

Ministry Partner:

Thank you for partnering with KFI to establish your religious charter. We welcome you with open arms and count it an honor to be a partner with you in kingdom building. The following application is in three parts. As you are filling out the application feel free to call our office if you need assistance.

KFI Staff

Part I:

Explanation of Cost for the religious charter List of Benefits for being a religious charter Policy and Goals of KFI (for your records)

Page 1

Part II

Religious Application (*Fill out and send to home office*)

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Part III

Information to assist you in filling out the application and correctly structuring your religious organization. (for your records)

Pages 7-30

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KINGSWAY FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

Offers - "Two (2) Types of Nonprofit tax-exempt Charter Programs"

Affiliate & Associate for Churches & Religious Organizations

Kingsway Fellowship International (*hereafter KFI*) is a "church" and missions oriented Organization with the authority to **provide Federal nonprofit tax-exempt status** for Churches & Religious Organizations (*which promotes the Gospel message through Evangelistic activities*) without costly time and excessive fees.

1. "<u>AFFILIATE CHARTER</u>": Provides <u>Federal</u> "tax-exempt status" with the Internal Revenue Service & the privilege of giving all your donors a valid TAX RECEIPT.

Initial Cost: \$300.00* Annual Renewals: \$125.00

*(or) A minimum of \$150.00 down payment with application & 3 monthly payments of \$50.00.

**"One" major Board Member <u>must be credentialed</u> & current with KFI before application can be processed.

2. "ASSOCIATED CHARTER": A Church or Religious Organization which <u>has its own</u> "Federal Nonprofit Tax-exempt Status" with a 501(c) (3) <u>Determination Letter</u> from the IRS, Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and <u>desires a spiritual covering</u>, <u>fellowship</u>, <u>guidance and recognition with an internationally known fellowship</u>.

Initial Cost: \$125.00 **Annual Renewals**: \$75.00

ALL KFI CHARTERS RECEIVE:

- A beautiful Charter <u>Certificate</u> showing your "good standing" status.
- Identification with an Internationally Recognized Organization.
- Spiritual Covering for those of "like-precious Faith".
- **Bond of Fellowship** and Strength from over 225 Charter members.
- Access to the "Ministry of Helps" services, which KFI provides it members.
- Upon request, KFI will make available **information & referrals** to <u>specialized professionals</u>: such as, **accountants**, **tax advisors**, **and legal counsel** to assist you in legal and tax matters.
- Upon request, <u>mediators</u> are available to <u>assist</u> Pastors & Ministry Leaders as they encounter difficult problem within the organization.
- Assistance, where possible, in "relocating and/or filling" ~ Pastorate vacancies.
- Upon request, we will assist you with general STATE examples (which may need to be modified to meet your STATE requirements); as well as, telephone numbers & web sites where you can print off the necessary STATE forms & instructions; however, KFI is NOT responsible for any STATE filings or forms.

Kingsway Fellowship International:

- (1) Will **SEEK** to verify that each Charter organization is operating in accordance to <u>Federal</u> "Nonprofit/tax-exempt" guidelines.
- (2) Does <u>NOT require</u> **properties/assets** to be owned, titled or identified with the Kingsway Name; however, you may choose to list KFI encase of dissolution (closing of) your Church/Ministry in your Articles of Incorporation.
- (3) Is <u>NOT</u> responsible for any required <u>STATE filings</u>; however, upon request & time permitting, will assist you with email & telephone numbers & finding appropriate forms, etc.

KFI CHARTERS DO NOT PROVIDE:Insurance coverage for Properties, Accidents or Liabilities of any kind.

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KINGSWAY MINISTRIES, INC. a/k/a

KINGSWAY FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

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OFFICE USE ONLY Date Rec'd.
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President's App.Appr'd
Charter Appr'd.
Rejected

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION (Not a Church) CHARTER APPLICATION

1.	I am applying for: Affiliate Charter (A	Fed. Tax Exempt St	atus) or	Associate	Charter (Spiritual covering).
	Full legal Name of Organization:				
	. Please list any dba, a/k/a or other abbrevia				
2c.	YesNo ~ have you filed the app	ropriate State Fo	orm for this	"dba" to be	legally recognized?
3.	Location of home office: (Must be a street add				
	City:				:
4.	Mailing Address: (if different)				
	City:				
5.	TELEPHONE #: President: (Home)				
	Office Secretary: (Name)	(Home)		_ (Office)	
	Ministry (Fax):	_ (Email Addre	ess):		
	Web Site:				
	Name of organization that you are present	•	h, if any:		
7.	Is your ministry operating on a (check only				
	"Nonprofit" Basis		-		
8.	Check "ALL" the appropriate type(s) of I Christian Education: such as; Sunday Religious Organization. Christian Education: Bible College	y School &/or Bib	le Studies, S	chools, Coll	eges as <i>departments</i> of
	Christian Education: such as, Christ			_	_
	Evangelism (Explain methods)	•		-	0
	Missionary Outreaches (Describe)				
	Orphanages ~ USA Int'l	Name:			
	Christian Counseling Center(s) wit	h Christian Cou	nselors usin	g Scriptura	l teaching methods
	Training Seminars: such as (list all	<i>types</i>)			
	Music Ministry (explain)				
	Evangelistic Services (Open to the Ge				
	Seeking to Award Grants (describe aOther(Explain in detail) Charitable &				
		_			needed use separate sheet)
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9.	MARK the "Sources of Income" you in	tend to seek by a	a written Pe	rcentage [%	[6] amount on each line.
	(Assign a percentage to each type of donation:	i.e. 50%, 33%, 25%	%, 10% or 0%	5)	
	General public contributions				Donations of our officers
	Fund Raisers				

