



Global Networking Guide

LOCAL-NATIONAL-INTERNATIONAL

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Purpose of this Guide

This Guide lays out how The Joshua Mission forms and operates a voluntary global network of interconnected country networks with local groups and members that are centred on receiving & delivering the Word of God for our personal & ministerial, mutual & collective, growth in Christ. We surround the ministry of the Word with prayer, Christian fellowship, and worship.

- This Guide is especially for **leaders of the membership network in each country** so that you know **HOW To Form a Network** in your country by **forming local groups and receive & approve Applications for Membership**
- But any interested member or enquirer may read it for their understanding and participation

Spiritual Perspective

The Joshua Mission is formed by the leading of the Holy Spirit to serve under the Lordship of Christ to prepare the Church for Christ's Return by the prophetic ministry of His Word, to the glory of the Father. This Mission is a servant of the triune God.

All we members serve under the headship of Christ, the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and the godhead of the Father. My role as the human founder & international president is a servant position under our God. All who join as members and all who serve in leadership receive and recognise our roles as being a team under the headship of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We work together in Christian fellowship to fulfill each our roles in coordination and harmony with each other with mutual support, mutual respect and care as brothers & sisters in Christ and as fellow disciples and servants in Christ.

The Joshua Mission is a MISSION because it is formed to serve the prophetic ministry of the Word. It is a NETWORK because it is a mutually supportive & cooperative fellowship of brothers & sisters, disciples and servants of Christ. It is not a hierarchy. It is not a bureaucracy. It is a voluntary network of roles, ministries & fellowship that works to fulfill our call to minister the Word to prepare the Church to be ready to meet our Lord, Jesus Christ, when He Returns.

Why Global Networking?

Forming and operating a Global Network is a way of fulfilling the Mission's purpose to serve in the prophetic ministry of God's Word to strengthen leaders, disciples, and churches, to be healthy and strong to prepare for Christ's return and to be ready to receive Him when He comes.

We gather as like-minded Christian leaders, disciples, and churches, to receive the Word of God by the Spirit for our growth and faithful and fruitful life of discipleship, service and witness

As we feed on His Word by His Spirit we strengthen, encourage and support, one another with Christian fellowship and prayer for each other and for the Church and the world

We gather to work together in His service and witness; especially to declare, teach, and pass on His Word to all who want to receive it

Membership

What TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP does the Mission offer?

This Mission offers **3 Types of Membership**

1. **GROUP MEMBERSHIP** is for churches and Christian organisations to join as group. The decision to join as Group Member must be made by the main leader and/or the overseeing committee of the group that has the authority to make this decision for the group. The **Main Leader** of the group and **another Senior Leader** appointed by the group shall fill the **GROUP MEMBER APPLICATION FORM** on behalf of the group. The Main Leader shall be the **1st GROUP Representative** to represent the group to the Mission. The chosen Senior Leader shall be the **2nd GROUP Representative**

The completed Application Form needs to be sent to the **appropriate authority** of the Mission **for approval** - see "How to Join as a Member" below

As Group Representatives of their group they personally participate as Ministry Members and also represent their group

Praying for the Mission is a part of their role as Group Representatives and as Group Members

If the Group Member's own leaders and members wants to join and participate in the groups and events of the Mission, they do not have to join themselves, but only need to have their Group Representatives inform the relevant Mission leader in-charge of the group or event that they are from the Group Member

2. **MINISTRY MEMBERSHIP** is for Christian leaders in Christian ministry, such as pastors, preachers, bible and theological lecturers, evangelists, missionaries, and those who minister the Word or by the Word to join as a person.

However, if a Christian whose occupation is not in Christian ministry, as in one of the types of roles above, but wants to join the Mission to host and organise groups and events of the Mission, or give administrative help, voluntarily, that person may also join as a Ministry Member IF the applicant clearly states this as the purpose of application.

- But on this basis, the approved member must host or organise at least one group or event, or help in an administrative role, under the oversight of the Country Leadership, **for each year of membership**. Otherwise, the Membership will lapse
- If the membership lapse, and if the person wants to take up this role again, he or she has to make a New Application for membership

Ministry Membership is for **Personal Participation** in the groups and activities of the Mission.

Ministry Members may be appointed to leadership positions within the Mission network as the International President, National Coordinator, or Country Leader may appoint or approve.

Praying for the Mission is a part of the Ministry Member's role.

3. **PRAYER MEMBERSHIP** is for any Christian who likes to join and support the Mission through regularly praying for the Mission to serve the Lord fruitfully

This type of membership is a **Commitment to PRAY regularly** for the Mission for the Lord's grace, enabling, and provision, for the Mission.

