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Friends in Harvest is a grouping of pastors, churches, ministries and missions that want closer relationship with our movement, but do not feel it is desirable to leave their own affiliations to do so. It is designed as well for church planters who start relating to Partners in Harvest as Friends in Harvest.

Our hope and desire is that, as the Holy Spirit continues to move in, on and through the church, deep personal relationships and unity will come about. We also hope that friendships will develop between pastors and also between churches, ministries and even denominational groups. These, we trust, will become foundational links as we fellowship and move in the Holy Spirit's power, the Father's love and in the gospel of the Kingdom.

The purpose of *Friends in Harvest* is to help encourage closer relationships between churches moving in renewal. To facilitate this closer linking, we have our Partners and Friends in Harvest churches listed on our website. This we believe will help pave the way for local linking and greater fellowship. Please make every effort to get together to build close relationships with others in your area or region.

As you begin to relate locally, you may want to consider doing some joint activities or meetings related to renewal/revival. This could lead to local strategic evangelistic co-operative events also.

We send out mailings with updates as to what is happening in the way of conferences held at CTF or in the various regions to all our FIH members. Our Internet Web site also has ongoing current information available as to what is happening in PIH. Please make every effort to note what is happening through our website <http://www.partnersinharvest.org>

Please also read through the PIH/FIH Common or Foundational Goals information enclosed. We trust that in all our efforts to draw into closer relationship with each other that these values will be foundational to everything we do.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

We ask you to send an annual minimal contribution of Canadian \$250 or the equivalent to help with ministry and operating costs. Checks should be made out to Partners in Harvest. (We do not have an account entitled Friends in Harvest).

PIH COMMON OR FOUNDATIONAL GOALS

1. TO HAVE AS OUR HIGHEST GOAL THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT:

Matthew 22:37 And HE said to him: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

In other words, to see a passion for Jesus permeate everything we do, to understand first that this passion is only in response to the love of the Father poured out on us, in us, and through us.

2. TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO ACTIVELY LOVE, BLESS AND SERVE EVERY MEMBER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST AS A RESPONSE TO THE FATHER'S LOVE:

Matthew 22:39 "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. "

3. TO BRING RENEWAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL BODY OF CHRIST THROUGH THE PERSON AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY GIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT TOTAL FREEDOM TO MOVE IN BOTH OLD AND NEW WAYS.

4. TO PURSUE REVIVAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT UNTIL THE LOST ARE SAVED AND SWEEPED INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

5. TO SEE THE CHURCH MOVING IN THE UNITY OF THE FATHER AND SON:

John 17: 20-23 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in ME through their word; that they may all be one; even as THOU , Father, are in ME, and I in THEE, that they also may be in US; that the world may believe that THOU didst send ME. And the glory which THOU hast given ME I have given to them; that they may be one, just as WE are one; I in them, and THOU in ME, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that THOU didst send ME, and didst love them, even as THOU didst love ME."

6. TO PROVIDE IDENTITY AND FELLOWSHIP THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND NOT EXCLUSIVE: TO RELATE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, INTERNATIONALLY OVER BROAD RELATIONAL LINES; TO BE INSTRUMENTS OF RECONCILIATION WHEREVER POSSIBLE; TO BE SUPPORTIVE WHEREVER AND HOWEVER GOD CHOOSES TO MOVE, AND OF WHOMEVER GOD CHOOSES TO USE.

7. TO HAVE APPRECIATION FOR THE VALUE OF RECEIVING FROM OTHERS, INDIVIDUALS AND MOVEMENTS, IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNDERSTANDING THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE WHOLE PICTURE, BUT JUST ONE PIECE OF GOD'S ETERNAL PUZZLE.

John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom THOU hast given ME, be with ME where I am, in order that they may behold MY glory, which THOU hast given ME; for THOU didst love ME before the foundation of the world."

In other words, the broader picture of the Body reveals more of HIS Glory.

- 8. TO SEE THE FUNCTIONAL REALITY OF UNITY IN WHICH WE ARE NOT RECOGNIZED BY RACE, NATION, CLASS, GENDER OR DENOMINATION, BUT ALL ONE UNDER THE CROSS OF CHRIST:**

Galatians 3:27-28 "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

- 9. TO SEE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST PROCLAIMED IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EVERY NATION, TRIBE AND TONGUE (ACTS 1:8) AND TO SEE CHURCHES ESTABLISHED WHERE NEEDED TO DISCIPLE AND BUILD UP THE SAINTS AND NEW BELIEVERS.**

- 10. TO SEE THE SAINTS EQUIPPED FOR THE WORK OF THE SERVICE TO THE BUILDING UP OF THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

Ephesians 4:11-15 "And HE gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the Body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into HIM, who is the head, even CHRIST."

- 11. TO LIVE BY GOD'S GRACE IN INTIMACY WITH HIM, SIMPLICITY OF LIFE STYLE, HUMILITY IN DEMEANOR, OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL AND IN A WILLINGNESS TO HONOUR AND ESTEEM OTHERS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

- 12. TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP THE LORD IN SIMPLICITY AND INTIMACY AND TO ENCOURAGE NEW HEIGHTS OF WORSHIP.**

- 13. TO BE A PEOPLE WHO PLACE A HIGH VALUE ON PRAYER AND INTERCESSION.**

- 14. TO BE A PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD**

- 15. TO WALK BY FAITH, NOT SIGHT; INDEED TO HAVE A RADICAL FAITH, TO RISK WALKING IN ALL THAT GOD CALLS US TO, THROUGH ALL THAT HE IS.**

- 16. TO BE A PROPHETIC CHURCH, TO WELCOME THE WORDS OF GOD; TO PASTOR AND NURTURE THOSE THUS CALLED.**

BENEFITS OF FRIENDS IN HARVEST

BENEFITS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH FIH

1. Identity and fellowship in a loving family of churches and ministries that are pressing forward together in the Lord toward revival and harvest. it is non-binding in nature and allows the congregation or pastor to retain its own denominational affiliation and identity.
2. Functions in a low-key relational way, like first cousins in a family.
3. Care and pastoral counsel available from a broad range of experienced church leaders to pastors and churches as desired.
4. Encourages fellowship/relationship locally.
5. Access to apostolic resource teams of itinerant ministers, moving in Eph. 4:11 anointing and gifting.
6. Access to volunteers and interns trained in the School of Ministry who are available to help and serve in your congregation. FIH Members must opt into having their contact info included on our website by sending us an email confirming this.
7. Your name is included on the PIH/FIH address list for broad contact and relationship purposes.
8. You will receive the Partners in Harvest e-newsletter that will keep you informed as to what is happening in the family.

IN RESPONSE, WHAT ARE YOUR COMMITMENTS TO FIH?

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