10.	res_	No ~ Do you understand that <u>more than 1/3 of your Ministry Income</u> must come from
		other sources <i>than</i> the officers' donations?
11. V	Where did	d you hear about KFI? Internet Conference(s) KCC & TS Referral By:
12	Yes	No ~ Does your Ministry have its own "Tenets (Statement) of Faith"?
13.	Yes _	No ~Does your Organization agree with the "TENETS OF FAITH" of KFI? (See attached KFI
		Brochure.) (If no, explain in detail on a separate sheet of paper.)
14.	Yes _	No ~ Have you requested a copy of KFI's Bylaws to review? (If yes, see question #28.)
		(If no, call, email or fax the Home Office today for your copy.)
		e was (or will) this Organization started
16a. `	Who was	its <i>founder</i> ?16b. Who is the <i>current</i> President:
		No ~ The Pastor/President must hold Credentials with KFI (Call the home office for possible exemption to this rule)
17b	• • • • • • • • • • • •	If none, we are enclosing a Ministerial Application for:
18	Yes	No ~ The <u>majority</u> of our Board of Directors are/or will be non-related.
19a	Yes	_ No ~ We will provide a State Recorded (stamped or sealed by your State) copy of our <u>Articles</u>
		of Incorporation and (signed) Bylaws showing the names of all Officers, Board of
		Directors, Trustees, etc. within 15 months of establishing our ministry.
		Note: If either are completed at the time of application, enclose them NOW.
19b	Yes	No ~ We understand that KFI is NOT responsible for any STATE filings' however, upon
		request & Time permitting, will assist with email, telephone numbers or finding the
4.0		appropriate forms, etc.
		_ No ~ Are any of your proposed Board of Directors serving in "Public Office"?
20	Yes	_ No ~ Does your Organization plan to be involved in <u>influencing</u> legislation or specific political
21	T 7	campaigns? If yes, explain:
		_ No ~ We will establish (or have) a "Non-Discriminatory Policy" in our Bylaws.
21b	Yes	No ~ We abide by itYes No - 21c. It is posted in a public place in our facility.
22	3 7	Yes No - 21d. It is included in our advertising literature.
		_ No ~ Has this organization ever been determined by a State or Federal Administrative Agency
		or judicial body to be <i>racially discriminatory?</i> No ~ Will your ministry have a membership?
		No ~ I understand my <u>"fiscal"</u> year shall be <u>July 1 to June 30</u> to match KFI'S. (<i>IRS Reqmt.</i>)
		No ~ All Ministries are requested to <u>consider cooperating</u> with KFI Stewardship Programs
23	105	in a consistent manner:
		o The KFI Board of Directors <u>believes</u> that the Scriptures teach that the giving of "Tithes and Offerings" is the " <u>Biblical way of supporting God's work</u> " Therefore, we encourage "all" Ministries (<i>Religious Organizations</i>) to tithe or, at a minimum ~ "sow financial blessings" into other ministries other than their own~ <i>Matt. 10:8</i> ~ "freely ye have received, freely give". This plan allows us to be "givers," as well as, receivers". For this reason, we ask you to prayerfully consider supporting KFI's Home Office &
		Missions budget with "a worthy portion" of your Ministry "giving".
		 We understand the Ministries that have been established for some time may already have designated Mission Programs in place.
26	Yes	No ~ Will you endeavor to cooperate with our Youth Camps and Bible College Programs
		& send a Representative to the World, Regional, State and Sectional Conferences?
27a.	Yes	
		& it is: A <u>copy</u> of the Fed. IRS notice with the # printed on it is attached.

27c No	ot have a <u>Federal</u> Employ	ers I.D. #, but we will send a " <u>co</u> p	vy "of our SS4-Application
for <u>KFI</u>	'S review & approval <i>t</i>	pefore you send it to the IRS. (Se	re Index for instructions.)
28 Yes No ~ If appl	ying for an Associate	Charter, we have enclosed a co	py of our " <i>Federal</i> Not-
29 Yes No ~ We plan			
30 Yes No ~ A Fisc	-	ll be presented to our Board o and <u>a copy</u> will be kept in our	
31Yes No ~ We und	_	= :	=
32Yes No ~ We hav			
		NOT just a personal Social	
33Yes No ~ Our Bo s			•
		neeting with Minutes concerning	
•	• •	consideration, voted that they	
	1 0	become a Charter member wit	- C
	•	, IA and pledged to comply w	
34 Yes No ~ We hav			_
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35 Yes No ~ We hav	e enclosed a copy of t	he front page of our Web site.	
26 CHADTED ADDITIONT	YON EEEC.		
36. CHARTER APPLICAT		on Fee for an Affiliate (tax exemp	(or)
We have enclosed	a <u>Minimum</u> of \$150.0	00 (non-refundable) toward the Apple of per month until paid in full.	
	* *	us. I have enclosed \$125.00 A	Application Fee (non-
·	ciate (Spiritual Covering) Ch		
<u>each October</u> & po your ministry as "i	ying the Renewal Fee. nactive" with the Federa	t charter Annually by completing If this is not completed, KFI wi I Internal Revenue Service. This we tober 31st of the last current char	Il be required to report ould mean~ your Ministry
37. Date:			
38a. Print or type name of t	he <u>current</u> President o	r Founder:	
38h Signatures: President:		I agal Sacratary	(If alastad)
500. Dignatures. I resident.	(OR ~ If Officers have	Legal Secretary: we not been elected)	(II elected)
38c. Signatures: Incorpor	ator #1:	Incorporator #2:	
39. Yes No – Did v	ou make a copy of the	is "Application" to keep for yo	our review and files?
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CRITERIA to determine whether YOU CAN QUALIFY as a KFI ~ "RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION" & FOR "Federal Tax-Exempt Status"!

- 1. **KFI desires to assist** & cover "Religious Organizations for "**Federal tax-exempt status**", **if the organization** is **actively** involved in **Evangelism**, **Biblical Teaching/Training** & establishing individuals in their faith and to a lesser degree combining "good works for humanity".
- 2. Therefore, your "Religious Organization's stated <u>Mission</u> Vision" needs to clearly and actively be doing one or more of the following purposes:
 - □ Evangelism/Missionary Outreach
 - □ Christian Education: Bible Colleges/Schools <u>separate</u> from a Church.
 - □ Christian Education: such as, Christian Day School (K-12) separate from a Church.
 - Christian Orphanages
 - □ Christian Counseling Center working with area churches
 - □ Christian Training Seminars
 - □ Music Ministry
 - Other Religious Activities
- 3. If your various ministries will remain under the "covering" of a <u>church</u> as a department or outreach, <u>then</u> you are using the <u>wrong KFI Application</u> Booklet. Please call the Home Office for a <u>"Church Charter Application Booklet"</u> and discuss this issue with the staff ~ if you have any questions, at all.
- 4. KFI strongly encourages you to <u>wisely include</u> one or more Pastor(s), Evangelist(s), or Missionaries on your Board of Directors. **You are <u>required</u> to have <u>one</u> KFI minister on your Board of Directors to properly link your ministry with KFI.
- 5. You agree to work toward establishing "more than 1/3 of your income" to come from ~ "**public support**", NOT just your personal income. (See "Broad public support" IRS Publication 557)
- 6. You plan to <u>comply</u> with the requirements for Nonprofit Organizations following the IRS guidelines to the best of your ability.
- 7. You are willing to, <u>if required</u>, file a "Financial Report" to the IRS and using a Form 990 called "Annual Information Return". (See the "Index" in this booklet for a sample copy.)
- 8. If you are a School or College, you are willing to file Form 5578, an Annual Certification concerning your Racial Non-Discrimination Policies. (See the "Index" in this booklet for a sample.)
- 9. You are willing to comply with the IRS requirements by completing the Federal/State legal structuring papers for the Corporation within a 15 month period of time. (i. e. Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Mission Statement and establishing a Board of Directors consisting of three (3) unrelated people.)

