

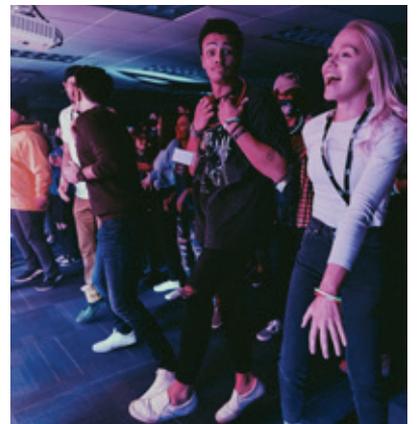


**Have you
considered the Ohio
Assemblies of God?**



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YOU, US, & GOD

I love Ohio and especially the people of God who are working so faithfully to share and show His love!

The fact that you are holding this resource in your hand means you are likely ministering somewhere in this great state, a place that you and I are privileged to call Home. Can I pause for a moment and just say Thank you! for following the Holy Spirit's call on your life?

As the superintendent for the Ohio Ministry Network (OMN), I have sensed there must be pastors and church leaders of independent congregations across the state who would be great partners as we reach our communities for the cause of Christ. Did you know that OMN has nearly 300 congregations, more than 900 credentialed ministers, and thousands of local leaders?

If you or your congregation feel a growing interest to link arms with people who believe in salvation through Jesus, the fullness of the Spirit-filled life, and a passion for spreading the gospel across the nation and the globe, learning more about the Assemblies of God may be a worthwhile effort.

In the following pages, you can see a glimpse of some of the resources available to our partner churches and ministers. These can be challenging times to declare the truth of God's Word, to take steps to safely engage communities with acts of compassion, and to perpetuate healthy models of discipleship for future generations. Together, I am convinced ministry leaders can help each other and become more unified as brothers and sisters!

After praying and considering opportunities for possible partnership that could be a blessing to you or your congregation, please reach out and let us know if you have questions or a desire to explore some next steps. (See pg. 31)

Whether a stronger partnership is in our mutual future, or not, please know we are grateful for your commitment to furthering the message of God's love here in Ohio and beyond!



John Wootton | Ohio Ministry Network Superintendent

LIKELY REALITIES

- God has called you to minister to your community.
- He has given you dreams and visions for your church.
- You are ministering to hurting people in your area.
- God makes opportunities available for stronger partnerships.

PRAYERFUL QUESTIONS

- Could your vision be better accomplished if you had access to greater resources and connectivity?
- Does your local ministry have skills and perspectives that would encourage others?
- Are the 21st century issues confronting churches today a little bit daunting to face alone?

If you're not already affiliated with an organized denomination and you've been hoping to belong to a broader network for inspiration, encouragement, fellowship, protection, support, & resources, the Ohio Ministry Network may be a great fit for you.

- John Wootton



ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10

“TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD RETURN FOR THEIR LABOR: IF EITHER OF THEM FALLS DOWN, ONE CAN HELP THE OTHER UP. BUT PITY ANYONE WHO FALLS AND HAS NO ONE TO HELP THEM UP.”



About The Assemblies of God

Who we are...

The Assemblies of God was founded in 1914 in Hot Springs, Arkansas with 300 people at the founding convention. Today there are nearly 13,000 churches in the U.S. with nearly 3 million members and adherents. There are more than 69 million Assemblies of God members worldwide, making the Assemblies of God the world's largest Pentecostal denomination.

The U.S. Assemblies of God national office is located at 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. It houses the Fellowship's executive and administrative offices, service divisions and departments, and warehouse.

U.S. ADHERENTS

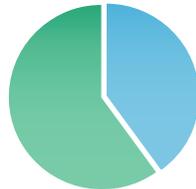
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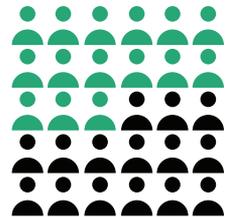
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MINISTERS
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44%
OF ADHERENTS ARE
ETHNIC
MINORITY

51%
OF ADHERENTS ARE
UNDER
AGE 35



MISSIONARY PERSONNEL
IN THE U.S. AND
AROUND THE WORD

5,224



EVERY
62
SECONDS

A CONVERSION TAKES
PLACE THROUGH
AN AG CHURCH OR MINISTRY
SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD

What We Believe



OUR CORE DOCTRINES

SALVATION

“Are there ever really any second chances in life? Surprisingly, the answer is yes. The Bible calls it Salvation. Salvation is God’s second chance for every one of us.”

