



COUNCIL OF APOSTLES

SMITH CHAPEL APOSTOLIC CHURCH, INC

CHURCH PLANTING HEADQUARTERS

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1.000 MISSION

1.010 Overview

COUNCIL OF APOSTLES (SMITH CHAPEL APOSTOLIC CHURCH, INC.)

In Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Inc., the Council of Apostles are disciples and spiritual leaders whom God has gifted according to (Ephesians 4:11-12) and are responsible for the Bishopric, evangelistic witness and outreach of the local church. Church government consists of individual apostles assigned to various responsibilities of church leadership including group and/or area ministries. Together with the First Presidency (Dr. Abe Johnson), this council is administering the "Constitution and Bylaws of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Inc. Each of the apostles "God called" to serve as a "special witness of the gospel", and each is appointed by the First Presidency to Bishopric of one or more of the church's mission fields. In recent years, some members of the Council are also responsible for certain areas of program ministry, including college or university administration. If for any reason, the First Presidency is disabled or otherwise unable to preside over the Church, the Council of Apostles presides over the church until the First Presidency resumes functioning or another assumes First Presidency. The Council appointed by the First Presidency, carry major responsibility for church expansion, and serve as administrative supervisors of field jurisdictions. The Council of Apostles elects one of its members to serve as President of the Council and another member to serve as Secretary of the Council. Members of the Council of Apostles are normally full-time pastors, called "Bishopric" in Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Inc.

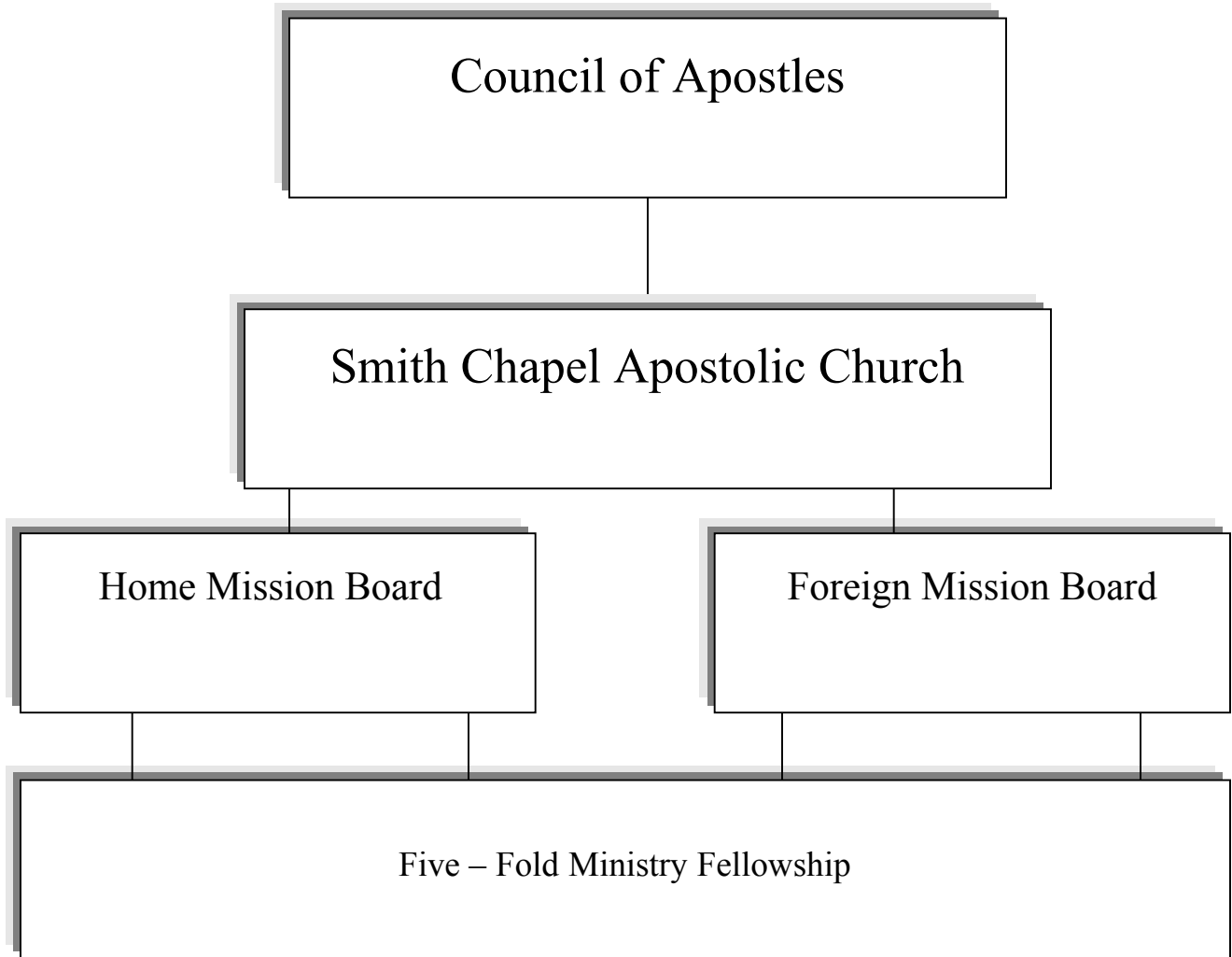
Members of the Council of Apostles directly supervise or designate supervision of all other spiritual leaders of the church. They have the authority to call Ministers' Conferences and frequently preside over certain portions of the various scheduled conferences. Apostles usually initiate teleconferences calls to the First Presidency, often in consultation or at the behest of spiritual leaders. Matters of Kingdom Business regarding the Vision of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Inc. are conducted monthly via teleconference, in a manner prescribed by the First Presidency. Apostles usually hold annual or semi-annual meetings of the appointee ministers and key staff members in their fields. Apostles have the authority to organize or dissolve congregations and ministry groups. If an Elder takes over operation of a congregation (usually only in situations of extreme dissent), an appeal of this decision may be made to the Apostle that supervises that field.

