Shekhinah Christian Life
Outreach and Marketplace Stewardship

From vibrant Sunday worship with engaging pastoral sermons to life-changing outreach, our transnational ministry is designed to touch every dimension of life through our Outreach and Marketplace Stewardship initiatives which include Covenant Council Fellowships, Shekhinah WordShare writings, What We Believe, and our Ministerial Alliance.

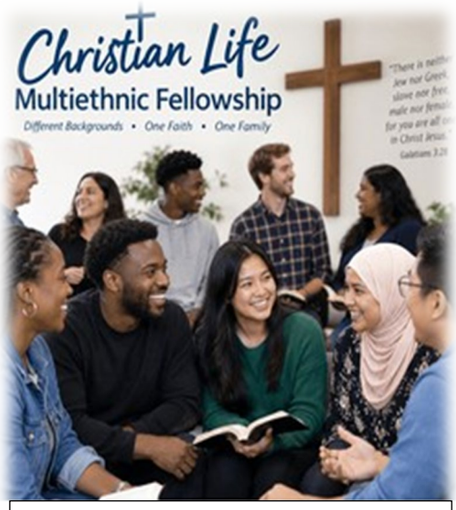
Covenant Fellowship

Shekhinah Christian Life Institutional Fellowships provide confidential pastoral care and support grounded in faithful Christian leadership. By the grace of God, fellowship leaders are committed to proclaiming the Word of God; teaching through example, experience, and scholarship; offering counsel and guidance; officiating weddings and memorial services; performing baptisms and rubrics of Christian ministry; administering the Sacraments; visiting the elderly, sick, and infirm; providing spiritual leadership and direction to the flock of God.



Servant-leadership

Pastoral leadership initiates the unity of fellowship, evangelistic purpose, social and human mission, mutual accountability, transparency, biblical outreach and supportive ministerial initiatives pursuant of Jesus Christ within local communities.



Christian Life Fellowship

Our Ternarius V ministry extends the Fellowship's shepherding work beyond its walls by cultivating grace-filled relationships with people who are unchurched, spiritually searching, or under-churched. Through these relationships, Shekhinah's pastoral ministry creates additional opportunities for healing, belonging, and transformation in Christ. Regarding the terms "spiritually searching or under-churched," we refer to people who approach God through religious or disciplinary overtures as participants in sacred time and sacred spaces (Leviticus 10:1-3).



Tenarius V Ministry

We gratefully recognize that the Christian faith is universally expressed through a rich variety of doctrinal, ecclesiastical, and theological traditions. In a spirit of mutual respect, Christian love, and shared devotion to Christ, our statement of What we Believe seeks to uphold a common standard of educational and theological excellence through academic preparation and spiritual inspiration. Our desire is to nurture everyone's development into faithful, knowledgeable, compassionate, and effective leadership for vocational Christian service. With prayerful discernment and a sincere commitment to excellence, our Stewardship Initiatives promote standards that foster spiritual formation, academic integrity, and a deep, life-giving relationship with the Body of Christ.

We are committed to welcoming people as they are and walking beside them with patience, understanding, and grace. Whereas we honor the fullness of each person's life experience and theological perspective, we seek to help individuals from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds encounter and apply the authentic Gospel faithfully within their lives, families, and communities.

Theologically we lovingly encourage a deep appreciation for the biblical foundation and mystical scope of Christian World Mission, along with continued growth in faith, knowledge, and ministerial service. Our Ministerial Institutes of Theological Studies (MITS) invite ministerial associates to approach Christian vocations with humility, purpose, and an open heart. Through thoughtful engagement with the biblical, theological, sociological, and practical dimensions of vocational ministry and mission, associates are nurtured and prepared to care for God's people with wisdom, integrity, compassion, and grace. Lives are transformed each week as worshippers encounter God's presence, receive Biblical guidance, and discover friendship within our multi-generational family rooted deeply in Christ's love.



