HEKHINAH

INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Nehemiah lived in the time of Ezra, a priest and scribe, who helped shape the Hebrew account that bears his name. While serving as cupbearer to King Artaxerxes of Persia, he remained a devoted man of prayer who longed to honor God. With humility, Nehemiah admitted that he and his people had turned away from their first love. He confessed Israel's sins, remembered the Lord's commandments and promises, and trusted in God's covenant mercy toward "them that love him and observe his commandments." His faithful prayers and actions helped bring peace and well-being to Israel. Nehemiah's story reminds us that, through God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, both clergy and laity can trust with confidence that God remains faithful to his covenant and his people.

In the name of the Lord Jesus, we invite you to remember the early days of your call to gospel ministry—the faith that moved you forward despite the trials, limitations, and hardships you endured. When you were consecrated to vocational Christian ministry, ordination affirmed a shared calling among you, the Church, and God. Through the laying on of hands, you were entrusted to teach and preach the Word of God as a central ministry of the Church. You were also called to serve the congregation through the sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ—not as a mediator offering them to God on the congregation's behalf, but as a guide who helps the Church express its thanksgiving and worship. This sacred privilege deepened your appreciation for the mysteries of faith. As an ordinand in the Body of Christ, you were also given three important responsibilities: to equip the congregation for meaningful ministry, to offer caring pastoral oversight, and to support the Church's order by faithfully upholding b . shared practices throughout its life and witness.



Christian Ministers of the Gospel

Your journey in ministry may have brought painful, personal, ethical, moral, or legal challenges. Even when your gifts, preparation, and commitment were clear, institutional leaders may not always have recognized your scholarship or qualifications. Some in ministry may have experienced rejection or unfair treatment because of gender bias, cultural differences, class distinctions, socioeconomic circumstances, or lacked fraternal or sorority affiliations. Others may have faced barriers within church institutions because of questionable collegiate ties, family connections, tenure requirements, or access to established paths of advancement. Still others may be working through developmental weaknesses in ministry or administration, or serious moral failures that inhibit desired vocational institutional service.

Whatever the struggle and however caused, we are called to hold firmly to our confession of faith, remain steadfast, and keep our confidence in Jesus Christ. Scripture declares: "For you have need of patience, that, ***after*** you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: But if any man draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe in the saving of our souls" (Hebrews 10:35-39).

Many religious novices began their spiritual journey with their eyes wide shut regarding homiletical hypocrisy because many of their predecessors correctly advised according to Leviticus 10:3 that one's homiletic content should be presented chaste and holy before God and his people without any moral or ethical tainting from the presenter. Consequently, many contemporary preachers developed a caveat of self-preservation which encapsulates the notion that it would be better to refrain from preaching certain scripture than to proclaim that which their lives do not conform--- thus unwittingly incurring the nemesis of God. Homiletic perdition occurs when a congregant who may be in need of a particular scripture is not provided sufficient warning from the Word of God due to ministerial negligence through one's personal deficit of moral/ethical credibility before the congregation (Ezekiel 33:1-20). Scripture reveals that both the preacher and pew member become vulnerable to perdition should the pulpiteer fail to "take heed" to one's juxtaposition to the Word of the Lord or should the hearer fail to positively respond to God's expressed will. Beloved, it is incumbent upon every minister of Christ to do and proclaim the full council of God despite one's personal standing and not impede the progress of those seeking God (1 Timothy 4:16; Matthew 23:13). With this assurance, we must not cast away our confidence in the covenant we share with God through Christ Jesus our Lord (Hebrews 10:35–39).



Shekhinah Christian Life Institutional Fellowship

The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance (S.I.M.A.) is a welcoming ecumenical fellowship for licensed Christian ministers, missionaries, ordained deacons and elders, certified laypersons, and others who serve in vocational ministry. It offers a covenant

community for those seeking spiritual renewal, restoration in ministry, vocational guidance, or commissioning. Through genuine fellowship, encouragement, teaching, mentoring, coaching, and practical preparation, S.I.M.A. helps members grow in biblical understanding, spiritual maturity, intellectual development, and professional excellence. It is a safe and gracious place where faith-based practitioners can share truth and experience without fear of condemnation. Our life in Christ is rooted in spiritual authority, vocational responsibility, professional accountability, and conformity to the fullness of Yeshua our Lord. As "iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs 27:17), we commit to encouraging and supporting one another through:

- **A Prayerful Life** nurtured through personal, shared, and intercessory prayer;
- **Caring Support** offered through meaningful relationships, Scripture, and spiritual encouragement.
- **Stronger Connections** built around shared needs, interests, occupations, vocations, and ministry.
- **Servant Leadership Development** that brings biblical and professional principles into our goals, work, calling, and ministry, with spiritual guidance, responsible service, and mutual accountability.
- **Joyful Fellowship** through international alliance activities, gatherings, and worship celebrations.
- **Servanthood and Stewardship Evangelism** expressed by caring for the practical and financial needs of people within the household of faith and the wider community.
- **Discipleship** through mentoring that encourages faithful habits and Christ-centered ways of life.
- **Shared Commitment** to advancing the kingdom of Jesus Christ by faithfully living out the purpose, character, and practice of our Lord's Great Commission.