2.000 NAME

The name of this Council shall be COUNCIL OF APOSTLES (Ephesians 4:11-12).

2.010 Organization Chart

Ecclesiastical Government



3.000 BIBLICAL INFLUENCE

The Council of Apostles regarded as the primary advocates for the growing global presence of the church and its global witness of Jesus Christ functions in the capacity of Bishopric of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church. In addition, the Council has frequently strived to lead the church towards biblical stances on issues such as homosexuality, women in the ministry, open communion, ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, environmentalism, and peace and justice ministries. Dr. Abe Johnson, interim Council President leads in developing biblical viewpoints towards both rituals and doctrine in order to make the gospel relevant across cultures. Presently, the Council contains four USA and one South America member.

4.000 COUNCIL OF APOSTLES

The current members of the Council and the Mission Fields and other assignments they oversee, are as follows:

* *Bishop Dr. Abe Johnson* — First Presidency, Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Inc., Council of Apostles (1992 - Present) and Interim President Council of Apostles (2009)

* *Bishop TAB Bush* a licensed and ordained five-fold minister operates in the five-fold ministry of Administration. He serves as Executive vice-president of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, and Director of the Foreign Mission Board of SCAC Global Ministries (2009).

* *Bishop Dr. Fernando Luis Gonzalez* a licensed and ordained five-fold minister operates in the five-fold ministry of Prophetic Apostolic Ministry. He serves as 1st vice-president of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Bishopric of Lima Peru and International Bishop of SCAC Global Ministries. In South America, Bishop Gonzalez International Ministries includes Smith Chapel Bible University, Five-Fold Ministry Fellowship and Holy Spirit World Church (2005).

* *Bishop Dorothy Harper* a licensed and ordained five-fold minister operates in the five-fold ministry of Prophetic Apostolic Ministry. She serves as the second vice-president of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church and Bishop of the State of Illinois (2009).

* *Bishop Rick Williams* a licensed and ordained five-fold minister operates in the five-fold ministry of Prophetic Apostolic Ministry. He serves as International Bishop of SCAC Global Ministries (2009).

4.010 Leadership Guidelines

As with all priesthood in Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Inc., Council members are "called by God." The First Presidency of the Church "receives" the call, in the form of a recommendation by a current member and after consultation with a minimum of two other members, the First Presidency, "presents" the call to the candidate. If the candidate accepts, the candidate's name is presented to the Council of Apostles (Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, Inc.) and the call is sustained by majority vote. The consecration of new apostles takes place in a special worship service held as directed by the First Presidency.

Apostles typically travel to missionary fields around the world, even when they have fields entirely within the United States. This international missionary experience is believed to enrich both the recipients of the ministry as well as the experience of the Apostles' themselves. In summary:

[] An Apostle leads his/her churches in tithing into the account of the Five Fold Ministry Fellowship. A mission fund with the express purpose of financing the collective missions of member churches of the Five Fold Ministry Fellowship. Current policy requires an earmark of eighty percent (80%) of the budget towards collective ministry objectives and the remaining funds covers organizational tithing and daily operational administrative expenses.