Prayer Members may participate in the groups and activities of the Mission as they be invited or included by the relevant group or activity leader

Prayer Meetings for Prayer Members shall be periodically organised by the country leaders who shall inform and invite them to participate

Prayer Members do **NOT** hold leadership roles in the Mission

How to JOIN as a Member?

If you want to JOIN as a Member go to the website www.thejoshuamission.net/join-as-member to see the 3 Types of Membership - GROUP MEMBERSHIP or MINISTRY MEMBERSHIP or PRAYER MEMBERSHIP -

- Choose **Only ONE** Type of Membership
- Download and **Fill Only ONE** Form for the one you choose
- ALL Application **MUST Be WRITTEN** - handwritten or by word processor - and Send to
 - A **Local Membership Committee** in your country that is Nearest you or has one or more Committee Member who knows you; if you do not know of such a Local Membership Committee THEN Send to
 - **the Country Leader of your country** - see www.thejoshuamission.net/contact for the country leader in your country; if no country leader listed in this contact list THEN Send to
 - **the International President** by post or email - see www.thejoshuamission.net/contact for the email or postal address

- If Application is APPROVED - it **MUST be Signed by a proper Approving Authority** - **Either** by ALL the members of a Local Membership Committee; **OR** the Country Leader; **OR** the International President
 - the Approving Authority shall Keep ONE Copy of the Completed Approved Application
 - the Country Leader shall Keep ONE Copy of the Completed Approved Application
 - the Applicant shall Keep the **Signed Original Copy** of the Completed Approved Application
- (1) If your country already has a network
To check if your country has a network see www.thejoshuamission.net/contact
- if you know a Local Group Leader or member of the Mission network in your country - you can complete the form and send it for approval by the **Local Membership Committee** that the leader or member introduces
 - if Not, you can contact the Country Leader to send him the form by email or post for him to send to a **Local Membership Committee** nearest you to approve your application
 - **If there is no available Local Membership Committee near to you or knows you**, the Country Leader may approve the application
- (2) If there is **no network** in your country - *after checking www.thejoshuamission.net/contact* - you can fill in the form for the type of membership you want to join and email it to joshua@thejoshuamission.net for the International President to consider
- Note:** Existing Leaders & Members of the Mission may invite interested churches, Christian organisations, or Christian ministers, or Christians, to join as members and give them the relevant Application form to fill and apply according to the procedures set above.

EXPIRY of Membership

ALL types of Membership will **EXPIRE** if the Member makes no contact with any Local Group or leaders of the Mission, and does not participate in any group or event of the Mission for 12 consecutive months.

If the person wants to Resume participating with the Mission, a New Membership Application has to be made.

Country Leadership

How does one **BECOME** a **COUNTRY LEADER**?

A Country Leader is **either a Group Representative or a Ministry Member** who **voluntarily commits** to form Local Groups and grows and oversees a network of members within the member's own country.

What does the **COUNTRY LEADER DO**?

The **COUNTRY LEADER** does the following:

1. May lead by himself or herself, or can form a leadership team or committee of members to work together as the Country Leadership to form and lead the network in the country
2. **Start** by forming the **1st Local Group** of members in country
 (see Local Group pg 4)
 - the 1st Local Group, when it is confirmed as permanent registered, shall form the 1st **Local Membership Committee** (see Local Membership Committee pg 5)
 - this Committee shall vet each Application for Membership and decides if to approve or reject the application for **GROUP, MINISTRY, or PRAYER MEMBERSHIP**

Special Note: If the Country Leader forms a team or committee to work together to be the leadership team for the country, this team or committee can be the 1st Local Group to start the formation of the country network

3. **After** the 1st Local Group is formed more Local Groups may be formed, as many as the Country Leadership and membership are prepared to accept
4. **ALL** the Local Groups in the country together form the **Country Network** of the country
5. The Country Leader and/or the Country Leadership Committee or Team shall actively participate in the teaching and training events of the Mission offered by the International President for their own growth and use in ministry
6. The Country Leader and/or the Country Leadership Committee or Team shall continue to oversee the network within the country to ensure that
 - the groups are formed and operate properly to receive and to minister the Word of God and strengthen each other according to the Mission purpose
 - the teaching and training offered by the International President is received by members for their growth
 - and to guide and encourage all groups and members to pass the Word of God to any Christian church, organisation, leader or disciple who wants to receive these teachings for their growth
7. The Country Leader and/or the Country Leadership Committee or Team shall regularly, properly, and correctly, collect the information to complete and send the **reports** required by the **Official Guide on the Reporting System** to the International President in good time according to the deadlines.