Dennis and Victoria Peterson

Since our founding in 1993, Shekhinah Christian Life Transnational Ministries has prayerfully endeavored to serve as a multicultural generational place of refuge, worship, discipleship, healing, and hope. With compassion and grace, we seek through spiritual initiatives to care for the whole person and share the love of Jesus Christ with families, neighborhoods, and communities. In faithful response to the Great Commission, our ministry supports evangelism, theological education, ministry planting, benevolence, and responsible marketplace stewardship. Through our thirteen ecumenical initiatives, we also nurture meaningful partnerships as we thoughtfully plan, develop, and support connectional ministry programs, humanitarian efforts, social service projects, community development organizations, institutional events, strategic business initiatives, sustainable opportunities, and related educational, scientific, religious, and charitable activities—all with a heart to serve God and uplift others. Because Christ came not to be served but to serve, we approach every endeavor with humility, wisdom, compassion, and grace, seeking to honor Him and care faithfully for God's people *(Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:5–7).*



Daniel 7:10 "Judgement is set…Books are Opened"

Archives and Publications: Our Initiatives of Archives and Publications prayerfully collect, preserve, and share information and materials that honor the sacred witness of Jesus Christ among individuals, people, families, cultures and subcultures throughout the world *(Luke 8:39; Luke 22:19; Psalm 145:4).*

Christian Aesthetics, Performance and Culture



Multicultural Generational Christian Expression

initiatives lovingly nurture diverse cultural expressions of adoration with creative disciplines that draw hearts toward the beauty, wonder, and presence of God that exalts Jesus Christ as Lord. Christian aesthetics through performance and culture supports the human spirit's pure adoration of God by encouraging the contemplation, expression, and celebration of the grace and beauty revealed in Elohim's Holy One, the Lord Jesus Christ. Christian performance cultivates excellence, refinement, creativity, and cultural breadth in worship through traditional, contemporary, multidisciplinary, multicultural, multigenerational expressions. These may include chorales, vocal ensembles, choirs, drama, bands, orchestras, organs, pianos, keyboard synthesizers, string, wind, brass, and percussion instruments, as well as poetry, dance, film, theater, visual arts, literature, architecture, and other sacred disciplines that support praise, adoration, and public worship of the Son of God (Psalm 149:1–4; 150:1–6; *Matthew 2:11; Matthew 13:34–35; Colossians 3:16–17).*