-- Jim Bradford,
former general secretary

Two years after its founding, the AG established 16 doctrines as a standard to reach, preach and teach its people. These doctrines became our Statement of Fundamental Truths. Four of these truths are considered our core beliefs due to the key role they play in reaching the lost and building the believer and the church both now and for the future.

DIVINE HEALING

“Christ’s death on the cross not only provides for forgiveness of sin, but also healing for sickness. The One who gave you the gift of eternal life...is the same One who can heal your body.”

-- Doug Clay,
general superintendent

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

“The baptism in the Holy Spirit provides the believer with an empowering for witness and to live a life pleasing to God.”

-- Alton Garrison,
former assistant general superintendent

SECOND COMING

“As followers of the risen Lord Jesus, we have the assurance of a wonderful hope...a reunion with our saved loved ones, and more importantly with our Savior. We call this ‘Our Blessed Hope!’”

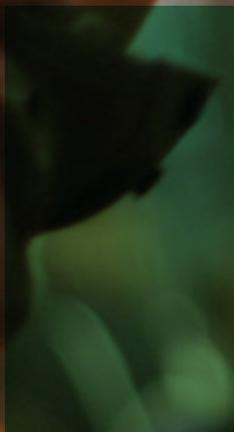
-- George O. Wood,
former general superintendent



To learn more about
the Core Doctrines of
the Assemblies of God
scan here



Our 16 Fundamental Truths



This “Statement of Fundamental Truths” contains the 16 doctrines of the Assemblies of God. These are non-negotiable tenets of faith that all Assemblies of God churches adhere to. Four of these, Salvation, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Divine Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ are considered Cardinal Doctrines which are essential to the church’s core mission of reaching the world for Christ.



For more information about the 16 Fundamental Truths please visit ag.org/Beliefs/Statement-of-Fundamental-Truths or scan the QR Code.

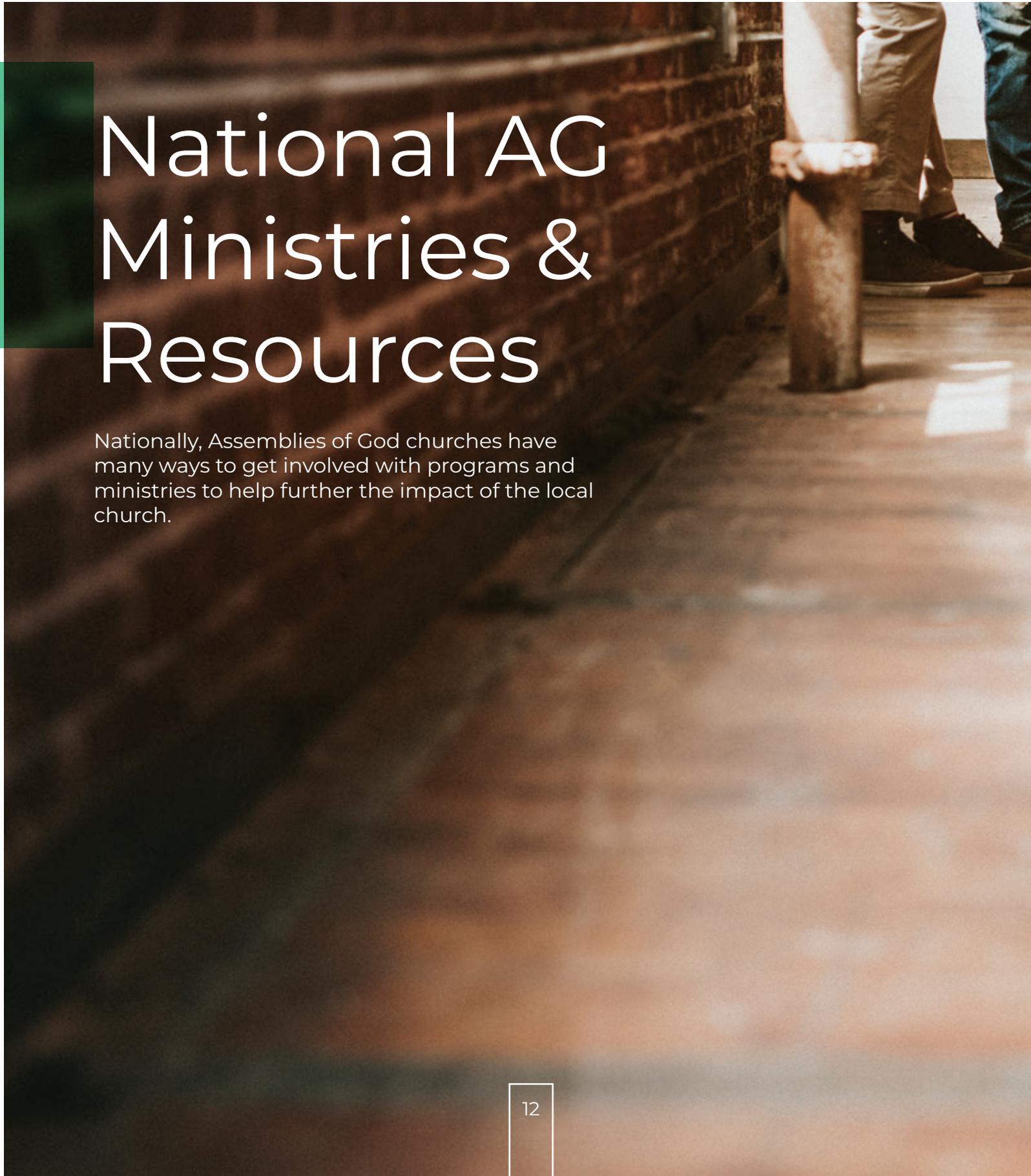
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. This Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of fellowship among us (i.e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). The phraseology employed in this Statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full-gospel ministry. No claim is made that it covers all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines.