Local Groups

What is a Local Group?

A Local Group in this Mission is a group of **at least 4 Group or Ministry Members from Different churches or Christian organisation** that are committed to **meet At Least Once A Month** to study the Word of God, to pray, to fellowship & support one another in Christ.

WHY a Once-A-Month Frequency - because

- if it is Too Frequent it may take members away from their leadership role with their church or ministry
- if it is Too Infrequent it prevents sufficient study of the Word and mutual prayer and strengthening of each other in Christ by the Spirit

But **outside** of the Monthly Meetings - the members of the group may voluntarily meet each other to strengthen one another in Christ, invite each other to minister with their church or ministry, take the initiative to work together to do ministry, especially for preaching and teaching the Word by the Spirit

Size:

Minimum Size of a Local Group is **4**.

At this minimum size **each** Group or Ministry Member **MUST** be from a **Different** church or Christian organisation. Less than 4 in a local group does not make for sufficient diversity or good group dynamics.

This is **IMPORTANT** because the groups and network of this Mission Must NOT be confused with groups, members, and networks, of our member churches or organisations.

We **CANNOT** count the groups and members of the churches and organisations that join us as if they belong to the Mission. These are the groups and members of the churches and organisations that join us, not members of this Mission. If such people do join our events, they do so as belonging to the churches and organisations that are our registered members.

Recommended Size is **20**

As long as there are members from at least four different churches or Christian organisations, the group size may be as many as 20 as a recommended size.

This size is small enough for strong bonds and mutual support to be formed and large enough to give good diversity of personal and ministerial input and exchange.

Maximum Size

Because of the great diversity of situations and practices from country to country, the Maximum Size of a Local Group may be more than the Recommended Size of 20.

It is for the Country Leadership to decide what is the Maximum Size that allows the purpose and ministry of the Mission to be worked out effectively for the members.

Cell Groups *within* A Large Local Group

But if the Maximum Size of a Local Group is More Than 20, it is Highly Recommended that the Local Group be sub-divided into **Cell Groups** of between 4 to 12 members.

This is to Ensure that Members may get to know each other Well Enough to build friendship In Christ to support and strengthen each other even in personal matters of life.

If a Local Group is sub-divided into Cell Groups, it is recommended that the Monthly Meeting ALTERNATE between meeting as Cell Groups and meeting as a Local Group.

But the General Pattern of Meeting for a Cell Group is the same as for a Local Group, except the Each Cell Group may plan its own programme when it meets as a Cell.

How to Form the 1st Local Group?

When there is No Local Group in a Country, a Group Representative or a Ministry Member whose membership is approved by the International President, who volunteers to take on the Country Leadership, shall initiate forming of the 1st Local Group in the Country.

Forming the 1st Local Group is the **Essential 1st STEP** for a country to be able to consider and grant Mission membership to those who want to apply to be members.

The 1st Local Group in a Country shall begin this way:

- at least 4 church or Christian leaders from Different churches or Christian organisations who wants to join as Group or Ministry Members and be a Local Group form as a local group to meet regularly - *see What is a Local Group? Pg 4*
- This group voluntarily commits to meet as a group At Least Once A Month for 6 consecutive months as a Qualifying Period
- AFTER this 6 months they may Each Apply to be a Group Member, a Ministry Member, or a Prayer Member; BUT for the group to be a Registered (Permanent) Local Group
 - at least 4 of those who have been meeting for this 6 months Must be Either Group or Ministry Members
 - Prayer Members may attend & participate in Local Groups but this type of Membership does NOT count for forming a Local Group

IMMEDIATELY after a group Qualifies as a Permanent Local Group - it Needs to Form **A LOCAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

What is a LOCAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE?

- This is a Committee that EACH Local Group shall form once it is confirmed as a Registered (or Permanent) Local Group
- The Local Group Leader shall be the Chairperson of this Committee
- 2 to 3 Group Representatives or Ministry Members of the Local Group shall be appointed by agreement of the Local Group members to be the members of this Committee

The **Purpose** of this Committee is to

- receive and decide on the Written Application of churches, Christian pastors and ministers of the Word, and Christians to be Group, Ministry, or Prayer Members, from within the country - *see What Types of Membership the Mission Offers? Pg 1*
- they may Approve or Reject each application
- they may also Rescind the Membership of any Member, who after joining, disrupts other members or groups or events, of the Mission

What does a Local Group DO?