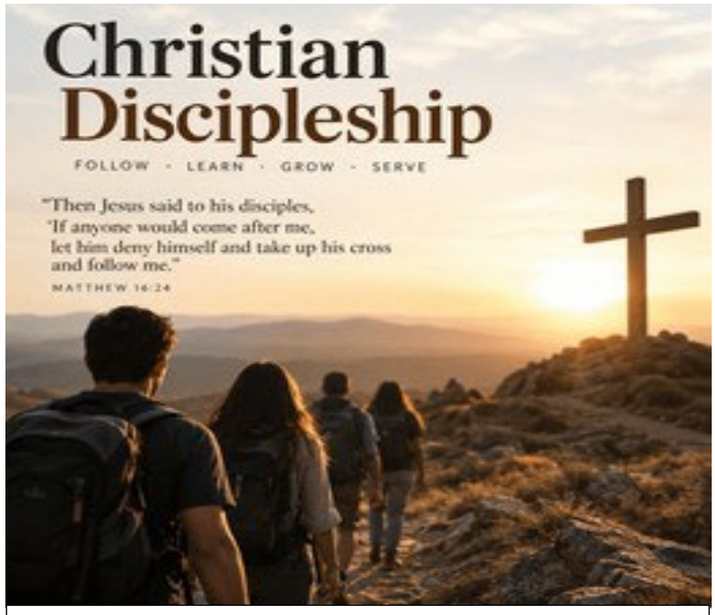


Consecrated elements of Thought, Emotion, Activity

Christian Communication initiatives proclaim the hope of the Gospel, offer words of encouragement, and share trusted Christian information through social media, electronic and satellite mediums, digital and Wi-Fi platforms, books and other printed or transmission channels using every opportunity to make Jesus Christ known with clarity, love, and genuine servant-leader care. Our Communications Initiative presents the Christian faith's transnational endeavor of the Ministry to the public through broadcast media, press, digital platforms, email, internet communications, mobile technology, and audiovisual media. Our manifesto is to develop communication structures that serve as an official Christian news gathering and distribution agency. In fulfilling this responsibility, and in keeping with the historic freedom of the press, we vanguard our editorial independence as a quasi-independent agency serving all segments of church life and society by making information about Shekhinah Christian Life Institutional Fellowship available to religious and civic news mediums (*Luke 4:18–19; John 1:14; Ephesians 4:15 KJV).*

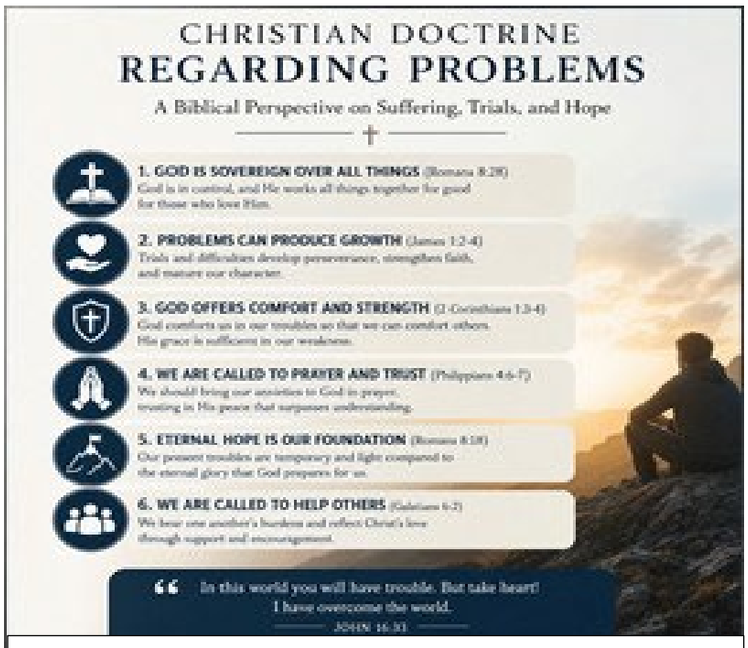
Sanctuaries located within local communities serve as portals that welcome the outsider, touch the wounded, restore the broken, gather people into relationship, offer belonging, healing, encouragement, discipleship, and renewed hope in the promises of Christ Jesus

(Genesis 4:7). A Covenant Council Sanctuary is a scared ministry environment dedicated to fellowship, mutual counsel, Bible study, and active engagement in the proclamation of the gospel and practical ministry of Jesus Christ within local communities. Sanctuaries provide an informal, welcoming, and nonthreatening setting where individuals may share experiences, receive Christian truth, and grow through the love, support, and encouragement of authentic born-again believers without rejection or condemnation *(Luke 5:12–13; Luke 15:1–2; John 10:14–16 KJV).*



John 1:12 The Power of Becoming Servant-followers/Servant Leaders

Education initiatives are ministries developed in alignment with the stages of faith formation, learning capacities, and assessed needs of individuals across the human lifespan. These ministries provide field support services for leaders, teachers, and others responsible for Christian education, equipping them to nurture spiritual growth, biblical understanding, and effective discipleship within the community of faith. Educational initiatives follow Jesus of Nazareth by welcoming persons disposed to spiritual sincerity who are willing to stimulate their God-given capacities toward faithful discipleship and Christ-centered service. Such impartation through the cultivation of personal desires, passions, and motives requires an instructional- patiently learning method that engages servant-followers through mentoring and experience sharing to fulfil their destiny in Christ *(Mark 10:14–16; Matthew 11:29; Matthew 28:19–20).*



Proverbs 2:10-11

"Knowledge, Discretion, Understanding, Wisdom"