[] An Apostle participates in one or both an International missionary experiences or a national conference, of COGA, as recommended by the First Presidency.

4.020 Stewardship Support:

The Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, (a Global Outreach Ministry) seeks volunteer support, in the form of corporate tithing (stewardship) from non-profit or for-profit corporations in a covenant relationship with SCAC or any of its Council Members business or ministries. The following corporations' administrators have expressed interest in a covenant tithing relationship with SCAC.

- Gulf Coast College & Seminary – <http://www.gulfcoastcollege.org>
- Education Consultants of America, LLC – <http://www.FutureEd4U.org>
- Florida Council of Private Colleges - <http://fcpcamerica.org/>

4.021 Global Registry Fees

Smith Chapel Apostolic Church maintains the worldwide Ordination Registry, Licensed to Preach Registry, and Commissioned to the Gospel Ministry Registry based upon verification of that fact by the credentialing body that granted these standings to each individual. All SCAC Ecclesiastical Government officials including Five-Fold Ministry Fellowship members and their teams are required to maintain listing on the Ordination Registry. This registry reserves the right to reject any submission with or without cause or explanation and/or delete any listing with a full refund when there is just cause.

Annual Fee Payment (US dollars)

GOLD at \$100.00 annually to include current photo of individual and specified criteria of so many words or details.

SILVER at \$50.00 annually with no picture and less specified criteria and fewer words.

BRONZE at \$25.00 annually with no picture, just name, address, email etc with data on body issuing it.

4.022 Submit Annual Report

These reports fees for credential certification and/or renewal are required, collected and submitted annual. Note: The actual form that you receive will highlight only those fees applicable to your church or ministry. The ones highlighted below are applicable to all.

5.000 FIVE FOLD MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

5.010 Fellowship Guidelines

Authentic apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherd/teachers are gifted members who grow up in local churches—not as leaders, but as brethren—equal in status to everyone else in the church. Because they have grown up out of the Spirit Life of church, they have been tested and proven safe to the Kingdom of God and to the Lord’s children. Their outstanding gifting is that they glorify, reveal, present, magnify, and bring into clear view the Lord Jesus Christ in unusual depths and practical experience.

This is the revelation of the Ephesians 4 ascension gifts. It was true for all apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors/teachers in the first century. Moreover, Jesus Christ has not changed (Heb. 13:8).

5.020 Five Fold Ministry Fellowship Administrations

Pastor Ysabel Teresa Ramirez Leiva De Gonzalez, President, a native of Lima Peru serves this Global Ministry from her headquarters office in Lima Peru. Council members and/or administrators of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church, are jointly added to the Five Fold Ministry Fellowship which is evident by their Kingdom Covenant participation by leading their churches or organizations in tithing for the purpose of corporately working together to advance the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

5.030 Fellowship Benefits

- Provide fellowship for congregations that honors the Lordship of Christ Jesus
- Provide corporate funding and mission help tailored to the revealed goals/needs of member churches.
- Provide guidance and practical help in church planting including house churches.

- Provide consultation on church government, church growth and prayer ministry. This includes spiritual gifts, healing ministry, and establishing a world mission's ministry.
- Conduct seminars/conferences and revival meetings tailored to your revealed goals/needs.
- Connect you directly with prominent international leaders.
- Team -up to conduct apostolic operations at home and abroad.
- Team-up with Gulf Coast College & Seminary for academic credentialing in liberal arts and seminary degrees

5.040 How a Church May Affiliate With SCAC?

Churches of Apostolic persuasion who meet the requirements for member organizations as set forth in SCAC Constitution and By-Laws may affiliate with the Five-Fold Ministry Fellowship, a Global Outreach Ministry of Smith Chapel Apostolic Church.

1. You will first need to be familiar with the SCAC Constitution & By-Laws to be sure the Fellowship is the organization for you. You may call or write to SCAC for a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, the Council of Apostles Supplement, and any related materials or you may download these documents form from this site.

2. The application form for church affiliation with the SCAC is included in the Council of Apostle Supplement.

3. Complete the application and return it to the office. Please mail the application, since it requires signatures of your organization's officers.

4. Once received, an application goes to the appropriate Credentials Com mission or its representatives for review and acceptance. This process may take several weeks, allowing time for consultations with the church or Para church organization, and a decision by the members of the commission.

