



RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

THE MISSION: *Together, we will help the local church present every man in America with a credible offer of the gospel, encourage them to pursue God, and equip them for spiritual service in the home, workplace, community and world.*

VISION STATEMENT: *A disciple-making ministry to men in every church.*

KEY STRATEGY: *Equip and resource leaders to build a disciple-making ministry to men in every church.*

VALUES: Because we fear God and seek only His glory and will, because we desire to honor the Lord Jesus Christ in all we do, because we sense the Holy Spirit desires spiritual revival and awakening, and because we believe the Christian men's movement will prosper in direct proportion to how the leaders of the movement are in right relationship with God and right relationship with each other, we affirm the following values:

BROTHERHOOD - We affirm that the Scriptures declare reconciliation must precede worship (Matthew 5:23-24) and that where brothers live in unity, there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life for evermore. (Psalm 133:1, 3). Jesus said that all people will know we are his disciples if we love one another (John 13:35). Therefore, we resolve to become to each other what we want to the church to become.

UNITY - We affirm that in the Scriptures Jesus prayed for His followers to become one, just as He and the Father are one. "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me..." (John 17:22-23). There is one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all (Ephesians 4:4-6). Therefore, we declare before God that there is but one men's ministry, and it belongs to God. We will seek to become one in fellowship and purpose, while remaining many parts in practice (1 Corinthians 12).

MISSION - We affirm that the Scriptures command us to make disciples of all people by reaching them with a credible offer of the gospel, exhorting them to pursue a love for and knowledge of God, teaching them to obey everything Christ commanded, and equipping them for spiritual service in the home, church, workplace, and community. Therefore, we will seek to do together what none of us could do alone to reach the men of America.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP - We commit to and accept the mandate for servant leadership given by Jesus Christ in Matthew 20:24-28, and in Luke 22:24-30. It is clear that only by committing to and living out the model of Jesus Christ will we be able to live the values of brotherhood, unity and mission. Jesus never sought to lord over another and demonstrated that the first qualification of leadership begins with serving. Servant leadership allows us to trust the Christ that we see in others and begin to live in brotherhood. Therefore, we affirm that our appreciation for and response to the mandate for servant leadership is foundational to our ability to commit to the values of brotherhood, unity and mission.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired, the only, infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that the salvation of lost and sinful people is accomplished by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone, by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a Godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of the saved and the lost, those who are saved to the resurrection of life and those who are lost to the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is composed solely of those who have been redeemed and cleansed by His blood, regenerated and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and that they are saved to worship God, serve humanity, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of _____ I solemnly establish this RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT on this _____ day of _____, 20_____ with the National Coalition of Ministries to Men and consent to publication of our membership.

Signature

Position