Fiduciary Initiatives provide faithful stewardship service by supporting the development of personal, institutional, and corporate financial plans, practices, and policies for faithful servants engaged in accountable Christian ministerial service. Our initiatives comprise a system of trust benefiting persons engaged in Christian ministry that develops funding programs and processes for the comprehensive financial underwriting of the Christian Life vision, mission and manifesto which provides general oversight and care regarding financial plans, policies, accounting practices and relationships with those engaged in Christian service, including all functions of treasury, budgeting, tax, accounting, accounting information, real estate, insurance activities, estate planning, retirement plans and programs, insurance programs, living trusts, living wills, asset protection and investment endeavors involving annuities, bonds, stocks, mutual funds, securities, foreign investments, options, franchises, and futures contracts. Whereas Hebrews 7:6,



8–9 reveal that following Malachi's petition, Israel's priesthood changed from the participation of many to a participant of one after the order of Melchisedec. Shekhinah Christian Life accepts the New Testament concept of a congregational "holy priesthood" of believers in Jesus Christ who offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God (1 Peter 2:5, 9); and whereas the Christian church continues to depend on tithes or proportional financial giving through different means and varying degrees for its fiscal livelihood, we, therefore, believe that several revenue streams: including earned, entrepreneurial, familial trust, governmental, retirement, and investment income; coupled with systemic investment portfolios be designed to provide vocational entitlements against eschatological risks for the mutual undergirding and benefit of even the humblest practitioner in vocational covenant with the holy priesthood of believers in Jesus Christ (Revelation 13:16 -18; 14:1-13; Daniel 7:25; *Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 16:10–13; 1 Peter 4:10 KJV).*



Adamic Generations (Genesis 5:1-32; 10:1-32)

Shekhinah Christian Life's

Health and Welfare

initiatives plan, creates, designs, establishes, schedules, and manages professional and allied health services programs, human service projects, and social service ministries; especially in areas of child care, geriatrics, allied health care; persons certified as having a disabling condition, and assist persons in need through both residential and nonresidential ministries. Our Initiatives offer compassionate care to individuals and families in times of distress because of infirmity, impairment, abnormality, and/or eschatological social-economic needs through works of mercy, human dignity and ease of suffering through practical care, aid, hope, and the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord *(Matthew 9:35–36; Matthew 14:16–21; Matthew 25:35–40).*

Shekhinah Christian Life's initiatives on human concerns champion the character of Jesus of Nazareth who upheld the dignity of the overlooked, confronted injustice, practiced mercy, and called peacemakers blessed. In like manner of His example our initiative on human concerns affirms universal human rights through Christian principles of equality, human dignity, mercy, civic responsibilities, and civil rights by faithful engagement with creation, individuals,

families, communities, social-economic systems, and governments. Join us as we endeavor to be engaged Christian witnesses in terms of worldview issues and local trends regarding the:

Natural World: Nature as it pertains to water, air, soil, minerals, and plants issues, energy resources utilization, animal life, space, and Galactic projects (Matthew 24:22; Luke 21:9-11, 25-26).

The Nurturing Community: Areas of nurturing include family, marriage and divorce, single persons, human sexuality, human rights, social rights, civil rights, children and child abuse, foster care and adoption, death and dying, right to life and right of choice, etc.



Prophetic Eschatological Conditions
Matthew 13: 1-53, 24:3-51; Revelation 1: 1 – 7:17

The Social Community: as it pertains to rights of racial and ethnic persons, religious minorities, children, youth and young adults, aging, women, persons with mobility, visual, audio, and cognitive challenges, eugenics and population control, demographics, alcohol, drug and tobacco, genetic technology, medical experimentation, secular media and Biblical values.

Economics: In areas of economic theory as it pertains to neighbors, property, poverty, and the "pursuit of happiness," work and leisure, marketing and marketing values, migrant workers and immigrants, gambling and exploitation (Leviticus 25:25, 35, 39, 47; Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Matthew 11:5, 19:21, 26:11; Mark 14:7; Luke John 12:1-8; Romans 15:26; James 2:5; Revelation 15:16).

