

THE ACTS2DAY CONFERENCE
CHURCH INFORMATION BOOKLET



INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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Thank you for your interest in the ACTS2DAY Conference of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church. IPHC Ministries is one of the most dynamic Pentecostal denominations in the world and has grown to almost 3.5 million around the world. For more than 100 years IPHC Ministries has been working and serving to touch lives with the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ. We are one of the oldest Pentecostal Denominations and one with a fresh vision for growth and ministry. I believe you will be excited about the vision God has given us to reach more and more people for the glory of God (2 Corinthians 4:15). We are certainly excited about the possibility of partnering with you in order that together we may expand the Kingdom of God!

The ACTS2DAY Conference is the most exciting and unusual of our 29 Conferences in America. We exist to help strengthen the Pentecostal Holiness Church in areas where we have had little or no influence. We currently have 8 districts in the United States: Alaska, Arizona, Arizona Hispanic, Hawaii, Metro Northeast Ministries (NYC and New England), Northern Plains, Montana and Northwest. We want to partner with church planters, ministers and churches that have a desire to build and grow. Our desire is not to own or control your ministry. We are here to provide a covering, wonderful resources and relationships, and be a blessing to you as you accomplish God's purpose and calling.

This Church/Ministry Membership information booklet will answer some questions you may have about the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Home Missions Conference. After you have read the material, please do not hesitate to call if our office can provide assistance. Additional information is also available on our website, www.IPHC.org.

In this booklet, you will also find the necessary information and application forms for joining the ACTS2DAY Conference.

We look forward to the opportunity of fulfilling the Great Commission together!

Dr. Ronald W. Carpenter, Sr.
Superintendent, ACTS2DAY Conference

W. Terry Lowder
Director of Operations

WELCOME!

We are very excited that your church is interested in joining the ACTS2DAY Conference! We are a growing national network of ministers and churches. There are many benefits to your partnership with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Spiritual Covering

Many churches and ministers exist all alone with no fellowship, accountability or structure. The day of the "lone ranger" church is over. When spiritual leaders and congregations network together, everyone wins!

Through reporting monthly as required by the conference, you have an accountability structure in a national 501(C)3 organization. Accountability is important in ministry today.

Help and Support in Time of Need

Where does a church turn in times of need and crisis? The conference provides leadership, experience, resources and wisdom. What happens when the pastor resigns, or even worse, dies? Many churches have faced devastating situations alone because there was no one to lend needed help. Having a relationship with a conference which can provide trusted leadership to offer support in times of need can be invaluable.

Quality Resources

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church has some of the very best church and ministry resources available. **LifeSprings Resources** is our very own printing and publishing company and has access to any resources a church may need. We are constantly developing the most cutting edge materials for church growth, church planting, materials and resources for all ages and ministries. Too many to list!

Our national Resource Development Center also has five general ministry departments which promote annual ministry emphasis themes as well as offer top quality conferences and seminars to help equip the church for a greater harvest.

Our Extension Loan Fund exclusively serves IPHC churches for construction and building purchase loans. The following is a list of just a few of the ministry departments ready to serve your local church:

1. Church Education Ministries
2. General Superintendent's Office
3. Royal Rangers for boys
4. Missionettes for girls
5. Women's Ministry Today
6. Men's Ministries
7. National Youth Quest and Talent Quest for Teens
8. World Missions Ministry
9. Evangelism USA
10. IPHC Extension Loan Fund
11. Stewardship Ministries and Retirement

It is our goal to help you become more effective as a local church. We want to partner with you to help you realize your ministry goals and potential!

The Mission of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Resource Development Center is:

“To multiply and mature believers and churches in worship, fellowship, and evangelism as we walk in obedience to the Great Commission in cooperation with the whole body of Christ.”

IPHC JERUSALEM PROCLAMATION

God is calling the Pentecostal Holiness Church to become a kingdom of worshipping priests who will worship Him with all their beings-spirit, soul, and body. We are to live lives of worship, giving praise continually unto the Lord. Our churches are to be noted for their praise and celebration. We are to learn a worship lifestyle that will model for the whole world what it means to love God with all your might, mind, and means.