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION CHARTER INFORMATION:

- 1. Kingsway Fellowship Int'l. is a Church Organization with the Federal government to charter Churches and Religious Organizations under its "Group Umbrella Exemption":
 - (a) If you are applying for an <u>Affiliate</u> Charter and are approved, you WILL immediately be recognized by the <u>Federal</u> IRS as a Nonprofit Religious Organization and you DO <u>NOT</u> need to apply for your own Federal Tax Exemption. (**THIS IS <u>NOT</u> THE SAME AS YOUR Federal EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ~ [FEIN].)
 - **Please read the following carefully & <u>provide</u> copies of <u>each</u> document on the checklist given in #6 on the <u>next</u> page.
 - (b) <u>Associate</u> Charter Members <u>must</u> provide <u>only</u> copies of their: (1) <u>Federal</u> <u>Determination Letter</u>, (2) <u>State</u> recorded Articles of Incorporation, (3) Board approved Bylaws & (4) FEIN number.
 - (c) **Every Organization** under the auspices of Kingsway Fellowship Int'l. (Affiliate/Associate) must:
 - (1) <u>Complete</u> a Charter Application and send it to the Home Office for approval <u>with</u> at least the minimum fee.
 - (2) <u>Must have Completed</u> their legal structuring as described in #6 within 15 months of beginning the Organization and provide copies of the same to KFI.
 - (3) **File** a KFI Annual Charter Continuation Form with the Renewal Fee in October of each year.
 - (4) **Hold** an <u>Annual</u> Business Meeting with your Board of Directors furnishing a Fiscal Financial Report.
 - (5) Stay current with your STATE Corporation filings as required by your State.
- 2. If you are forming a NEW Corporation, you must apply to the Secretary of State, Nonprofit Corporation Division at your State Capitol for a "State Nonprofit Application Form"; & you may also, request the KFI Sample Articles of Incorporation, which covers Federal Nonprofit Requirements. (Both are only examples ~ change or adjust them anywhere you need). Make sure your Articles describe your Organization & be consistent with terms; such as, Directors, Senior Pastor or President, etc.)
- 3. **The reason all** CORPORATIONS MUST faithfully file their <u>required</u> <u>STATE</u> <u>Corporation Report</u> is to up date the current <u>Board Member/Officer changes</u>, <u>address changes</u> & <u>Verification</u> there has NOT been any change of <u>purpose</u>. This is <u>not your Financial Report</u>; rather it is an up dating form. The time to file this report varies per state; therefore you must check with your State on how often it is or is not required.
 - (a) ** Remember your State will <u>CLOSE</u> ("DISSOLVE") your Corporation, if you FAIL to file this report in a timely manner. Some states do not notify you when this report is due; it is your responsibility to file it in a timely fashion. Most states will send the form to your Registered Agent.
- 4. **Remember** neither recording your Articles of Inc. with your **State** Corporation Division nor obtaining a FEIN number <u>alone</u> ~ gives your Religious Organization the <u>right to issue</u> "<u>Tax Deductible Receipts</u>". In addition, you <u>must</u> be <u>chartered</u> by an organization; such as, K.F.I. with <u>Federal</u> Tax-Exempt/Nonprofit Status recognition (or) file your <u>own</u> Federal Application for Nonprofit status, using publication #1032, which can be an extensive and expensive process.
- 5. **To maintain <u>credibility</u>** with the IRS and other Federal agencies, it has been deemed <u>inappropriate</u> for **KFI to charter a Religious Organization <u>without</u> the President** or another <u>major</u> officer of the corporation <u>also</u> being <u>recognized</u> as a **Kingsway Fellowship Int'l. <u>Licensed or Ordained Minister</u>.** Therefore, the K.F.I. Board has established this as a Policy.

(a) ** Please note: It is <u>not</u> necessary for Ministers to <u>sever</u> any affiliation with <u>other</u> organizations they presently hold credentials with, unless they desire to do so.

6. AFFILIATE CHECK LIST ~ Please CHECK each STEP off when COMPLETED:

*** Remember ~ for those applying for " <u>Associate Charter</u> " status ~ all you <u>need to send</u> is " <u>copies</u> " of your Determination letter, FEIN number, Articles of Inc. and Bylaws along with your Application.
_ Charter Application completed and sent to KFI Home Office with Charter fee attached.
Ministerial Application completed, returned to Home Office with the initial fee. This step may be omitted if you are already a current KFI member.
FEIN# ~ Application for a Federal Employers Identification Number (Use Form SS 4) completed and forwarded to the proper area IRS office. (NOTE: After you receive your FEIN number, make 2 photo copies — mail "1" copy to KFI & keep an extra copy for your Organization (at a different location from the original.) If you already have a FEIN number, omit this step & enclose a copy of your IRS letter showing the assigned number.) See Pages 13-17 for form & info.
_ A Letter Requesting Coverage from KFI (on your stationery) prepared & enclosed with Application. See Page 18.
Articles of Incorporation completed, approved by your Board & ratified (If required, by your Bylaws) by the voting members of your congregation: Recorded & Sealed by your State Secretary
Yes, we have opened a separate "Nonprofit Account" in the exact full legal name of our Religious Organization for the handling of all Ministry Funds using your FEIN#; (please enclose a voided check Or a deposit slip) because we understand "NO" Ministry Funds can be deposited in a personal account. (DO NOT put only your own Social Security # on this Religious Organization Account) **If you have questions, contact KFI. (If you have already done do, remove it immediately, replace it with FEIN number and insist on the bank filing a corrected "1099 Form" ~ Misc. Interest Earned Statement to the IRS).
 Our Bylaws have been finalized, approved by our Board of Directors & signed by all (or) a majority of
 the Board. (<u>Do not send</u> these to your State capitol, simply photocopy & mail a copy to the K.F.I. Office for file.) I have carefully READ the "Tax Information Sheets" on pages 20-23.
 ALL these steps should be completed within 15 months of beginning your Ministry ~ NOT when

7. Each KFI <u>AFFILIATE</u> Chartered Religious Organization in <u>October</u> of <u>each year</u> will be required to:

(a) **Complete** a KFI Annual **Continuation** Form (Your Federal Coverage). (Associate Charters must renew also.)

you send your Charter Application to KFI. If you have been operating longer than 15 months.

- (b) **Return the Application & Fee** for the coming Charter Year.
- (c) Send a "copy" of your Annual State Corporation Report, if your State requires you to file one.
- (d) **Retain** in your files a copy of proof (written minutes) you held an Annual Business Meeting with a quorum of your Board of Directors present ~ distributing Annual Finance Reports to them.
- (e) **Send a copy** of the <u>Fiscal Finance Report</u> & <u>Minutes</u> of the meetings (or) a <u>signed</u> statement by the <u>President</u> & legal <u>Board Secretary</u> stating the Annual Business Meeting was held with the Board of Directors and that a finance Report was given by the Board members.