The Political Community: as it pertains to freedom of speech, religion, assembly, communication and fair elections, political responsibility, freedom of information, education, civil obedience and civil disobedience, criminal justice, military service, war and peace, nations and cultures, justice and law *(Matthew 5:7–9; Luke 10:27–37; Luke 18:1–8 KJV).*



Vocational Worthiness: Ephesians 4:1 – 5:21

Shekhinah's vocational initiatives prayerfully equip persons whose occupation, vocation, or socio-economic transitioning require advanced education, training, and proficiency to discover their God-given gifts, talents, and skills pursuant to Christian servanthood while answering the Lord's invitation to faithfulness. Shekhinah Christian Life also provides nurturing guidance and practical formation in leadership, personal evangelism, health, fiscal responsibility, hospitality, discipleship, public speaking, parliamentary procedure,

personal growth, occupational development, and vocational enrichment while cultivating followers and leaders to glorify Christ, strengthen His Church, and bless their communities. *(Mark 3:13–15; Luke 10:1–2; Ephesians 4:11–13)*

Legal Affairs and Services

Legal Affairs and Services provide initiatives that support Shekhinah Christian Life Institutional Fellowship in honoring Jesus Christ through orderly, ethical, responsible practices recognized by statutory law and in equality influencing ecclesiastical, corporate, subsidiary, and/or institutional standard operation procedures effecting justice, wisdom, fairness, peace, and compassionate regard for persons affected by preexisting qualities of case facts and adjudicated determinations pertaining to:



Law Weakness : No forgiveness, no justification, no empowerment toward obedience (Romans 7:22- 8:10; Heb 7:18)

1) Institutional Operations and Management: - a) Human Resource Management, b) Labor Relations, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, c) Contract Acquisition, Administration, and Management, d) Business Law, Research, and Planning, e) Managerial, Forensic, and Financial Accounting, f) Public Charity and Non-Profit Finance, g) E-Commerce Entrepreneurship, Management and Security;

2) Institutional Standards: - a) Leadership Ethics and Advocacy, b) Risk and Emergency Management, c) Organizational Training and Development, d) Institutional Health Care, Policy, Law and Ethics, e) Canon Law, Ethics, and Institutional Governance, f) E-Commerce Legal, Social, and Ethical Concerns, g) Professional Misconduct, Tort and Criminal Law;

3) Corporate Regulations: - a) Constitutional and Administrative Law, b) Corporate and Partnership Law, c) Government Contract Law, d) Commercial Law, e) Corporate, Organizational and Private Security, f) Disaster Recovery and Security, g) Fiduciary Accounting;

4) Domestic Relations Law: - a). Marriage and Domestic Partnership, b) Parentage and Domestic Support, c) Children and Child Custody, d) Property Rights, Assets and Liabilities, e) Pensions, Tax, and Insurance, f) Health, Education, and Welfare, and g) Human and Civil Rights;

5) Corporate and Partnership Law: - a). Uniform Business and Financial Codes, b) Business Documents, Agreements, and Contracts, c) Corporate Governance, Entity Ownership and Control, d). Employment, Compensation, Non-Competition, and Severance, e). Charters and Organizations, f). International Law, g). Real Estate, Wills, Trusts, and Estates.

6) Commerce Management: - a). Events and Operations Management, b). Representation, c). Business Models, Environments, and Corporate Governance, d). Strategic Human Resources, e). Corporate Security and Risk Management, and f). Copyright and Intellectual Property;

7) Conference Infrastructure: a). Administrative Law and Professional Responsibility, b) Civil Procedure, Family Law, and Individual Rights, c) Constitutional and Torts Law, d) Environmental Law, e) Criminal Law and Procedure, f) Secured Transactions and Securities Regulation, and g) Taxation, Federal Income Tax, and Property.

(Matthew 5:9; John 8:1–11; John 18:37).