God is calling the Pentecostal Holiness Church to become an army of witnesses who will live to share the good news. Our whole lifestyle is to be built around the compassion to witness. We are to feast in order to witness. We are to witness as we travel, as we study, as we eat, as we work, as we play. We are to choose our vocations, our homes, our church sites, our dress, our language, our friends, our neighbors in order to better witness to this generation. We are to change our lifestyles in order to become more effective witnesses.

God is calling us to a witnessing lifestyle.

God is calling the Pentecostal Holiness Church to become a unique instrument of world evangelization which will penetrate many un-reached peoples of this earth with the gospel. We are to gear up like an invading army to go into the strongholds of the enemy with our lifestyle of worship and witness in order to spread the kingdom of God and the reign of King Jesus. We are to go on a wartime basis in order to carry out this God-given mandate.

This threefold calling is the foundation for Target 2000. Failure to respond to this call will doom the mission. It will make its mission impossible. Response to this threefold call will assure the possession of our promised land, it will guarantee the taking of our mountain.

(Joshua 14:12).

IPHC ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article One

We believe there is but one living and true God everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead there are three Persons of one substance of eternal being, and equal in holiness, justice, wisdom, power, and dignity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Article Two

We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and the manhood were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and perfect man, who actually suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile the Father to us, and to make atonement, not only for our actual guilt, but also for original sin.

Article Three

We believe that Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfections of man's nature, and ascended into heaven and there sits until He shall return to judge all men at the last day.

Article Four

We believe the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

Article Five

We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, known as the Bible, composed of sixty-six books and divided into two departments, Old and New Testaments. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the full and complete revelation of the plan and history of redemption.

Article Six

We believe that eternal life with God in heaven is a portion of the reward of the finally righteous; and that everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord and unending torture in hell are the wages of the persistently wicked

(Matthew 25:46; Psalm 9:17; Revelation 21:7-8).

Article Seven

We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins that are past, for the regeneration of penitent sinners, and for salvation from sin and from sinning (Romans 3:25; 1 John 3:5-10; Ephesians 2:1-10).

Article Eight

We believe, teach, and firmly maintain the scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone (Romans 5:1).

Article Nine

We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the complete cleansing of the justified believer from all indwelling sin and from its pollution, subsequent to regeneration (1 John 1:7-9).

Article Ten

We believe in sanctification. While sanctification is initiated in regeneration and consummated in glorification, we believe that it includes a definite, instantaneous work of grace achieved by faith subsequent to regeneration (Acts 26:18; 1 John 1:9).

Sanctification delivers from the power and dominion of sin.

It is followed by life-long growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:16; 2 Peter 3:18).

Article Eleven

We believe that the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is obtainable by a definite act of appropriating faith on the part of the fully cleansed believer, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Luke 11:13; Acts 1:5;

2:14, 8-17; 10:44-46; 19:6).

Article Twelve

We believe in divine healing as in the atonement (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:14-18; James 5:14-16; Exodus 15:26).

Article Thirteen

We believe in the imminent, personal, premillennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:1-4; Matthew 24:29-44), and love and wait for His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).

Article Fourteen

We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to dedicate his life to carrying out the work of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8)

IPHC COVENANT OF COMMITMENT

The Pentecostal Holiness Church is committed to Jesus Christ and His kingdom.

This commitment involves a biblical lifestyle. We believe that the Bible is God's infallible Word and the believer's guide and final authority for both faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We are totally committed to the Bible as God's written Word to man. We believe that a top priority of Christians in this world is to multiply believers and multiply churches as a means of extending the kingdom of God. We must, therefore, follow a lifestyle that gives impetus to this purpose. As members of the army of God we are involved in spiritual warfare, and thus under military discipline (2 Timothy 2:3-4). Other considerations must take second place to our primary purpose in life. We are mobilized on a wartime basis. Every facet of our lives must come under divine authority (1 Corinthians 10:31).