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| 1. The Scriptures Inspired | 9. Sanctification |
| 2. The One True God | 10. The Church and Its Mission |
| 3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ | 11. The Ministry |
| 4. The Fall of Man | 12. Divine Healing |
| 5. The Salvation of Man | 13. The Blessed Hope |
| 6. The Ordinances of the Church | 14. The Millennial Reign of Christ |
| 7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit | 15. The Final Judgment |
| 8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit | 16. The New Heavens and the New Earth |



For more information on where the AG stands on important cultural issues, visit ag.org/beliefs/position-papers or scan the QR code.



National AG Ministries & Resources

Nationally, Assemblies of God churches have many ways to get involved with programs and ministries to help further the impact of the local church.



MINISTRIES

Adult and Family

Men's Ministries
Women's Ministries
Senior Adults
Light For the Lost
Light The Way
and more

Youth

National Youth
Ministries
Fine Arts
Speed the Light
Teen Bible Quiz
AIM
Called
Hydrate
Youth Alive
and more

Children

Children's Ministry
BGMC
Compact Family
Services Agency
Faith Case
Fire Bible Kids
Girls Ministries
Junior Bible Quiz
Mega Sports Camp
Radiant Life
Royal Rangers
Tru Fire
Vida Nueva
Hydrate
Called
and more

Leaders and Ministers

Church Multiplication
Network
Influence Magazine
Acts 2 Journey
Network of Women
Ministers
Office of Hispanic
Relations
Office of Ethnic
Relations
Influence Music
AG National Evangelists
and more

Education

AG Alliance for Higher
Education
Center for Holy Lands
Studies

Other Ministries

Evangelism
Worship
Discipleship
Compassion
Disciple Well
Bible Engagement
Project
Empowering
Stewardship

What is The Ohio Ministry Network?



Who we are...

We are a fellowship of nearly 300 Ohio churches, more than 900 credentialed ministers, and thousands of church leaders across the Buckeye State driven by Leader Development, Church Health, Church Multiplication, and Missions Partnership. We are committed to the common cause of developing leaders to multiply disciples of Jesus by the Spirit's power as we devote ourselves to worshiping God, discipling believers, and reaching out to the lost and hurting through evangelism and acts of compassion.



Connection and resourcing for church leaders in 14 local area, 7 regions, and across the state.

OMN's Values

DESPARATION

In response to staggering brokenness all around us, WE VALUE a relentless pursuit of God's presence and power via worship, repentance, prayer, fasting, Spirit baptism, Bible engagement and holy living.