Tenarius V Evangelism: (1 Cor. 9:19-22; Philippians 4:8-9)
"All things honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, praise worthy"

Membership and Evangelism

initiatives seek the lost, welcome people at social-economic margins, help met temporal reality and spiritual needs, and invite all to follow the Lord as we reflect Christ's Gospel and love within every human sphere involving individuals, families, neighborhoods, and cultures. Our membership and evangelism teams establish, conduct, transact and invest in the business of personal servanthood evangelism by discovering ways and means to proclaim the Christian gospel within various neighborhoods and subcultures by physically, emotionally, and spiritually caring for individuals, friends, and relatives, while leading them to experience authentic Christian fellowship and nurture toward an authentic, active relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. By the regenerative authority of the Holy Ghost to gather persons into one fellowship of Christ and his church; to lead them to boldly express their personal relationship with Jesus in every area of human life so that the government of God may be legitimized in human affairs pertaining to:

1) Christian Doctrine: - a). Biblical Studies, b). Apologetics and Polemics, c). Dogmatic Theology, d). Moral Theology, e). Natural Theology, f). Systematic Theology, g). Pragmatic Theology.

2) Christian Liturgical Life: - a). Liturgical History: Worship, Orders, and Rites, b). Liturgical Theology: Prayer, Sacraments, and Worship, c). Liturgical Ritual in Social and Culture Celebration;

3) Records Information Management: - a). Records and Information Administrations, b). Physical and Electronic Records Taxonomies, c). Information Technology Records Systems, d). Records Safety and Security, e). Legal Compliance.

4) Prayer Initiative: - a). Biblical Studies, b). Apologetics and Polemics, c). Dogmatic Theology, d). Moral Theology, e). Natural Theology, f). Systematic Theology, and g). Pragmatic Theology.

5) Attendance: - a). Accrual Benefits, b). Attendance and Punctuality, c). Membership Profiles, d). Ministerial Scheduling, and e). Attendance Administration;

6) Christian Prospects: - a). Solicitation Strategies, b). Contact Etiquette, c). Effective Time Management, d). Prospecting Techniques, and e). Specific Niche Clientele;

7) Assimilation: - a). Commerce Stratégies, b). Procurement, Banking, Finance, and Mobile Enterprise Applications, c). Administration and Social Media, and d). Ministry, Business and Consumer Support Services

8) Membership: - a). Membership Strategies, b). Administration and Social Media, c). Ministry, Business and Parishioner Support Services, and d). Humanitarian Services *(Luke 5:27–32; Luke 19:10; John 1:43)*

Missions:

Our Missions Initiative prayerfully establishes and coordinates apostolic mission work and identifies, recruits, selects, prepares, trains, sends, and provides continuous support for servant-leaders and followers who undertake itinerant Christian service in missions. Shekhinah Christian Life advocates:



Apostolic Teams (Ephesian 4:11)
Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers

Missions Education and Systems: - a). Biblical basis for foreign Christian Mission teams, b).Religious Cultures and Philosophies. c). Christian Life Missions, d). Christian Missionary History, e). Prophetic Religions, and f). Domestic Cults.

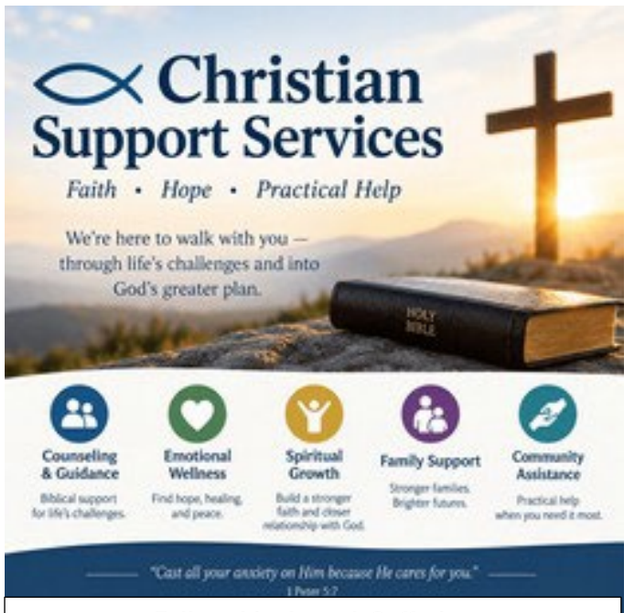
Domestic Missions: - a). Geriatrics, b). Migrant Populations, c). Prison Missions, d). Juvenile Populations, e). Moral and Academic Illiteracy, and f). Worldviews.