As "iron sharpens iron" we, the bond servants of Jesus Christ cordially welcome your participation as we commit ourselves to the practicum of spiritual authority, vocational responsibility, and professional accountability. We assemble ourselves in person or online to engage one another Biblically, spiritually, intellectually, and professionally in a nonthreatening environment of Christian truth and experience sharing wherein we give and receive authentication and discipline without condemnation through:

- Jesus Christ's character and expository teaching of God's Word.
- Resourced ministerial support for those engaged in vocational ministry.
- Assistance with ministry proposals, missions, plans, and church development.
- Spiritual, theological, financial, administrative leadership enrichment services.
- Developing and conducting business according to the Word of God.
- Bonding, building, and networking relationships through needs and interests.
- Fellowship through covenant activities and worship celebrations.
- Disciplining servanthood and stewardship through lifestyle mentoring.
- Operating within the five-fold ministry and promotion of Biblical Spiritual Gifts.
- Equal opportunity for women and men.
- Credential endorsement for qualified associated/affiliated servant-followers/servant-leaders include the following:

  Governmental Gifts:

[]	Apostle	[]	Prophet/Prophetess	[]	Evangelist
[]	Pastor	[]	Teaching Elder/Eldress	[]	Ruling Elder
[]	Ruling Eldress	[]	Elder/Eldress	[]	Deacon
[]	Deaconess	[]	Missionary	[]	Minister
[]	Tenarius V	[]	Congregational Ministry Gift		

  Administrative Gifts:

[]	District	[]	Regional	[]	Jurisdictional
[]	General	[]	Regency	[]	Metropolitan
[]	Cosmopolitan	[]	Vicarian		

- Services/resources for affiliated non-profit organizations, ministries, missions, fellowships, and Christian congregations include:

[]	Covenant Fellowship	[]	Tax Exemption advisement	[]	Incorporation
[]	Fiduciary Services	[]	Communication Services	[]	M.I.T.S. Ed.

[]	Human Concerns	[]	Health/Social Welfare	[]	Archives/Pub
[]	Missions 0	[]	Discipleship Training	[]	Legal Services
[]	Leadership	[]	Personnel Support	[]	Vocational Ed.

Manifesto:

Testimony: Members, participants, and associates should have an attested redemptive experience and personal relationship with the Lord resulting in acceptance of Christ Jesus as Son of God, Sovereign Lord and personal redeemer; and essentially agree to demonstrate a lifestyle of spiritual authority, vocational responsibility, and professional accountability that is consistent with the disciplined example portrayed by Jesus of Nazareth within Holy Scripture.



Elder Dennis G. Peterson, Patriarch

A The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance is destined to create, establish and maintain in any state of the United States of America, and uttermost parts and counties of the world a trans-hermeneutical, multiethnic, multicultural system of jurisdictional, regional, and community Koinōnia of affiliated ministers, ministries, meeting places, missions, and institutional Christian ekklēsia for religious, educational, and charitable enterprises; assemblies, corporations, conferences, conventions, and holy convocations for the worship of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Christian nurturing, disciplining, and fellowship under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with commandments set forth in God's Word—the Holy Bible, and the Official Doctrine and Discipline of Shekhinah Christian Life Transnational Ministries.

A. The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance shall provide for the physical, spiritual, psychological and social-economic needs of humanity by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting and helping the sick, sheltering the homeless and elderly, preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ; providing spiritual nurturing to those imprisoned, providing Christian counseling for the elderly and indigent.

B. The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance shall conduct and carry-on religious instruction and services through the public media, including Internet and intranet usage, electronic broadcasting, AM, FM, and shortwave radio, telecasting, Wi-Fi, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, cable television, Artificial Intelligence and other innovations of telecommunication's media,

C. The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance shall engender and foster among its members, associates and affiliates the foundations of Christian faith, doctrine, and practice as they are Biblically revealed within the character, purpose and lifestyle of God's only begotten Son; Christ Jesus of Nazareth, Israel.

D. The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance shall employ peer support services, support groups, seminars, conferences, symposiums, etc., and opportunities for learning, personal growth, and professional enrichment for persons engaged in commissioned Christian ministry.

E. The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance shall operate exclusively as a nonprofit faith-based religious organization that provides redemptive benefits to the Christian public through programs of community service, practical assistance, civic empowerment, spiritual enrichment, recreational and physical skills development, life skills training, ethical and leadership mentoring services for youth, at risk juveniles, and adult persons of whatever cultural persuasion or socio-economic distinction.

F. The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance shall teach close adherence to the principles of Christian religion, education, and biblical charity.

G. The Shekhinah International Ministerial Alliance shall provide or engage Bible Training School(s) or schools of theology (not considered secondary educational institutions), for the preparation of Christian ministers and missionaries.