EXCELLENCE

Maximizing the effectiveness and authenticity of the Church, WE VALUE modeling a lifestyle and ministry approach marked by biblical intentionality, transparency and stewardship.

HONOR

As an outflow of our love for God, WE VALUE Scripture's mandate to esteem, include and serve each other with honor, including spiritual elders, community influencers, those in the minority, and the marginalized or suffering.

COMMUNICATION

As Great Commission partners, WE VALUE the strategic networking of personnel and resources to communicate the gospel while modeling New Testament patterns of teaching and dialog.



MISSION

Developing Leaders
to Multiply Disciples of Jesus
by The Spirit's Power

VISION

Recognizing a broken society is the outflow of a weakened church, the Ohio Ministry Network of pastors and church leaders seeks to awaken a sleeping giant to develop and deploy Spirit-empowered leaders for healthy, multiplying churches and ministries to see people forgiven, healed and whole through a unified ten-year strategic initiative called Ohio for Jesus.

DRIVERS

Leader Development
Church Health
Church Multiplication
Missions Partnership



What is “Ohio for Jesus”?



Ohio for Jesus is the 10-year strategic vision of the Ohio Ministry Network launched in 2020. Because we recognize that a broken society is the outflow of a weakened church, we want to see the church, a sleeping giant, awoken to develop and deploy Spirit-empowered leaders for healthy, multiplying churches and ministries and see people forgiven, healed, and whole.

Sensing the Spirit's clear direction to move forward in statewide unity, Network leadership conducted a massive statewide survey while our presbyters and ministry directors were led on a strategy and vision-building journey. Ohio for Jesus then came about after hearing of the prayerful development and implementation of a strategic 10-year plan by the Assemblies of God in Tanzania. The Ohio Ministry Network sent a delegation of leaders

to observe firsthand what God can do when a group of churches and leaders unite to impact their communities for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through several years of prayerful consultation in Ohio and finding confidence in the Tanzanian story, along with multiple confirmational moments, God positioned Ohio to develop and engage in its own strategic plan, Ohio for Jesus.

This initiative consists of four major areas that we call drivers. Each of the drivers has one major goal broken into three key result areas. These goals were set through careful prayer and asking Ohio pastors and local church leaders what they believed the Lord was directing them to accomplish locally in each driver. Our statewide totals reflect numbers submitted by each participating church.



25,000
NEW LEADERS
LEADER DEVELOPMENT

includes your development as a leader, as well as those you are raising up behind you. We are believing God for 25,000 new leaders in Ohio by the year 2030. Our Key Result Areas for Leader Development are: Identify and Train, Care and Coach, Multiply and Mobilize.



250,000
NEW DISCIPLES
CHURCH HEALTH

includes the spiritual health of our churches and our commitment to disciple others. We are believing God for 250,000 new believers by the year 2030. Our Key Result Areas for Church Health are: Seek the Spirit, Share & Invite, Make Disciples.

For an audio version of this, check out the Ohio for Jesus Podcast season 1 episode 1 or Scan Here.



Visit OhioForJesus.com or scan the QR code, for more information and resources or to just stay engaged.



**1,000
NEW CHURCHES
CHURCH MULTIPLICATION**

includes growing the church in new communities. We are believing God for 1,000 new churches to be planted by the year 2030. Our Key Result Areas for Church Multiplication are: Raise Up Planters, Engage Communities, Plant Churches.

**300% INCREASE
IN MISSIONS GIVING & SENDING**



MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

includes both US and World Missions. We are believing God for a 300% Increase in missions giving and sending by the year 2030. Our Key Result Areas for Church Multiplication are: Educate & Inspire, Recruit & Involve, Give & Send.

Get Involved with OMN!



MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

Missions Partnership includes AG World and AG US Missions. Through strategic partnerships, trips, and projects Missions Partnership makes churches and individuals aware of opportunities to support missionaries in leading people to encounter Christ in a variety of ministry contexts.



OHIO KIDMIN

The Ohio Kidmin Network exists to provide resources, trainings, and ministry opportunities for pastors and leaders in order to help children of all ages discover who they are in Christ, develop their relationship with God, and deploy to change the world!



OHIO YOUTH MINISTRY

It is the goal of Ohio Youth Ministries to be a resource for youth pastors and leaders, young adult's pastors and leaders, teens, young adults, parents, and lead pastors as we all pursue a life that honors God.