Institutional Missions: - 1). Evangelism and Missions Support, 2). Chaplaincy, 3). Church Extension, 4). Interfaith Witness, and 5). Allied Health and Social Welfare.

Foreign Missions: - a). Christian Apologetics and Theology, b). Mission Methods and Techniques, c). Christian Ethics and Missions, d). Religious/Spiritual Ethnocentrism, e). Political Thought, Government, and Missions, and f). Comparative Religions;

Geopolitical Missions: - a). Mission Commerce Strategies, b). Procurement, Banking, Finance, and Mobile Enterprise Applications in Missions, c). Missions Administration and social media, d). Missions Business and Ministerial Support Services, and e). Humanitarian Relief.

(Matthew 9:35–38; Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8)



Fellowship through Suffering
Philippians 2:13-16, 4:10-20

Personnel Services:

Shekhinah's personnel initiative provides resources, counsel, assistance, benefits, encouragement, and practical care that nurture workers' well-being, sustain them in seasons of challenge, and remind them that they do not labor alone, nor in vain but as cherished members of the Body of Christ. Our personnel services develop programs which include concerns of ministry associates in terms of confidential counseling, support and information services regarding marital and family conflicts, stress and anxiety, grief and loss, alcohol and substance abuse, workplace pressures, and depression. We oversee and coordinate all human resource plans, programs and policies, pension funds, insurance programs, health service plans, retirement plans and nondiscriminatory services toward Christian associates/affiliates of any ethnos, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, mental disability, or veteran status who has qualified for vocational servant-leadership ministry predicated on demonstrated ability, experience, training, and potential within Shekhinah Christian Life Institutional Fellowship *(Matthew 11:28–30, 28:20; Mark 6:31 KJV).*

Our Witness

In every expression of ministry, Shekhinah Christian Life seeks first to honor, serve, and make known Jesus Christ. By God's grace, we bear living witness to His compassion, truth, holiness, and transforming power as we become a refuge for the weary, a place of healing for the wounded, a spiritual family for those seeking belonging, a bridge of hope to the community, and a nurturing home where servant-followers and servant-leaders equip others to love as Christ loves and serve as Christ served *(John 13:34–35; 2 Corinthians 5:17–20; 1 John 3:16–18).*

Join Us. Autonomous Ministry Leaders and Congregations – our leadership and service is more effective through collaboration than going it alone. Wherever you may be on your journey of faith and service, there is a place for you among us. Whether you are longing for a community of fellowship, revival for your spirit, preparation for ministry, ministerial support, status or recognition, or a collaborated way of enhancing service to your neighbors, Shekhinah Christian Life Transnational Ministries welcomes you with open hearts into a Christian Life Institutional Fellowship whose manifesto is centered on Jesus Christ—knowing Him, becoming like Him, and answering His call to service. Together, we are sent to welcome the stranger, encourage the weary, care for the vulnerable, seek justice, share hope, and meet the practical and spiritual needs of our neighbors in His name. Let us unite for greater end-time solidarity and impact in Jesus's name *(Matthew 11:28; Romans 12:4–13; Hebrews 13:1–3).*

Priesthood of Believers —Your Service Matters.