OUR BODIES

Since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and instruments of righteousness (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 6:13), we must keep our bodies clean and consecrated for the Master's use. From the beginning of our existence as a denomination we have expected our members to abstain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and addictive drugs. We have also maintained a strong position against premarital, extramarital, and deviant sex, including homosexual and lesbian relationships, refusing to accept the loose moral standards of our society. We commit ourselves to maintaining this disciplined lifestyle with regard to our bodies (Romans 12:1-2).

OUR MINDS

The mind is also the dwelling place of God. We believe that our minds should be kept pure and positive in the midst of an impure and negative world (Philippians 4:7-8). It is for this reason that our members are to govern their "mental" diet. The profanity and pornography that pervade our modern media- both print and video-make it imperative that Christians discipline their minds by refusing to feed upon that which is profane, vulgar, or hedonistic. Thus Pentecostal Holiness members are to avoid material that panders to the profane and pornographic, while consciously replacing it with wholesome material that nurtures and strengthens the spiritual man. We hold a deep commitment to the study of the Bible.

OUR SPIRITS

Our commitment includes our spirits. The spirit of this world is hostile to the spirit of the Christian (Galatians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14). The spirit rulers of this present darkness are ever at work to establish strongholds in the minds of unsuspecting believers, to impose upon them the mind-set of the world.

We must guard against the hatred and hostility that breed so easily in the human spirit. The greed and selfishness that motivate much of our modern culture is contrary to our Christian faith and testimony. We therefore urge all our members to exhibit the "mind of Christ" in all their attitudes (Philippians 2:5-11).

OUR SPEECH

Our speech reveals much about us (Matthew 12:34-37). The Christian should be known by his wholesome conversation. Our members are to refrain from speaking anything that is unclean, untrue, unkind, or unprofitable. We must make sure that our talk affirms, rather than hinders, our testimony.

OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Our relationships reveal our preferences and positions. Thus our people are not to align themselves with organizations or movements that stand in contradiction to Christian principles (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). The believer's commitment to Jesus Christ stands above his commitment to any political party or economic structure or social institution. Any time there is a conflict between the Christian's commitment to Christ and his commitment to any other relationship, he must recognize that all other commitments are governed by this highest commitment (Luke 14:26-27). All our members are to be honest and ethical in all their relationships (Romans 12:17).

OUR FAMILIES

The family is the basic unit of society. The divine origin of the family makes it of vital concern both to the church and to society. Our commitment to a biblical lifestyle profoundly impacts the family. We give priority to the sanctity of marriage and to the biblical pattern of relationships in the home.

While the husband is recognized as the head of the home, he is also commanded to love and cherish his wife as his own body (Ephesians 5:25, 28). Wives are to respect and honor their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-23). Parents are to teach and correct their children, but at the same time refrain from provoking them to anger and resentment (Ephesians 6:1-4). Children are to respect and obey their parents. Christian families should worship together, play together, and work together. The relationships in the Christian family should reflect the healing that Christ brings to all human relationships.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our commitment to Jesus Christ includes stewardship. According to the Bible everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). We are stewards of His resources. Our stewardship of possessions begins with the tithe (Malachi 3:8-10). All our members are expected to return a tenth of all their income to the Lord. This tithe is to be paid into the "storehouse." This storehouse is the treasury of the local church or conference to which this member belongs. In addition to the tithe, all our members are expected to give offerings out of the ninety percent of God's wealth which He allows them to use (1 Corinthians 16:2). Stewardship also includes our time, talent, and spiritual gifts, as well as our money (Ephesians 5:16; Romans 12:3-8; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27).