Scan here to
visit
ohioministry.net



CHURCH HEALTH

The Church Health Department desires to assist pastors, churches, and local ministry leaders in clarifying their focus. We seek to accomplish this through leadership development and training, serving our Network affiliated churches, supporting churches through pastoral changes, and facilitating church growth and discipleship resources.



CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

Whether you are a church that wants to start another church, an individual called to lead a new work, or a group of pastors ready to reach an unreached segment of your community, we want to partner with you in God-sized dreams.



CHI ALPHA

Reconciling college students to Christ, equipping them through Spirit-filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship and mission to transform the university, the marketplace and the world.

Ohio Men's Ministry exists to help pastors and local churches lead their men into deeper relationship with Christ, and greater spiritual effectiveness in the community.

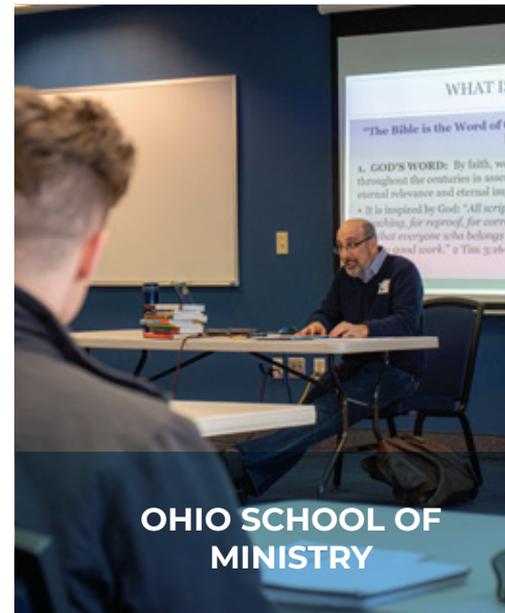


MEN'S MINISTRY



OMN WOMEN

OMNWomen exists to encourage women of all generations to connect and flourish in their relationship with Jesus and other women across the state of Ohio, to encourage them to live empowered by the Spirit, so that they may impact their family, church, community, state, and world for Jesus.



OHIO SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

In an increasingly fatherless society, a clarion call echoes throughout the land for godly men to arise, take their place, and mentor the next generation. At its heart, Royal Rangers is a mentoring ministry.



ROYAL RANGERS



GIRL'S MINISTRY

Ohio Girls Ministries provides the greatest opportunity for girls to grow in their relationship with Jesus and create lasting, life-changing friendships with each other and leaders through activities, mentoring and discipleship.



The Ohio School of Ministry (OSOM) is the Ohio Ministry Network's sponsored and operated ministerial training program that provides a learning forum for laity interested in increasing biblical and doctrinal knowledge and developing ministry skills.



Mobilizing women to fulfill their ministerial call. Advocate: Cultivating a diverse culture that identifies gifts and opens doors to position women in ministry. Collaborate: Creating opportunities for women through connecting, coaching, and mentoring. Train: Equipping women in ministerial and leadership competencies



OHIO NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS



FATHER'S HEART

Mobilizing and equipping churches to support foster & adoptive families, and families in crisis through training and resources.



SEU OHIO

Southeastern University Ohio Regional Campus is a Christ-centered institution of higher learning, partnered with the Ohio Ministry Network. We are committed to providing a Christian college education designed to equip the next generation to go into the world as influential servant leaders in their careers and their communities.



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What
happens at
Heartland
changes
the world!

Located just 20 minutes north of Columbus, Ohio Heartland exists to provide an experience for people of all ages to learn, grow and encounter the love and presence of God.

OMN credentialed ministers have the opportunity to rest & relax in Heartland's Davidson Cabin for two nights a year - ABSOLUTELY FREE!
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What are the
next steps to
get connected?

Ministerial Relationships & Credentials with the Assemblies of God



FELLOWSHIP AND TRAINING AT THE LOCAL AND STATEWIDE LEVELS ARE A NORMAL PART OF LIFE FOR MINISTERS IN OHIO.



THE 3 LEVELS OF CREDENTIALS WITH THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

- Certified
- Licensed
- Ordained



MINISTRY DESCRIBED

Christ's gifts to the Church include apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11), exhorters, administrators, leaders, and helpers (Romans 12:7,8). We understand God's call to these ministry gifts is totally within His sovereign discretion without regard to gender, race, disability, or national origin.