Christ lovingly invites every believer to follow His example and share in His work of mercy, grace, reconciliation, and hope by prayerfully offering one's presence, gifts, talents, skills, time, resources, and testimony as acts of worship and faithful service to Him. Should we unite in ministry to enhance Gospel outreach by caring for neighbors, mentoring young people, encouraging families, and serving wherever Christ opens a portal; then we, as His hands and feet in this world, through every willing heart and faithful act can strengthen the influence of you - His Church to bless communities, draw others toward the hope of the Gospel, and make the love of Jesus viable in word and deed. (*Romans 12:1, 4–8; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10–11).*

Servant Leaders:

As "trees of righteousness"(Isaiah 61:1-3) we are obligated to lead with the heart of Christ and shepherd God's people with anointed humility, courage, and compassion. We are bound to equip each person to recognize and use their gifts, open meaningful paths for service, and guide their ministries, missions, fellowships, congregations beyond the sanctuary to meet the spiritual and practical needs of their communities in Jesus' name. As we pour into others, it is incumbent upon us that we trust the Chief Shepherd to sustain, guide, and strengthen us in the work He has entrusted to our care. Let us consider the exhortation of Apostle Paul to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it" *(Colossians 4:17; John 13:13–15; Ephesians 4:11–12; 1 Peter 5:2–4)*

Come worship Jesus Christ with us. Be renewed in the anointing of His presence. Find belonging in His fellowship, affirmation of commission, and empowerment through connection. Grow as His servant-follower and fellow servant-leader. Then, strengthened by His grace, rise with us and serve to feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, welcome the forgotten, strengthen families, and uphold human dignity by carrying Christ's compassion into every community together.

A servant-leader need not be a resident of a particular state or province in order to serve but must be: 1) a loyal member of an accepted and approved Christian ministry, mission, fellowship, congregation; 2) maintain a consistent record and witness as a dedicated and anointed practitioner of biblical Christian faith within said commission; and 3) maintain a record of sound Biblical doctrine and witness as a commissioned officer of Jesus Christ. Persons who have distinguished themselves as having Christ-like leadership character, possessing a genuine love for institutional Christian Ministry, commitment to the wholeness of the body of Jesus Christ,

morally disciplined, loyal to ethical ministerial standards, maintaining demonstrated competence to assist in areas of nonprofit business knowledge, having managerial experience in disciplines relevant to our stewardship initiatives and related businesses, coupled with personal characteristics reflecting Biblical qualities of integrity, judgment, achievement, and effectiveness regarding spiritual, ministerial, and temporal leadership.

Independent ministers, ministry leaders, missionaries, non-associated/affiliated pastors of a fellowship or congregation are at liberty to apportion one's gifts, talents, skills, and resources in collaboration toward mutual support, spiritual anchoring, deepening of theological growth and development, and connectional recognition through collegial vestment which serves to amplify our social impact so that others may encounter the love of Jesus through our words and deeds. Let us go forth together in Christ name, trusting that HE who calls us will also sustain us as we bear His hope, grace, and saving power to a world in need. *(Matthew 5:14–16; Matthew 25:35–40; James 2:14–17)*

The Benediction

And now unto the LORD who is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless before the presence of His Plural Majesty with exceeding joy; to the only wise Elohim, our Abba and Savior who brought again from the dead the Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good, grant you peace and knowledge in the love of Him who is able to bless and keep you, be gracious to you, and lift up His countenance upon you in your down sitting and in your uprising, in your work and in your play, in your tears and in your laughter until we meet in that day where there will be no more dawning, no more curse, no more sorrow, and no more pain; that day, when the wicked shall cease their troubling and the weary shall be at rest; where every day will be resurrection and holiness shall have no end; in the covenant Name of YHWH our God and heavenly Father, of His only begotten Son, our LORD and Redeemer Jesus Christ, of the blessed Holy Spirit, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Alleluia! Amen!

Key Scriptures (KJV)

Mark 10:45
"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Matthew 25:35–40
"For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

John 13:34–35
"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Romans 12:4–8
"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

Ephesians 4:11–12
"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and

teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

1 Peter 4:10–11
"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Matthew 28:18–20
"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."