

INTERNATIONAL **IFCC**  
FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
**INFORMATION  
BROCHURE**



BUILDING STRONG & HEALTHY CHURCHES



# HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

## GETTING TO KNOW HOW IFCC WAS CREATED

During the early 1980's there was an awakening of the Holy Spirit globally in many Evangelical, Pentecostal and Historical Churches. This awakening became known as Charismatic and New Testament Churches, which birthed many independent Churches, including in South Africa.

This move of the Holy Spirit also had an impact In South Africa, where many recognized Church leaders of these newly independent Churches and "flows" met together unofficially to seek the Lord for guidance and to plan the way forward. This led to over 500 Lead Pastors of independent Churches and "flows," throughout the country gathering in Durban at the Malibu Hotel, where the IFCC was birthed on 18 August 1985. This formation was known then as the International Fellowship of Christian Churches.

At this founding meeting, all the attendees recognized and endorsed the Leaders who had initiated the Malibu meeting, as the respective/ Founding Leaders to lead the IFCC and put into place what constituted a movement. The founding Leaders of the IFCC were: Pastors Ray McCauley, Edmond Roebert, Tim Salmon, Nicky van der Westhuizen, Dr Fred Roberts and Evangelist Reinhardt Bonnke.

The early days of the IFCC saw an emphasis on fellowship and a loose cooperation of a fellowship of Churches and Ministries. It provided an umbrella for hundreds of formerly independent Churches.

In time it became apparent that the structures of the IFCC needed to change and a transformation process began. The National Leadership found that the loose fellowship of Churches strengthened an unhealthy independence and not an interdependence of one another. This affected the commitment of leaders and Churches by not walking in unity.

The most important change in the IFCC Leadership that was needed was to reflect the true character and composition of our democracy as a nation. On the 12th & 13th of November 1996, at a National Conference, the first National Executive was elected with Pastor Ray McCauley as the President. The movement, additionally, had a name change to the "International Federation of Christian Churches."

The reason for changing from a fellowship to a federation was to strengthen the unity of the movement, while still respecting the uniqueness and autonomy of the local Church. Calling member Churches to a greater commitment to one another and the movement to which God had called them to. Unfortunately, due to diverse circumstances over the next number of years, the IFCC's vision and growth was stifled and seemed to exist only in name. This was a difficult time causing the IFCC to lose much of its voice

and impact in the nation. Leaders went their different ways. This created a void in the nation and many member Churches formed their own organisations and structures to belong to.

It was during the “Covid-19 pandemic” that it became obvious that the Church generally had lost its impact within all communities. The IFCC was no exception, it also lost its voice and vision, unable to articulate itself in unity in the midst of a crisis and turmoil in the nation.

Churches and Pastors were speaking with different voices throughout the country. This meant that spiritual leaders had to step up and unite the Church during this crisis .

The country was desperate for leaders who cared for the welfare of the people they were serving. At the same time recognizing that the wealth of the country ultimately does not lie in its resources, but rests with the dignity and potential of its people.

Ps Ray McCauley called a meeting with the three leaders Ps At Boshoff, Bishop Mosa Sono and Ps Don Phillips. These three leaders were tasked with the responsibility of bringing together different “flows,” and Church denominations, to speak in unity with one voice in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Following numerous meetings with different faith and Church leaders across the country, a consensus was reached to use the IFCC as a vehicle to represent and speak on behalf of the Churches.

During this difficult period of Covid-19 where the Churches were shut down by the government, the IFCC Leadership initiated meetings with government. The four leaders of the IFCC, Ps Ray McCauley, Ps At Boshoff, Bishop Mosa Sono and Ps Don Phillips led the charge firstly to revive the IFCC and then to give it its rightful place and voice in the nation during the crisis.

Ps Ray McCauley asked the three leaders to lead this process of reviving the IFCC and to co-ordinate meetings with the government. This process led to many meetings with our government which in turn led to our Churches being recognised as an essential service.

On 06 May 2021 it was agreed to officially relaunch the IFCC and the work to Reset, Return, Revive and Restore the movement began. Pastor Ray McCauley, who is the remaining Founding Leader and the longest serving honoured President of IFCC, gave his full blessing to Bishop Mosa Sono, Pastor At Boshoff and Pastor Don Phillips to lead the IFCC, he continues as the Honorary President. On 26 August 2021, the National Leadership Forum was officially appointed by the Executive Board and the relaunching of the IFCC in the Provinces began.

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# IFCC NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

## INFO ON THE IFCC LEADERSHIP

Isaiah 61 : 1-2 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favour,

(Isaiah 61:4) They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

The LEADERSHIP of the IFCC consists of an Executive Board that includes the General Secretary and Pastors of Pastors with co-opted additional members, as the Executive deems fit. The National Leadership consists of the Executive Board Members and the National and Regional Leadership”

The IFCC Head Office assists the Executive and the Regional Co-Ordinators to work out the principles of the “Federation” and the “General Secretary” of the IFCC executes and implements decisions made by the Executive and National Leadership.

