Senior Pastor (_____) _____ Phone _____

Street Address

City State Zip

How many members attend the church? _____

How long have you pastored or attended this church? _____

If less than one year, list the name of the church you formerly attended, including pastor's name, address and phone number.

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STANDARDS OF A BISHOP/BISHOPS JOINING THE FELLOWSHIP

Much is required of the Bishop. Not only is the Bishop anointed to do the Godly work of the Kingdom, but in order to be effective in the role he must also become the picture of integrity and leadership when walking in the consecrated office. The actions, posture and life of the Bishop become more of an open perspective as elevation has taken place in their life of the Bishop and his family.

It is expected for the Bishop to walk and live above and beyond human standards in order to be an example of Jesus Christ. Though it is possible it is sometimes difficult. Bishops are to be the role models and spiritual examples to those whom they lead and in the capacity that they will serve. Because the visibility and notability of the Bishop increases it is significant that the lifestyle exemplify a life of Holiness that is acceptable to God. The reputation of a Bishop before consecration may have had its tainting in the past, but “if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.” The Bishop is expected to develop a life of discipline before consecration and become even stronger after consecration.

The standards of a Bishop are exemplified in the life of Christ and in the lives of the Apostles after they received the power and presence of the Holy Ghost. It is the sustenance of the Holy Ghost that enables the Bishop to walk in the expected Holiness that is required by Christ in the lives of all His followers. In order to maintain the integrity of the Body of Christ and the Fellowship it is significant that the standards of a Bishop are understood before consecration to this sacred office and that the responsibility of the office become the standard of life for the person of intent and question to ascend to this Holy office – “A Bishop must be blameless”. The standards are also listed and defined in the certificate of consecration.

By definition, a Bishop in the Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l., is “a consecrated member of the Fellowship who is entrusted with a position of authority and oversight.”

To protect the legitimacy of this fellowship, when a Bishop with a credential from another Reformation approaches the Fellowship about joining and they desire immediate consideration for full assimilation into the Bishopric of this Fellowship, they are agreeing to be placed in the category of Adjunct Bishop to the Fellowship with the requirement of placing a copy of their original credentials on file with the Office of the Int'l Presiding Bishop and making their initial submittal of **\$150** which is a part of the **\$300 yearly** commitment required of Bishops in the Fellowship. **(Not Excluding membership fee)**

Because the category of Adjunct Bishop is reserved for individuals credentialed as a Bishop by another Reformation who desire to be considered for immediate and full assimilation into the Bishopric of the BOLUFCI, individuals assigned to this category are recognized as having been received by the Fellowship, as a Bishop **pending further review and investigation**, based on the prescribed observation period for a jurisdictional or auxiliary appointment.

Credentials are required to be surrendered following the period of observation of **not less than 18 months**, and at the point an appointment is made to a jurisdictional assignment or to an auxiliary area of responsibility.

Upon completion of the observational period and appointment to a Jurisdictional or Auxiliary responsibility is made within the Fellowship, the Adjunct Bishop to the Fellowship would then surrender the credential from the previous Reformation or given a Certificate of Recognition of Credentials and become a full-fledged, duly consecrated Bishop of the Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l.

If the period of investigation proves that the one desiring assimilation into the Bishopric of BOLUFCI has not been done legitimately. The individual will be under consideration to be appointed as an Overseer in the fellowship and the **\$300 yearly** commitment will no longer apply. If they are appointed as an Overseer their yearly commitment will be **\$240**

Adjunct Bishops to the Fellowship are awaiting proper and full assimilation into the BOLUFCI. At that point the determination is made to the Bishop of Protocol.

Governing Protocols and Guidelines During the Observational Period

1. It is mandatory that the Bishop of Protocol complete an investigation and determine the legitimacy of the former reformation prior to the Bishop under observation being permitted to wear the liturgical vestments of the BOLUFCI. Therefore, during the first 12-months of the observational period of an individual joining the Fellowship, the Int'l Presiding Bishop will assign a committee lead by the Bishop of Protocol to investigate the former reformation to determine its legitimacy.
2. The Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l. traces its Apostolic Succession to Christ and the Apostles, and it is imperative that every Bishop in our Fellowship have Historical Apostolic Succession. Therefore, if it is found that the former reformation was not legitimate, and that the individual under observation did not possess Historical Apostolic Succession, which is the ability to trace the successive laying on of hands back to Christ and the Apostles, then the one under observation must go through a service of consecration and receive the laying on of hands, if works have been proven.
3. It is mandatory that those under observation attend the "Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops which convenes in the month of March, in Cleveland, Ohio; within the first 18 months of his/her application as a Bishop in the Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l. And must do so for a period of three (3) years consecutively.

Following the Observational Period

In any and all of the aforementioned scenarios, the District Bishop of the Bishop being considered must submit a copy of the application for membership to the office of Int'l Presiding Bishop. The Int'l Presiding Bishop will make a formal recommendation to the Apostolic council and the aforementioned steps implemented accordingly. At the end of the 18 months, the District Prelate of the jurisdiction of the Bishop under observation may recommend the said person to the Int'l Presiding Bishop and the Apostolic Council to be considered as a Bishop in the Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l.