Three classifications of ministry are recognized and transferable among all Assemblies of God districts: the ordained minister, the licensed minister, and the certified minister. All ordained, licensed, and certified ministers holding current ministerial credentials are authorized to perform the ordinances and ceremonies (sacerdotal functions) of the church.

Scan here to learn more about credentialing



Church Partnership & Affiliation

COOPERATIVE FELLOWSHIP

Cooperative Fellowships are local congregations which agree with the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the General Council of the Assemblies of God and desire to enter a cooperative relationship with the Ohio Ministry Network on a temporary basis (4-year term, renewable by the request of the local church congregation at the discretion of and in cooperation with the General Council Executive Presbytery) before officially affiliating with the Ohio Ministry Network and/or the General Council.

Cooperative churches do not have the same privileges and responsibilities as General Council or Network Affiliated churches.

Cooperative churches receive all Ohio Ministry Network mailings/emails and are welcome to attend network events. Additionally, they have access to network tools/resources, etc.



NETWORK AFFILIATED CHURCH

Network affiliated churches are local congregations in initial or transitional stages of development toward greater maturity and/or health. These local congregations are under the general supervision of the network presbytery, which provides for pastoral care, appoints the necessary officers, etc., until such time as the local congregation gives evidence of sufficient maturity to warrant full recognition as a General Council affiliated church.

A Network Affiliated church must have at least fifteen (15) bona fide members, three (3) of whom can qualify for appointment as members of the Advisory Committee.



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about church partnership
& affiliation



Church Partnership & Affiliation

GENERAL COUNCIL AFFILIATED

General Council affiliated churches are local congregations which have matured sufficiently to accept their full share of self-governance and financial responsibility for the maintenance of scriptural order. They are organized under the guidance of the Ohio Ministry Network, with proper governance and corporate documents. They cooperate with the Assemblies of God Fellowship in doctrine, in conduct, and all other matters which may affect the peace and harmony of the whole.

A General Council Church must have at least twenty (20) bona fide members, three (3) of whom can qualify for consideration and election as officers of the assembly.

The assembly may not have any outstanding obligations for which the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God or The Board of Trustees of the Ohio District Council, Inc. of the Assemblies of God is liable, either as a primary obligor or a guarantor.

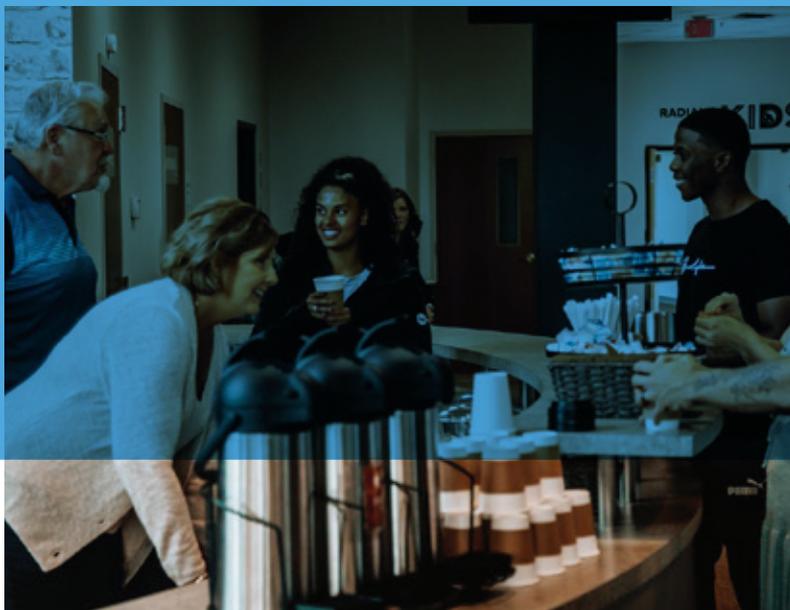




PARENT AFFILIATED CHURCH (PAC)

A Parent Affiliated Church (PAC) is an outreach of an existing General Council Affiliated Church or duly authorized Network Affiliated Church resulting in a worshiping community with a congregational life distinct from the Parent Church.

A PAC is subject to the ecclesial supervision and authority of the parent church, in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions, as are determined by the parent church.



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