OUR LOYALTY

Loyalty to Christ and His church are basic to the success of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The faithful participation of every member, both lay and clergy, and every local church and quadrennial conference in the various ministries of the church is necessary if the Pentecostal Holiness Church is to fulfill its mission. Loyalty involves commitment to all the ministries of the denomination. Since leaders should be role models, all those in leadership in the local church, the quadrennial conference, and the general church should set an example by their faithfulness in supporting the ministries of the church.

Loyalty involves attendance at the gatherings of the church. This is vital at local church, quadrennial conference, and denominational gatherings (Hebrews 10:25). Loyalty involves financial support. Faithfulness in tithes and offerings is essential to the prosperity of God's people (Malachi 3:8-12). This applies to local church members, quadrennial conferences, and all other individuals and entities of the church. Loyalty involves affirmation. The morale of the church requires the positive affirmation of the leadership and ministries of the denomination. While negative criticism tears the church apart (Galatians 5:12-26), positive affirmation builds it up (Ephesians 4:16).

CONCLUSION

This Covenant of Commitment is intended as a guideline for all our members, not a system for monitoring and judging one another. Neither is this Covenant of Commitment to be considered an exhaustive statement concerning a biblical lifestyle. The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is our complete and final authority. A careful, conscientious, and continual study of God's Word will reveal to the believer a growing understanding of what it means to live worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus. Any member having difficulty in following a biblical lifestyle or this Covenant of Commitment should be given loving nurture and patient instruction in order to lead him to maturity and restoration, if needed (Galatians 6:1). There are times when, in spite of every effort to nurture and restore a member, no alternative but excommunication can be found.

When a member refuses to heed the loving admonitions of the church to follow a Christian lifestyle, he or she must be excommunicated from the fellowship of the church. However, excommunication is a last resort, and is administered only in flagrant cases of heresy, divisiveness, or immorality (Matthew 18:15-17; Titus 3:10; Romans 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5). The primary purpose for this commitment to a disciplined lifestyle is to strengthen the position of our members as Great Commission Christians, and thus to firmly establish our denomination as a Great Commission movement. We feel that the Pentecostal Holiness Church has a vital part to play in world evangelism. Our aim is to make the multiplying of believers and the multiplying of churches a top priority of the denomination.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM

The Home Missions Conference depends upon three separate arms of support.

1. The Minister's Tithe (The main support)

Every month, those ministers credentialed with the Home Missions Conference are to report to the conference office through the MINISTER'S MONTHLY REPORT FORM and are to include their tithe.

The Conference Board is responsible for dealing with delinquent tithers. They will follow the guidelines as stated in the IPHC Manual.

2. Full Member IPHC Churches (10% of monthly tithes and offerings)

Every month, the church treasurer is to complete an IPHC CHURCH REPORT FORM and send it to the HMC office. This one form is used to designate monies to various departments and ministries. HMC and the support are allocated on this form.

(Example Report Form included)

3. Affiliate Churches and Ministries (% of monthly budget)

Affiliate churches and ministries support the HMC financially through the following schedule.

1 st Year	1% of monthly budget
2 nd Year	2% of monthly budget
3 rd Year	3% of monthly budget
4 th Year	4% of monthly budget

After the 4th year, the Affiliate Church must choose to either become a FULL IPHC member church (10% tithe) or remain as an Affiliate Church and continue at 4% monthly support to the HMC Ministry.

Church Monthly Report Form

HOME MISSIONS CONFERENCE

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

P.O. Box 12609

Oklahoma City, OK 73157

(405) 787-7110

Church Name: _____ I.D. _____

For Period Ending: _____ 19 _____

LOCAL CHURCH FINANCIAL RECEIPTS

Tithes/Offerings (Enter the total amount of tithes and other _____
undesignated offerings received during the period).

Others (Enter the total amount of all other receipts for the period other than _____
designated Conference/General or Building Fund receipts).

TOTAL \$ _____

MONTHLY CHECK ALLOCATION TO HMC

General Budget (10 % of the total tithe and other undesignated _____
offerings received during the period.) \$ _____

World Missions _____

a. Undesignated _____

b. Designated _____

c. People to People _____

d. GO Offering _____

Please list individual missions giving on back of this sheet. Thank you.

