

Getting to know the IFCC

FOR PENTECOSTAL & CHARISMATIC CHURCHES



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WHAT, ARE FRATERNALS AND UMBRELLA BODIES LIKE IFCC?

A **"Fraternal"** is a gathering where pastors of a local area meet for prayer, fellowship, encouragement, friendships and mutual concerns. In some towns or cities, they can meet around a common concern affecting the community. How, they together, as individual congregations can unite, to make a difference in bringing solutions!

The fraternal is also a means to an end to build respect and an appreciation for one another as ministers of the Gospel.

"Umbrella 3 and Denominational structures," has a common purpose in their respective structures. These structures can be national or international. Nationally structures will consist of provincial, regional and local. Normally these structures have a national executive, that formulates and establish the church's constitution and bylaws making sure that it operates legally within the bounds of the Country's Constitution. This makes the umbrella "bodies" legal to function.

In the last number of years there has been great challenges for the Church at large with the Government and the country's "Constitution." The implications for the church were enormous, as they were seeking to change and legalize the "church" in its beliefs, the preaching of the Gospel, and function! It was here where IFCC played a mayor role together with others, dealing with the Section 22, of the constitution.

IFCC is an Evangelical, Pentecostal and Charismatic movement consisting of many churches and ministries, that are committed to this umbrella body and contribute financially enabling us to operate. We can also, provide support, with our local church constitution's that determines their legality. When a church gets into leadership problems and difficulties, our IFCC structures give support to pastors and leaders to resolve matters amicably.

Personally, I would like to encourage local churches that are not members of umbrella bodies, to seriously consider becoming members of IFCC. In committing to IFCC, you will honor the Head of the Church, Jesus, to be in submission to Biblical structures of accountability!

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WHY YOU NEED TO BELONG

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