8. All Ministries are requested to participate with KFI's Mission Program in a consistent manner.

We suggest that this manner be in the form of a ~ Monthly Missionary Offering.

(a) You are **NOT** required to stop supporting any Missionaries that you are already supporting.

begin immediately!

- (b) **Please pray** about **including** KFI Missions, also.
- 9. **All Ministries MUST** send a "portion" of their income (tithe/offerings) to <u>other</u> nonprofit organizations to comply with IRS Guidelines which states that not all of your income can go to the incorporators or officers.
- 10. Every Religious Organization should, without fail, have a representative at <u>each</u> Annual K.F.I. World Convention and make <u>every attempt</u> to attend your <u>Regional & State</u> Conferences.
- 11. Each Chartered Ministry is *totally responsible* to keep & store <u>ALL financial and donation records</u> for their individual ministry for no less than <u>5 years</u>.
 - (a) You <u>must</u> **keep accurate records** on <u>all</u> donors, donations, receipts and expenditures.
 - (b) Should the **IRS inquire** about any "<u>verification</u>" on information, <u>ALL</u> such records **MUST** be available for their review for a period of not less than five year.
 - (c) **All offerings**, donations, etc. <u>must be deposited in a nonprofit bank account</u> in the <u>exact legal name</u> of your <u>chartered tax-exempt</u> Religious Organization.
 - (d) **Any funds withdrawn** by you personally that <u>are not</u> reimbursement of ministry expenses (with a receipt) <u>must be claimed as personal income and reported on your personal income taxes.</u>
 - (e) Your ministry must provide <u>each individual who received income from your Organization</u> with either W-2 form(s) or file a 1099 (Misc. Income Form) when total earnings for a year <u>exceeds</u> \$600.00. (This includes any guest speakers you might have during the year, <u>if</u> their honorarium is made out to them <u>personally</u> rather than in a Ministry name.) See p. 26 27 for further explanation.

12. All DONATION Tax Receipts MUST have printed on them:

- (a) The legal name of your Ministry as listed on your Charter.
- (b) YOUR FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. (FEIN# ~ A nine digit IRS#)
- (c) The <u>donor's name</u> and address.
- (d) An **itemized list** of donations ~ especially, any over \$250.00
- (e) In small print: ~ Chartered by: Kingsway Ministries, Inc. of Des Moines, IA, a/k/a Kingsway Fellowship Int'l.
- (e) Mail all tax receipts to your donors by ~ JANUARY 31ST of each year.
- (f) See the Basic Office Procedure Manual for samples. (See Page 25 to order)

SAMPLE ONLY

KINGSWAY MINGTINES ING. 44
KINGSWAY MINISTRIES, INC. a/k/a
Kingsway Fellowship International
CHARTER
AND CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATION
Be it Known:
This is to Certify thatEagles Wing Ministries, Inc
of is affiliated with
KINGSWAY FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL, and is in full accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and recognition with an Internationally known
Fellowship. Kingsway Fellowship International's World Headquarters is located in Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.
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Signed this 1st day of March , 2007
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Dr. William Jenkins, H.D.I., Bishop/Executive Overseer
M. Milde A. Mation, TAD.
Dr. Mildred A. Nation, Th.D., Asst. Executive Overseer K. F. I. CURRIN 2007-2008
Founded in 1968 By Dr D. L. Browning 2007-2008 Invalid Without Current Sticker

Upon receipt and approval of your completed Charter application, you will be mailed a Certificate with the name of your ministry as shown above.

DO YOU NEED AN FEIN????

If you are starting a Religious Organization (Ministry) and expect to receive donations you need a

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

to open a bank account.

To obtain an FEIN you <u>must</u> complete the following SS-4 Form Or go to <u>www.irs.gov</u> "Apply for an Employment Identification Number" and follow the instructions. BE SURE TO PRINT ALL YOUR COPIES AND YOUR LETTER WILL BE THE LAST PAGE.

(See the next 4 pages for the **SS 4 Form** and **instructions** for completing the form if not completing it online.)

(Rev. January 2010)

Department of the Treasury

Application for Employer Identification Number

(For use by employers, corporations, partnerships, trusts, estates, churches, government agencies, Indian tribal entities, certain individuals, and others.)

	OMB No. 1545-0003
EIN	

Interr	al Reve	nue Service	e See	separate	instruction	s for each li	ne.	Keep	a cop	y for your rec	ords.				
	1	Legal na	ame of entity	(or individu	ual) for whor	m the EIN is b	peing reque	sted							
early.	2	Trade na	ame of busi	ness (if diffe	erent from r	name on line	1) 3	3 Executor, administrator, trustee			trustee,	"care o	f" name		
Type or print clearly.	4a	Mailing address (room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. box) 5a Street address (if different) (Do n				ot enter	a P.O.	box.)							
or pri	4b	City, state, and ZIP code (if foreign, see instructions) 5b City, state, and ZIP code (if foreign)						gn, see	instruct	ions)					
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8c						nited States?							[Yes	☐ No
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DIRECTIONS FOR WHERE TO SEND THE SS-4 FORM

(Revised July 2010)

NOTE: Expanded information regarding the completing this **SS4 Form** can be obtained via the Internet at www.irs.gov.

- ❖ Application by Fax: Under the Fax-TIN program, you can receive your FEIN by fax within 4 business days. Complete and fax Form SS-4 to the IRS using the Fax-TIN number listed <u>below</u> for your **State**. A long-distance charge to callers outside of the local calling area will apply. The Fax-TIN numbers can only be used to apply for an EIN. **NOTE**: The fax numbers may change without notice. Fax-TIN is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Be sure to: (1) Provide your fax number so that IRS can fax the FEIN back to you. (Note: by utilizing this procedure, you are authorizing the IRS to fax the FEIN without a cover sheet.)
 - (2) Make 2 copies **before** you **send** the SS 4 Form—[1] Keep "1" for yourself and, [2] Send "1" copy to KFI for REVIEW.

NOTE: It is best to fax a copy to KFI for Correction Review PRIOR to mailing the IRS copy.

- ❖ <u>Application by mail</u>: Complete Form. (Specific directions on the next page) Sign and date the application and mail it to the Service Center address for your State listed below. <u>You will receive your FEIN in the mail in approximately 4 weeks</u>. Send a copy of this letter to the KFI office immediately.
- * Application by Web site: Go to www.irs.gov. On the *left* side of the home page of the screen under "Online Services" click the 6th item down "Apply for an Employment Identification Number". On the next page scroll down to the bottom and click "Apply Online Now" and then scroll down to middle of the page to "Begin Application and continue to follow the instructions. Be sure to print each page before going to the next and then print the **final letter** that has your FEIN number on it.
- **❖** To inquire about your application status ~ <u>call or fax</u> the appropriate number below.