## IFCC VISION

- Uniting the Body of Christ across the African Continent and the world.
- The IFCC aims to be the voice in every nation, every community and to speak with one united voice as the Body of Christ.
- Planting and growing healthy Churches and Ministries.
- Evangelizing the world and impacting our society and nations.

## IFCC MISSION

- Developing relationships among Ministers and Ministries Nationally and Internationally.
- Providing a protective umbrella to cover those in the five-fold Ministry.
- Recognizing the autonomy of the Local Church.
- Promoting unity and kingdom mentality among Leaders within a network of Regional relationships.
- Developing those in Ministry by exposing them to other five-fold Ministries so that Local Churches and Ministries can be enlarged in their vision.
- Mobilizing the Church's work force in their mandate of passionate evangelism and winning the lost at all cost, Church planting and social relevance.
- Being prophetically relevant to the Nation in applying Biblical principles to every aspect of life.

### IFCC OBJECTIVES

- To promote an umbrella body with same values and beliefs.
- Building a network of relationships with Pastors and Churches with a vision for Church unity and a community characterized by integrity and dignity.
- National Leadership engaging and addressing both local and national issues that affect the local Churches and their communities
- Responding to social ills in our society and communities.
- Play a meaningful and leading role in the context of a democratic South Africa facilitating a new society based on the Principles of God's Word.
- The IFCC and the MEMBER CHURCHES shall form cooperative and synergistic networks with other religious entities having common interests in line with the IFCC'S vision and purposes.
- The IFCC shall promote unity among Churches , Pastors and leaders of ministries, denominations and flows with a view to co-ordinate a network of national leaders, regional leaders across the nation and beyond. The IFCC seeks to encourage relationships beyond the national borders and be relevant internationally.

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### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Coaching and mentoring in building healthy ministry.
- Coaching and mentoring in good governance and accountability structures.
- Assisting in application of recognition as marriage officers in accordance with the Laws of the Country.
- Able to walk and learn from the Senior Leaders in the Nation.
- Assisting in application for tax exempt status for Churches and Ministries with SARS and Department of Social Development in providing an acceptable Church constitution that has been approved by the IFCC Executives, SARS and the Department of Social Development.
- Assisting with conflict resolution at the local Church should the need arise.
- Advise and assist with liaison between IFCC Churches / Ministries and National, Provincial and/or Community Government Bodies.
- Assist local churches to liaise with the SACC: (South African Council of Churches) regarding any National action to be taken by Churches.

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### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO PASTORS

- Mentoring Up-coming Pastors.
- Assist Pastors / Churches with Structures.
- Assist Pastors with raising leaders in their churches.
- Support Senior Pastors in their Marriages.
- Counselling.

## IFCC APPLICATION

OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS FROM:

- a) Contact the IFCC Head Office via WhatsApp or email.
- b) Download the forms from the link provided (see link below)
- c) Scan QR Code below.
- d) Request one from the Regional Co-ordinator.

The form has been designed in such a way, that you would be able to fill in your information electronically (typing on the PDF document) therefore no need to print. This would allow for us to capture the data accurately on the system. We have found that in the past, by applicants completing the forms manually, the handwriting would be ineligible which resulted in the incorrect information being captured or none.

The following documentations should accompany your application:

- Proof of payment for the non-refundable R500 application fee (once-off).
- 1 x digital copy of your picture: close-up/head and shoulders format (ID-style).
- Copy of your ID/Passport.
- Copies of your theological and academic qualifications of any other relevant documents.
- Official letter of recommendation from your Pastor providing a statement of your character.

After completing your application and submitting your completed form to the Regional Co-ordinator or IFCC Head Office, along with all the supporting documents listed above, we will process your application. A scheduled meeting or interview will be arranged for the final vetting process to take place. Applicants must adhere to the "Statement of Faith" and requirement of the "Federation". Be morally, ethically and doctrinally sound.

In essence, The Regional Co-ordinator or an appointed IFCC official from Head Office shall firstly interview the applicant to ascertain whether the applicant understands the responsibilities of membership and whether they qualify to become a member. Your monthly contributions and commitment will be discussed as well. Kindly note that the minimum allocated amount from you as a member is but not limited to R500 per month.

You will obtain full membership status once your 3 month probationary period has lapsed.



*You can download the application form by entering the https... link below into your website browser or by scanning the QR code on the left.*

DOWNLOAD LINK:  
<http://bit.ly/3xXCav7>

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE IFCC

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