5. Generally speaking, the Council of Apostles contacts applicants for a consultation with regard to the application. This consultation may be by phone, though an on-site consultation is preferred.

6. The notification of each organization regarding approval or decline of credential is the responsibility of the Council of Apostles Office.

5.050 How a Minister May Affiliate With SCAC?

The path to ministerial affiliation may take one of several directions. The process of licensing is the same for each of the pathways, with the exception of the presentation of the licenses themselves.

GOLD SEAL credentials, a licensed and ordained minister operating in the five fold gifts of (Ephesians 4:11-12). Gold Seal candidates please submit a portfolio of your most recent five or more years in ministry, attached three-letters of recommendation and clearly show one-year pastoral ministry and Bishopric over two or more ministries. SCAC Global Registry fees of \$100.00 annually to include current photo of individual and specified criteria of so many words or details.

SILVER SEAL credentials, a licensed and ordained minister operating in the five fold gifts of (Ephesians 4:11-12). Silver Seal candidates please submit a portfolio of your most recent three or more years in ministry, attached two-letters of recommendation and clearly show one-year pastoral ministry. In the USA, please document your independent IRC 501 (c) (3) Para church ministry, if pastoral ministry is non-applicable. SCAC Global Registry fees of \$50.00 annually with no picture and less specified criteria and fewer words.

BRONZE SEAL credentials, a licensed minister in preparation for ordination. Bronze Seal candidates please attached one-letters of recommendation and a narrative of your call and ministry vision. SCAC Global Registry fees of \$25.00 annually with no picture, just name, address, email etc with data on body issuing it.

5.060 For someone preparing for ordination:

Smith Chapel Apostolic Church through the Five Fold Ministry Fellowship offers a Bronze Seal Minister's License for those in preparation for ordination. Whether the applicant is a student in preparation for ministry, or has never held a ministers license with any organization, this license may apply. Please check the Supplement for details about the ministers' license.

5.061 For someone seeking ordination:

SCAC through the Five Fold Ministry Fellowship serves as an ordaining institution for ministers who have thoroughly prepared themselves for ministry academically, spiritually and professionally. Requirements are necessarily high for ordination. Detailed requirements for ordination are contained in this supplement.

5.062 For Ministers ordained by other organizations:

For those ministers already ordained by other organizations, SCAC offers affiliation through transfer of elder's orders. Details about the transfer of ordination are contained in this supplement.

5.070 Process for ministerial affiliation with SCAC:

The process by which a minister may affiliate with the SCAC is quite similar for each of the three categories of ministers. The process is as follows:

1. If you desire to ministry licensure by Smith Chapel Apostolic Church., you may call or write to the Fellowship Office for an application form. Alternatively, you may download the form from this web site.

2. Complete the form and submit it, along with the information requested on the form to the Fellowship Office. Be sure to include all items requested - especially the references and reference letters.

3. The application process consists sending you a bible Knowledge examination from your Credentials Examination Committee. (These questions are also available online. Of course, persons just beginning to prepare for ministry will be expected to be less prepared theologically to answer some questions than someone who is seeking ordination. The reason being the exam is Open Bible questions so that you will be able to think through the questions and/or to prepare your answers in writing prior to your interview.

4. When the questions have been sent to you, your name will be submitted to the chair of the Credentials Examination Commission for your area of the country. The chair will contact you to set up an appointment for your ministerial interview. The interview may be done via conference call, but a person-to-person contact is much preferred. Generally, there will be three or more members on the commission, which interviews you.

5. During the interview, the ordained elders who comprise the Credentials Examination Commission in your area may ask any or all of the questions which have been sent to you, and they may add related questions as they deem necessary. This process is comprehensive, but none threatening. The purpose of the Minister's Examinations Commissions is to help people get into the ministry, not to keep them out. Because all the members of the Minister's Examination Commission have been through this same process themselves, you will find them both approachable and helpful.

6. The Credentials Commission, which will interview you, will have the authority of the Fellowship behind them to grant you the Minister's License or the Silver Seal Credential. The Gold Seal credential requires a favorable vote of the Council of Apostles at the next Global Assembly.

7. Your license consists of a parchment signed by the designate of the Council of Apostles and a witnessing officer. The Silver Seal Credential will have the seal of the Fellowship or SCAC affixed, where applicable. Both the Minister's License and the Silver Seal Credential will be in force until the next Global Assembly, at which time Minister's Licenses are renewed for two years and Silver Seal credentials are replaced with the permanent, Gold Seal Credential.