*FIND the State of the location of your	Call the Tele-TIN or *Fax-TIN number
Church (or) Religious Organization	shown or file with the "Internal
below:	Revenue Service Center" at:
Connecticut, Delaware, District of	Mail -Attn: EIN Operation
Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine,	Holtsville, NY 11742
Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,	
New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,	<u>Tele</u> -TIN <u>1-800-829-4933</u>
Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South	
Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.	<u>Fax</u> -TIN 631-447-8960
	Mail -Attn: EIN Operation
Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan	Cincinnati, OH 45999
	<u>Tele</u> -TIN <u>1-800-829-4933</u>
	<u>Fax</u> -TIN 859-669-5760
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas,	Mail - Attn: EIN Operation
California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa,	Philadelphia, PA 19255
Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi,	
Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New	<u>Tele</u> -TIN <u>1-800-829-4933</u>
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Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin,	<u>Fax</u> -TIN 859-669-5760

Wyoming

Specific Instructions for Completing the SS-4 Form as a Religious Organization

- Line 1 Legal name of entity for whom the FEIN is being requested. Enter the legal corporate name of the entity applying for FEIN exactly as it appears on all your legal documents.
- Line 2 Trade name of business. Enter the trade Name of the Ministry, <u>if</u> different from the legal name. The "Trade name" is the "doing business as" (DBA or A/K/A) name.
- Line 3 Executor, Trustee, "care of" name.

 Enter the person's name as the ~"care of"

 Person ~ who is designated to receive tax information. It is normally wise to use your Registered Agent's name.
- Line 4a-b Mailing address. Enter the mailing address for the entity's correspondence. This address will be used on all tax returns. If you need this address changed you file Form 8822.
- Line 5a-b –<u>Street address</u>. Provide the entity's <u>physical</u> address, **only** if different from its *mailing* address. <u>Do not</u> enter a P.O. box number here.
- Line 6 County and State where Ministry is located. Enter the entity's primary physical location.
- Line 7 <u>Name of principal officer</u>. (President) Enter the first name, middle initial, last name and SSN.
- Line 8a –Limited Liability Company check No and skip 8b & 8 c.
- Line 9a Type of entity. Check (√) the box ~ "Church or Church Controlled"

 The Group Exemption Number (the last line on the far right side) (GEN) is 3087—KFI's Federal Group Number.
- **Line 9b Corporation.** Write in the name of the State where the Home Office of Ministry is located.
- Line 10 Reason for Applying: Check the box that states "Other" and write in the words "Tax Exempt Religious Organization" on the

line.

- Line 11 <u>Date business started or acquired</u>. If you are starting a <u>new</u> Religious Ministry, enter the incorporation date. If not incorporated, Write in a "<u>tentative</u>" date.
- **Line 12 Closing month of** <u>Accounting (fiscal)</u> **year.** Enter the month of <u>June</u> (Your accounting (fiscal) Year should match KFI's –
 July1 to June 30) A <u>Fiscal Accounting Year</u> is *any* 12 consecutive months chosen by KFI. A <u>Calendar Year</u> is January to December.
- **Line 13 Number of Employees –** enter 0 if none.
- Line 14 Employment Tax Liability \$1000 or less in full calendar year Check box yes or no.
- Line 15 <u>First date</u> wages or Annuities were paid <u>or will be paid</u>. Enter the date as "00/00 *Unknown*" unless you are already paying wages.
- Line 16 Check the one box that best describes the principal activity of the business. Check "Other" box & write ~ "Evangelism/ Religious Organization" on the line.
- **Line 17 Write N/A** unless you are already handling merchandise.
- Line 18 Check "NO" unless you have done so in the past & skip 16 b & c.
- **NOTE:** *Be sure to <u>sign and date</u> this –SS 4 Form By completing the last 2 lines.
 - ** We suggest you fax a copy to KFI for a "Correction Review" BEFORE sending to the IRS office.
 - *** Then make three copies of this form SS- 4 Form
 - -two to keep in your records and a second one to sent too KFI.

<u>SAMPLE LETTER – </u>

REQUESTING Affiliate Federal Tax-Exempt COVERAGE with KFI

(This letter is not applicable to Associate Applications)

Note of Instruction: This is a sample letter to be retyped on <u>your own Ministry's stationery</u>. If you do NOT have stationery prepared at this time, simply type your Ministry name, address and telephone number at the top of the letter.

Send your Original letter ~ to the Kingsway Fellowship International office with your Application Form.

(Date)

Dr. William Jenkins, H.D.D. Bishop/Executive Overseer of Kingsway Fellowship International 3707 SW 9th St. Des Moines, IA 50315

Dear Dr. Jenkins,

We understand that *Kingsway Ministries, Inc.* ~ *a/k/a Kingsway Fellowship International* is recognized with the Federal Internal Revenue Service and has received its IRS "Group Exemption Letter" stating that KMI/KFI & its subordinates (*charters*) are functioning as a Section 501 (c) (3) organization of the Internal Revenue Code.

This letter will authorize you to include (type the full legal name of your Ministry) as an ~ Affiliated/Associated Charter Member.

Sincerely Yours,

Full Legal Charter Name

Rev. , President

NOTE: Samples of ~

- > Articles of Incorporation
- > Bylaws

Are available via fax, mail or email in Word format.

After your Application has been received by KFI, you may call the KFI Office to request these sample documents.

PHONE: 515-283-0197

FAX: 515-283-0198

EMAIL: info@kingswayfellowship.org

O **Upon receipt of the samples,** please review & revise as necessary to make sure they <u>describe</u> your Ministry with <u>appropriate titles, names of officers, etc.</u> which you currently use or may use in the future.