Other _____

TOTAL Check # _____ enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

CHURCH STATISTICS

1. Beginning Membership _____

2. Current Membership _____

3. Avg Sunday A.M. Worship _____

4. Avg S.S. Attendance _____

Must be completed for accurate church growth calculations. Do not leave blank.

Pastor: _____ Treasurer: _____

Date Submitted: _____ 19 _____

Note: The pastor and treasurer should both sign this form before it is sent to the Home Missions Conference office.

Church Information Form

International Pentecostal Holiness Church

The information on this form is required in order to assign a Statistical and Accounting ID to a new church. Use this form for any new church that becomes a member or affiliate church of the conference.

Grey For RDC Use Only	Date Received	Church ID	<input type="checkbox"/> GSO <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> EVUSA <input type="checkbox"/> NET	Reply Date
Conf Name		<input type="checkbox"/> Church Plant (incl CTM)	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Affiliate	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Member	

Church Physical Address Information

Church Name		Federal EIN	
Physical Address of Building			
Physical Address Line 2			
City		State	Zip
County Name	District Name	Church Phone No ()	

Church Mailing Address Information

Same as Church's Physical Address

Mailing Address			
Mailing Address Line 2			
City		State	Zip

Pastor's Mailing Address Information

Same as Church's Mailing Address

Pastor's Last Name		First Name		SSN	Spouse's Name
Mailing Address					
City			State	Zip	
Year of Birth	Founding Pastor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Home Phone No ()		

Church Historical Information

First Service	Charter Date	Charter Members	
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Anglo <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Haitian <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-cultural <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Previous Membership/Affiliation with			How Long?

Signature of Pastor or Church Secretary	Date
Signature of Conference Superintendent or Secretary	Date

FORM CIF0800 Complete, sign and send this form to the General Superintendent's Office, PO Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157 or FAX it to 405-787-3650. If the church is a Transfer Member or Transfer Affiliate, the respective signed Agreement must accompany this document.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church

P.O. Box 12609 • Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2609

We, the Pastor/Officers of the _____ Church,
agree to become a member of the _____
Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC).

We dedicate the Church to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ through membership in the IPHC. The Church will become a full participant in the life and ministry of the Conference. As such, the Church will participate in all of the rights, privileges, opportunities and responsibilities described to the local church by the IPHC Manual. The Conference will work with the pastor and the local church, providing resources to accomplish our God-given mission:

The mission of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is to multiply and mature believers and churches in worship, fellowship, and evangelism as we walk in obedience to the Great Commission in conjunction with the whole body of Christ.

In witness whereof the parties have executed this Membership Agreement.

Senior Pastor

Date: _____

Church Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____

Conference Superintendent

Date: _____

James D. Leggett, General Superintendent
International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Date: _____

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church

P.O. Box 12609 • Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2609

This agreement is entered into by the _____ Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. (IPHC), hereinafter referred to as "Conference:", and the _____ Church, hereinafter referred to as "Church" on the _____ day of _____, _____:

The Church agrees to become an affiliated church in the Conference of the IPHC. The Conference agrees to accept and affirm the Church as an affiliated member of the conference.

This agreement is entered into with the understanding that the property of the Church will be held in trust by its local Board of Trustees and will be completely subject to the decisions of the Church and said Board of Trustees. The Church agrees to prayerfully and financially support the Conference and the worldwide ministries of the IPHC as much as possible with respect to the needs of both parties.

The Church will become a full participant in the life of the Conference with the following proviso:

An affiliated church will be entitled to as many delegates as its membership warrants, with the exception that the total number of delegates from an affiliated church may not exceed the total number of delegates from the largest church holding regular membership in the conference.

This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the affiliation contemplated herein. In witness whereof the parties have executed this Affiliation Agreement on the date and year set forth.

Senior Pastor

Date: _____

Conference Superintendent

Date: _____

James D. Leggett, General Superintendent
International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Date: _____