During Each Monthly Meeting the General Pattern for a Local Group would be as follows:

- Welcome, Introductions & Worship
- Sharing of the Word
 - by a Member or an Invited Speaker
 - OR **find & download any audio, video, or text lessons from www.thejoshuamission.net/messages; www.thejoshuamission.net/glibrary; www.thejoshuamission.net/biblelibrary ; or use what I have sent to you for your country's use**
 - Then listen to Audio File or watch a Video or read the book or article you have - with a **translator** you appoint, if you need to
- Pray Together and for Each Other
- Time of Fellowship with a simple meal
- Close

Outside of the Monthly Meetings - by mutual arrangement meet with each other to share and encourage each other at your own discretion; invite each other to minister with your church or organisation; initiate ministry that you want to do together

How to **Multiply Local Groups?**

AFTER registering your 1st Local Group you can **CONTINUE TO MULTIPLY** your membership and groups within your country by

- (1) starting More Local Groups in the **SAME** way as how the 1st Local Group is formed - this is especially suitable for forming new groups in new areas in your country where there is no existing member, but you have at least 4 pastors or leaders from different churches who like to join the Mission as Group or Ministry Members
see How to Form your 1st Local Group pg 5
- (2) one or more Group Representatives or Ministry Members volunteer to start one or more new groups by gathering together pastors and leaders from different churches who like to join the Mission as Group or Ministry Members; those interested may apply for membership with the Local Membership Committee from where these Group Representatives or Ministry Members come from; if 4 or more applicants are granted membership as Group or Ministry members so that they can form a new Local Group (counting also the Group Representatives or Ministry Members who are starting this group); the group may start their Monthly Meeting, and if they do so for at least 6 consecutive months, this/these local groups will be New Registered (or Permanent) Local Group or Groups

Country Network

How to **START** a Country Network?

There needs to be at least one Group or Ministry Member in the country who voluntarily commits to be the Country Leader or Country Leadership Committee with the approval of the International President - *see Country Leadership pg 3*

The Country Leader or Committee starts by Forming the 1st Local Group - *see pg 4*

How to become a **NATIONAL** Network?

If a Country Network have

- at least 500 Group or Ministry Members nationally
- at least 25 permanent local groups nationally
- at least one registered (permanent) local group in at least 4 different provinces (a province is the largest sub-division of a country, it may be called by other names such as “state” or “district” or something else)

It will be recognised as a “NATIONAL” network

PROCEDURE for making the **CHANGE**

Based on the Half Year Reports from the Country Leader or Country Leadership Committee, when the country network meets the above criteria -

- the International President will inform the Country Leader or Country Leadership Committee of their being recognised as a National Network
- The Country Leader or the Chairperson of the Country Leadership Committee shall become the NATIONAL COORDINATOR - *unless* the Country Leadership Committee wants to choose someone else to hold this post; they will need to advise the International President why this is so for his approval
- If there is an Existing Country Leadership Committee, this shall become the NATIONAL COMMITTEE
- If there is No Country Leadership Committee, such Committee shall be formed by the NATIONAL COORDINATOR with the agreement of the national network to be the NATIONAL COMMITTEE

A NATIONAL COMMITTEE shall consist of

- the Chairperson - the National Coordinator
- an Executive Secretary - to record & ensure that the decisions of the National Committee are put into effect and work with the Chair to lead the national network
- a National Treasurer - to oversee the funds and accounts of the Mission nationally
- an Internal Auditor - to check that the accounts and fund management of the Mission meets the proper accounting standards of the regulatory bodies within the country
- up to 3 National Committee Members to help lead the work of the Mission nationally

All those who hold office **MUST** be Either Group Representatives or Ministry Members *for At Least 12 consecutive months* to be eligible.

International Network

What is the INTERNATIONAL NETWORK of this Mission?

The International Network of this Mission consists of the networking of all the Countries with country networks and with members across the globe.

Every new network that forms within a country, every new local group, and every new member, that joins in any country is a part of this international network.

We are united together internationally by our voluntary and mutual commitment to Christ as our Lord, with the Holy Spirit as our enabler, and the Bible as Scripture, to share the same vision, purpose, and way of operating, as set out by all the *Official Guides* and what is stated in the Mission website - www.thejoshuamission.net

Future Development of the International Network

As our Mission continues to grow under the Lordship of Christ and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, according to His call for us, the following international leadership bodies are projected to be formed in the future:

Network of Country Leaders (NCL)

As more & more countries join the network, this body, will consist of the National Coordinators and Country Leaders of each & all member countries with a network (at least One Registered [Permanent] Local Group).

Global Eldership Team (GET)

When the NCL is formed, we will also follow up with the forming of a Global Eldership Team. This will consist of a selected team of National Coordinators (those who lead countries with a National Network) on a rotational basis, who will work with me as the global leadership for the Mission worldwide.