IMPORTANT TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION

- 1. Ordained and Licensed Ministers DO NOT have the right to issue TAX RECEIPTS in their own name.
 - (A) The IRS <u>does NOT</u> recognize gifts and donations as "TAX DEDUCTIBLE" <u>UNLESS THE</u>

 <u>FUNDS ARE DEPOSITED IN A "NONPROFIT TAX-EXEMPT ACCOUNT</u>" **established in the <u>name</u> of a <u>recognized</u> "Non profit tax-exempt Religious Organization". <u>All donations</u>

 <u>to your Ministry must</u> <u>be in the name of your Ministry</u> ~ NOT YOUR PERSONAL NAME.**
 - (B) For a Religious Organization to be <u>recognized</u> as "<u>Nonprofit</u>" by Federal IRS, one <u>MUST</u>
 Charter Their ministry with K.F.I., which already has a Group Exemption Status (or) they must obtain their own 501 (c) (3) status with Internal Revenue Service by using an attorney or specialist in that field (or) another group ruling organization. (Special rules apply to small income organizations.)
- 2. Any funds which are received or deposited in your "PERSONAL NAME" are considered: "Personal Income" and must be claimed as income on your personal Tax Return.
 - (A) Once a "Nonprofit" <u>Religious Organization</u> is established & a bank account set up in the NAME of the Ministry, <u>all ministry income & expenses can be received and paid out of the Ministry Account</u> & WILL <u>not</u> be considered <u>personal income</u> & <u>never shows up</u> under your Personal Social Security Number.
- 3. If you are a PASTOR, a "housing allowance" may be drawn from a Church Account.
 - (A) The <u>BIG advantage</u> is that it is <u>not "Taxable</u>" by the <u>Federal or State Income Tax</u>; However, you <u>will</u> have to <u>pay</u> Social Security on this amount.
 - (B) It also generally **lowers** the total of your "Gross Income" to a lower bracket of taxation.
 - (1) The Housing Allowance **amount** must be **pre-approved** by the Board of Directors.
 - (2) Each minister is responsible to keep *all receipts* to substantiate the amount taken.
 - (3) All Housing Funds NOT used by December 31st, <u>MUST BE ADDED BACK</u> on to your Salary income when you file your personal Tax Return.
- 4. <u>If you are a President of a Religious Organization</u>, there are <u>ONLY a very narrow FEW</u> who can qualify for Housing Allowances. Inquire about the Minister Tax Books & MANUALS which give the details of this very narrow window.
- 5. ***Request KFI's "BASIC OFFICE PROCEDURES" for Churches & Religious Organizations. It has excellent forms and guidelines. Upon REQUEST, KFI will mail it to you for a small fee of \$25.00 includes S & H ... (turn over to page 25 to see how to order)....
- 6. FOR MORE INFO on Housing Allowances/Honorariums CALL: KFI & ask for Dr. Lynn Nicholson
- 7. TO ORDER ANY INFORMATION OR MANUALS CALL: KFI Home Office
- **8. Don't forget** we have **SPECIAL workshops** during the WORLD CONVENTION which cover these subjects.

Sample Donor Tax Receipt

Donation Receipt
World Outreach Ministries Date
Main Street Home Town, USA E.I.N(your number)
Thank you for your gift(s) to help us "Take the Gospel to the Nations".
Donor's Name: Address:
For:
Tithes
Offerings
Missions
Other: Amount of Donation: \$
Rev. John Smith
Rev. John Smith, Pastor
Your non-refundable donation is much appreciated & will be used to further the kingdom of God at the discretion of the Board of Directors. No goods or services provided.
Affiliated with: Kingsway Ministries, Inc., a/k/a Kingsway Fellowship International

ATTENTION:

ANNUAL TAX RECEIPTS MUST BE GIVEN TO ALL DONORS

BY JANUARY 31ST EACH YEAR FOR THE DONATIONS OF

THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

All donations of \$250.00 (or more) on any given date must be itemized. If requested by donor, you must give them a Tax Receipt immediately.

Sample Donor Tax Receipt

Use copy of your Ministry Stationery

Church of The Word
1234 Heaven St.
St. Petersburg, US
Contributions for Year 2007

FEIN # 12-3456789 (your number)

Donor's Name Address City, State, Zip

		Total:	\$580.00
9/23/07	Tithes & Offering		175.00
4/17/07	Building Fund		25.00
4/10/07	Tithes & Offering		100.00
2/17/07	Missions		30.00
2/10/07	Tithes & Offering		100.00
1/12/07	Tithes & Offering		\$150.00

Fund Summary:

Grand Total:	\$580.00
Building Fund	25.00
Missions	30.00
Tithes & Offering	\$535.00

Rev. John Smith
Rev. John Smith, Pastor

- ◆ Your non-refundable donation is much appreciated and will be used to further the Kingdom of God at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- ♦ No goods or services provided
 - o Affiliated with Kingsway Ministries, Inc. a/k/a Kingsway Fellowship International.

- SAMPLE "THANK YOU" NOTE -

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" — GRAM FOR:

Name:	Date:
Address:	
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General Offering	\$
General Missions	\$
Special Offering Designated for:	\$
Tithe	\$
Special Love Offering for:	\$
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	Treasurer/ Bookkeeper
Comments:	
Your non-refundable donation is much appreciated and will be used to further provided.	the kingdom of God at the discretion of the Board of Directors. No goods or service
Affiliated with: Kingsway Ministries, Inc. a/k/a Ki	ngsway Fellowship International.
	Rev. John Doe, Pastor

Sample Statement of Faith

Section I

This fellowship recognizes that its basis of faith shall be according to the doctrine of Christ found in II John 9-11, "whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath no God." The Biblically inspired doctrinal basis of faith which lists the seven principles of the doctrine of Christ is found in Hebrews 6:1-2; "Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms and of laying on of hands and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

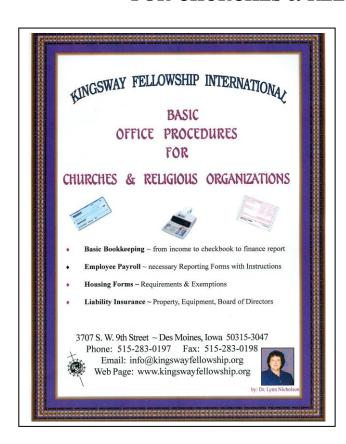
Thus we see that these seven principles include the following:

Repentance from dead works.
Faith in God.
Doctrine of baptisms.
The laying on of hands.
The resurrection of the dead.
Eternal judgment.
The going on to perfection.

Section II

Obviously in the New Testament Church, there was not uniformity of beliefs in all matters, including for example that of circumcision (Acts 15:1). The apostles did not attempt to resolve the differences in this case. Either side was given liberty of conscience in the matter, but neither was permitted to make it an issue. **KINGSWAY FELLOWSHIP**INTERNATIONAL therefore stands for New Testament liberty of conscience but disapproval of any whom would use that liberty to divide brethren. Those contemplating affiliation/association with Kingsway Fellowship International should prayerfully consider the significance of the above statement.