No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop until the attainment of thirty (30) years of age; nor without the consent of the Int'l Presiding Bishop and/or the Apostolic Council, unless special dispensation is made by the Int'l Presiding Prelate. No one shall be ordained and consecrated Bishop who has not at one time or does not pastor a legitimate congregation at the time of consideration. (NOTE: If one is not currently pastoring it does not disqualify them from elevation) All consecrations shall take place during the Annual Holy Convocation of B.O.L.U.F.C, unless special dispensation is made by the Int'l Presiding Prelate).

All bishop-designates shall remain in that status for a minimum of one year after their Episcopal designation. This period has a mandatory attendance of a one week-long session of the Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops, not to include any Mid-Term Sessions of the College and other items/curriculum per discussed by the Presiding Bishop/College of Bishops oversight. This policy may extend the "Designate" status beyond the one year requirement.

All consecrations will be presided over by our Presiding Bishop and/ or his designees from among Bishops of B.O.L.U.F.C and, in keeping with the rich tradition of the Church, must always be done at the hands of three duly consecrated bishops, one with proper and verifiable Apostolic Succession. All candidates recommended for episcopal elevation must submit to a full background check and must submit any requested documentations to the Office of the Secretary General and provide the necessary information to verify documents. Other letters and interviews may be requested by the Apostolic Council and/ or the Secretary General.

All Bishops consecrated by this fellowship and those coming under the covering of our Apostle are required to tithe monthly on a consistent basis to our Int'l Presiding Bishop/Chief Apostle without fail.

Full compliance is necessary for candidates to proceed to “designate” status.

All documents and credentials are understood to remain the property of B.O.L.U.F.C and must be surrendered to Credentials and Records immediately upon request by the Presiding Bishop or Secretary General of B.O.L.U.F.C.

NOTE:

No Bishop who is governed by B.O.L.U.F.C shall initiate nor participate in any consecrations without the expressed authorization of the Presiding Prelate and the Apostolic Council of B.O.L.U.F.C. The purpose of this policy is to protect the integrity of this fellowship and the “right hand” of all persons who serve with our Presiding Prelate.

Anyone, without exception, found in violation of this policy will be subject to a council review. These actions can jeopardize the standing and respect of B.O.L.U.F.C within the episcopal community.

Standards for Overseers joining Fellowship

Overseers joining this fellowship that have been appointed as Overseer from another Presiding Bishop does not automatically make one an Overseer in the BOLUFCl. It is at the discretion of the Int'l Presiding Bishop to appoint all Overseers in this fellowship after much prayer and a complete investigation.

BOLUFCI ASSESSMENT

Understanding that a minister of the Gospel must maintain the highest moral and ethical standards; do you feel there is any area of your personal life that would hinder your ministry at this time?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain:

Are you familiar with the ministry of Bishop Clifford T. Olford? ☐ Yes ☐ No

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I understand that all items submitted to BOLUFCI as part of the application process become the permanent property of BOLUFCI and will not be returned.

This application will be held in confidence. Only those persons with a need to know will review it. I grant BOLUFCI and its leadership permission to verify the information provided on this application and all membership requirements.

I hereby state that all the information contained on this application and all correspondence with BOLUFCI is correct and true. If BOLUFCI is notified that any of the information contained on this application is false, it will be grounds for immediate cancellation of application procedure and/or revocation of membership.

Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Members of the Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l. are expected to demonstrate Biblical and ethical standards in their personal and professional lives. Toward this end, it is mandatory that members of the Fellowship agree to be held accountable and 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, abstain 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 B.O.L.U.F.C will be withheld from applicants or revoked from members failing to exhibit these characteristics and/or who are modeling a lifestyle outside of these guidelines.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

(Pastors: Submit the vision, mission and doctrinal statement for your church or Ministry)

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(PLEASE GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WORK IN MINISTRY)

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Individual \$50.00
- ☐ General Membership \$75.00 (covering or affiliate)
- ☐ Licensing/Ordination \$100.00
- ☐ Bishop \$150 towards \$300 yearly covenant seed **(in addition to non-refundable membership fee)**

Example: \$150 (towards yearly covenant seed plus either Individual or general membership)

Every applicant is subject to this non refundable fees and it is required at the time applicants submit the Membership Application.

Check method of payment:

(Please make Money Order or Check payable to Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Inc. and attach to this application.) mail to:

Breath of Life United Fellowship of Churches, Int'l.
P.O. Box 3524
Lufkin, Texas 75903

or

Email application to: breathoflifeunited@gmail.com

And send non-refundable payment to:

[Paypal.me/breathoflifeunited](https://paypal.me/breathoflifeunited)

or

[Cash.me/\\$BOLUFCI](https://cash.me/$BOLUFCI)