KFI'S ~ "BASIC OFFICE PROCEDURES" FOR CHURCHES & RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS



ORDER TODAY ~ BY:

CONTACTING THE KFI HOME OFFICE

(1) Phone: 515-283-0197 (2) FAX: 515-283-0198

(3) Email: infor@kingswayfellowship.org

PRICE: \$25.00 including S & H

~ <u>Federal</u> Internal Revenue Service Publications ~

TO ORDER FORMS GO TO:

- 1. The **web** site ~ <u>www.irs.gov</u>
- 2. **Phone** the IRS ~ 800-826-3676

The following publications we strongly urge you to obtain from the IRS and become familiar with:

1. Publications 557 ~ Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization

2. Publication 1542 ~ Per Diem Rates (For travel within the USA)

3. Publication 17 ~ Federal Income Tax (gives you the latest rulings on every imaginable topic.)

4. Publication 517 ~ Items acceptable for Income Taxes & Social Security, including Housing

5. Publication 15 ~ Employer's Tax Guide (Includes Wage withholdings & Advance Earned Income Credit Payment Tables.)

SAMPLE "W-9" FORM FOR ~ SPEAKERS & INDIVIDUALS

- All Churches/Ministries MUST give one of these forms to every individual <u>BEFORE</u> writing any checks to Speakers or Individuals.
- This form allows/requires them to <u>designate</u> how they want their checks written & you must save it.
- If you DO NOT have them complete this form YOU are <u>REQUIRED</u> to withhold 28% for IRS Taxes.

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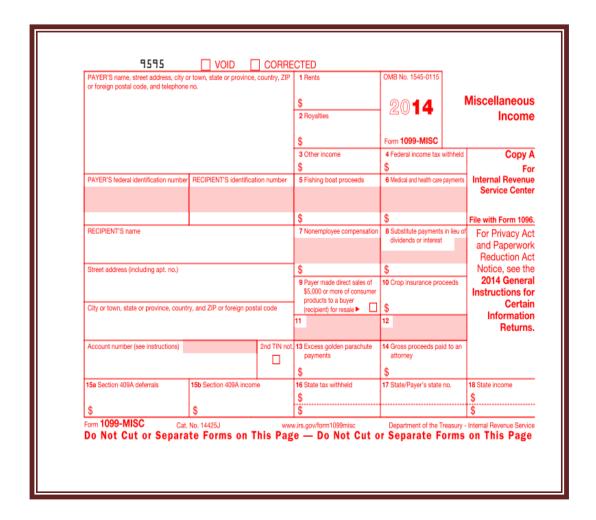
This form is used for those "Non-Employees" paid in Excess of \$600.00 per year.

- <u>REQUIRED for EVERY individual</u> who is <u>not</u> on your Salary Payroll & receives income from your Ministry/Church of more <u>than \$600.00 per year</u> even if it is written in several different checks.
- This is why you need to have each one complete a W-9 BEFORE you pay them, because it may be very difficult to contact them at a later date when the total has run over this key amount.

ATTENTION:

This form is provided here only as the sample. You will need to go to www.irs.gov, and complete online **OR** order it from IRS forms at 1-800-829-3676. Do NOT fill out a copy on line and try to download it and give to the non-employee. A penalty may be imposed for filing forms incorrect.

Please read the web site.



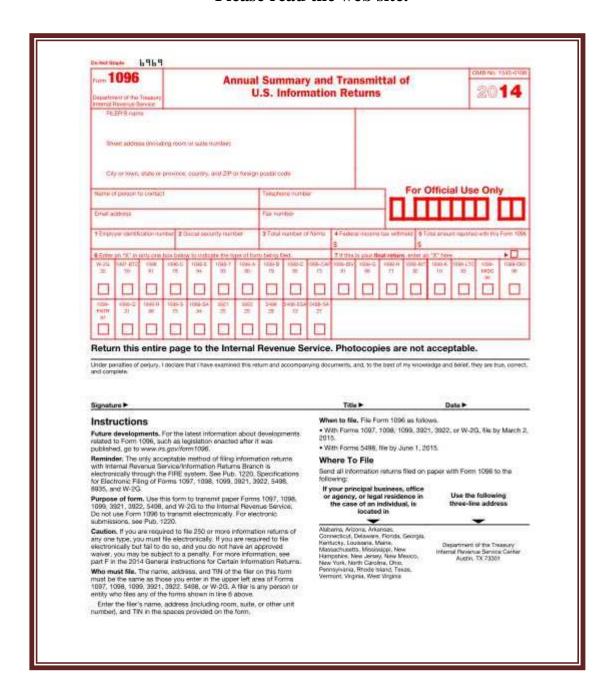
This is the RIS Transmittal for the 1099's

(It is like a w-2 for the 1040's)

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All Religious Organizations who are or have **Schools** Must file this Form ANNUALLY

Form **5578**

(Rev. April 2009)

Department of the Treasury

Annual Certification of Racial Nondiscrimination for a Private School Exempt From Federal Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0213 Open to Public Inspection

Interna	ternal Revenue Service (For use by organizations that do not file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ)				For IRS Use Only		
For t	he period beginning	, and ending			,		
1a	Name of organization that operates, supervises, and/or controls school(s).					entification number	
	Address (number and street or P.O. box no., if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite				I		
	City or town, state,	e.)					
2 a	Name of central organization holding group exemption letter covering the school(s). (If same as 1a above, write "Same" and complete 2c.) If the organization in 1a above holds an individual exemption letter, write "Not Applicable."					entification number	
	Address (number and street or P.O. box no., if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite					otion number (see under Definitions)	
	City or town, state, ar						
3a	Name of school. (If more than one school, write "See Attached," and attach a list of the names, complete addresses, including postal codes, and employer identification numbers of the schools.) If same as 1a above, write "Same."					entification number,	
	Address (number and street or P.O. box no., if mail is not delivered to street address)					Room/suite	
	City or town, state,						
the s		hereby certify that I am authorized to take official action on behalf of the aboutisfied the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Pr					

(Signature) (Type or print name and title.) (Date)

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Note. This form is open to public inspection.

Purpose of Form

Form 5578 may be used by organizations that operate tax-exempt private schools to provide the Internal Revenue Service with the annual certification of racial nondiscrimination required by Rev. Proc. 75-50 (the relevant part of which is reproduced in these instructions).

Who Must File

Every organization that claims exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that operate(s), supervises, or controls a private school(s) must file a certification of racial nondiscrimination. If an organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, or Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, either as a separate return or as part of a group return, the certification must be made on Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Schools, rather than on this

An authorized official of a central organization may file one form to certify for the school activities of subordinate organizations that would otherwise be required to file on an individual basis, but only if the central organization has enough control over the schools listed on the form to ensure that the schools maintain a racially nondiscriminatory policy as to students.

Definitions

A racially nondiscriminatory policy as to students means that the school admits the students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at that school and that the school does not discriminate on the basis of race in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.

The IRS considers discrimination on the basis of race to include discrimination on the basis of color or national or ethnic

A school is an educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on. The term includes primary,

secondary, preparatory, or high schools and colleges and universities, whether operated as a separate legal entity or as an activity of a church or other organization described in section 501(c)(3). The term also includes preschools and any other organization that is a school as defined in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).

A central organization is an organization that has one or more subordinates under its general supervision or control. A subordinate is a chapter, local, post, or other unit of a central organization. A central organization may also be a subordinate, as in the case of a state organization that has subordinate units and is itself affiliated with a national organization.

The group exemption number (GEN) is a four-digit number issued to a central organization by the IRS. It identifies a central organization that has received a ruling from the IRS recognizing on a group basis the exemption from federal income tax of the central organization and its covered subordinates.

When To File

Under Rev. Proc. 75-50, a certification of racial nondiscrimination must be filed annually by the 15th day of the 5th month following the end of the organization's calendar year or fiscal period.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 3.

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Form **5578** (Rev. 4-2009)

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FILING 990 or 990EZ or 990N INCOME TAX FORMS

The Form 990 or 990EZ is filed with the IRS when your income is over \$25,000 a year and if not under a Parent Organizations such as KFI.

The Original Form is a 4-page carbon and can be obtained from an IRS office.

A worksheet can be downloaded from the Internet.

*****There was a new 2007 Filing Law for small tax-exempt Religious Organizations:

- □ You may receive a notice about a Form 990N. It must be filed Electronically or epostcard.
- □ This form is for tax-exempt Organizations **NOT** required to file a 990 or a 990EZ
- □ Churches (or) association of churches (KFI) do **NOT** have to file the NEW 990N Form.
- □ All small Religious Organizations **NOT** chartered by KFI or another similar Church ~ Parent Organization ~ **MUST file a 990N** Report every year ~ beginning with the January 2007 tax year. (*Those having an income over \$25,000.00 per year should be already filing a 990 or 990EZ Form*). This form is for those **having an income less than** \$25,000.00 a year and **NOT** under KFI covering.

NOTE: Until the IRS gets there system all worked out, some of our Churches and Religious Organizations, MAY receive a letter/card notifying them that they must file. **DO NOT panic**, but CALL the KFI office and we will assist you to correct the IRS files so you won't get any more notices.

BY ALL MEANS ~ DO NOT IGNORE IT ~ IT COULD CAUSE YOU TROUBLE IN THE FUTURE.

Sources of Legitimate Income to be a Religious Organization

The status of having 501 (c) 3 covering for Nonprofit status requires that you meet certain condition. **These conditions listed below are taken from the IRS Publication 557**. To obtain a current copy go to your nearest IRS office or obtain online at www.irs.gov.

- 1. The organization is organized exclusively for, and will be operated exclusively for, one or more of the purposes, charitable and/or religious as specified in your Articles of Incorporation.
- 2. No part of the organization's net earning will inure to the benefit of Board members or individuals. You must establish that your organization will not be organized or operated by the <u>benefit of private interests</u>, such as the creator or creator's <u>family</u>, shareholders of the organization, other designated individuals or persons controlled directly or indirectly by such private interests.
- 3. An organization will qualify as publicly supported and not a foundation if it normally <u>receives at least one-third of its total</u> <u>support from contributions made directly to your organization by the "general public"</u> or from governmental grants or funds.
- 4. An organization will qualify as publicly supported if it passes the one-third support test. If it fails that test, it may qualify under the facts and circumstances test.
 - A. **One-third-support test**. An organization will qualify as publicly supported if it <u>normally receives at least one-third of its total support from the general public</u>, governmental funds/grants or from a combination of these sources.

The definition of normally for one-third support test. An organization will be considered as normally meeting the one-third-support test for its current tax year and the next tax year if, for the 4 tax years immediately before the current tax year, the organization meets the one-third-support test on an aggregate basis.

B. **Facts and circumstances test**. The facts and circumstances test is for organizations failing to meet the one-third-support test. If your organization fails to meet the one-third-support test, it may still be treated as a publicly supported organization <u>if it normally receives a substantial part of its support from governmental units, <u>from directly or indirect contributions</u> from the general public, or from a combination of these sources.</u>

To qualify, an organization must meet the **ten-percent-of-support requirement** & the "attraction of **public support" requirement**. These requirements establish, under all the facts and circumstances, that an organization normally receives a substantial part of its support from direct or indirect contributions from the general public or from governmental units.

- C. **Ten-percent-of-support requirement**. The percentage of support normally received by an organization from governmental units, from contributions made directly or indirectly by the general public, or from a combination of these sources must be substantial. An organization will not be treated, as normally receiving a substantial amount of governmental or public support unless the total amount of governmental and public support normally received is at least 10% of the total support normally received by that organization.
- D. Attraction of public support requirement. An organization must be organized and operated in a manner to attract new and additional public or governmental support on a continuous basis. An organization will meet this requirement if it maintains a continuous and bona fide program for solicitation of funds from the general public, community or membership group involved, or if it carries on activities designed to attract support from governmental units or other charitable organizations described in section 509 (a) (1).

In determining whether an organization maintains a continuous & bona fide program for solicitation of funds from the general public or community, consideration will be given to whether the scope of its fund-raising activities is seasonable in light of its charitable activities. Consideration, also, will be given to the fact that an organization may, in its early years of existence, limit the scope of its solicitation to persons who would be most likely to provide seed money sufficient to enable it to begin its charitable activities and expand its solicitation program.

GUIDELINES FOR

"DIVERSIFYING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS"

INFORMATION FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The **Guidelines for** "Diversifying Disbursement of Funds for Religious Organizations are:

The <u>disbursement of your funds</u> is very important. A good percentage of <u>regular donations</u> need to be made to <u>other Religious Organizations</u> other than your officers, staff and/or your expenses alone. <u>Any home or foreign mission endeavors will qualify</u> ~ as long as ~ it goes to their <u>organizations</u> rather than them personally. Please REVIEW carefully and IMPLEMENT these "Guidelines" soon. We are making these recommendations because ~

- (1) One of the major issues the IRS watches for is that all funds raised are NOT going to the benefit of <u>one</u> <u>individual or one officer of the Ministry</u>. We feel this issue can be easily covered, if a percentage of the funds raised are distributed to <u>other</u> Ministries and/or Mission trips/projects.
- (2) Therefore, we encourage you, in the future, to diversify your disbursements and <u>make sure your **printed**</u> <u>**financial statements** reflect some disbursements to outside Ministries &/or Mission Projects.</u>

We are simply encouraging you <u>to take steps</u> which will keep you in "<u>good standing" status</u> with the IRS. Perhaps you are already doing some of this as tithes/offering, but you need to <u>clarify</u> & reflect this on your <u>financial statements</u> – <u>for example</u>:

- * Tithe/Mission offerings to **various Ministries/Missions:** \$2,800.00 (or itemize each individually)
- If you have any questions, please call our office and ask for Dr. William Jenkins.