



SAFE HARBOR  
INTERNATIONAL  
"NET"WORK

MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION  
PACKAGE

## Who is Safe Harbor?

Safe Harbor is a non-exclusive ministerial support fraternity, equipping church leaders to touch the world with the unconditional love and grace of God.

*"Safe Harbor" is a safe house for the battered, A sanctuary during bad times.  
The moment you arrive, you relax; You're never sorry you knocked. Psalm 9 (MSG)*

Safe Harbor is a division of Movement Church, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

## Our Vision Statement

We believe that God has called us to raise up a group of emotionally whole and theologically sound ministers that are actively involved in and passionate about influencing their families, community, state, nation and their world with God's unconditional love.

## Our Mission Statement

We are a relationship oriented ministry organization that exists to reach out to church leaders, grounding them in God's unconditional love thus creating a "safe harbor" for personal growth and maturity.

## The History Behind Safe Harbor

SAFE HARBOR INTERNATIONAL "NET" WORK represents the birth of a dream conceived in the hearts of Allen and Janice Speegle in the mid 1980's. Their dream was to minister God's unconditional love to church leaders. SAFE HARBOR was organized in April of 2003 when a group of like-minded men and women met together in Daytona Beach, FL for the purpose of forming a new minister's organization. The name SAFE HARBOR INTERNATIONAL "NET" WORK was born out of a theme that continued to arise during this meeting; that a "safe" environment must be created for church leaders. At that time the wheels were put in motion and plans were made for the official launch of this ministry in February of 2004.

Since that time the heartbeat of this organization is to create and be a "Safe Harbor" for church leaders. We believe that this 'safe harbor' can exist only in an environment in which a person grasps God's unconditional love and develops meaningful relationships with others.

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## Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe that the Old and New Testaments of the Bible represent the inspired Word of God and contain His will for all our lives. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21)
2. We believe that God's will for every human being is to experience and enjoy the same quality of life that God Himself enjoys. (John 10:10, 1 Timothy 2:3-4)
3. We believe the only way that God has made provision for all of us to enjoy that kind of life is through a personal and intimate relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. (John 8:31-32, John 14:6, 1 John 5:12)
4. We believe that the ONLY means of clearly understanding the Truth about God, about ourselves, indeed about life in all of its dimensions is the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (John 14:6, Hebrews 1:1-3)
5. We believe that the Cross of Jesus Christ reveals the following essential Truths:
  - a. That God is a good God and that He is good ALL THE TIME. (Romans 5:8, James 1:17, 1 John 1:5)
  - b. That God is not angry with anyone. In fact, He is at peace with the entire world. (Isaiah 54:9-10, Luke 2:13-14, Romans 10:15-17)
  - c. That God has given us the gift of righteousness and as a result He finds us totally acceptable, not because of anything we do or don't do but because of what Jesus did. (Romans 5:17, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 1:3-6)
  - d. That God gives us His grace i.e., His power, strength, and ability to live the abundant life, as we are incapable of experiencing it in our own ability. (Ephesians 2:8, 2 Timothy 1:9, Romans 5:17, 2 Corinthians 12:9)
6. We believe that FAITH is the only power that enables us to experience all that God has provided in and through Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8, John 1:12, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 6:12)
7. We believe in the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer today as recorded throughout the New Testament empowering people to live in victory.



## Statement Of Purpose

1. To help church leaders become grounded in God's unconditional love, thus freeing them from a performance mentality. Only when a person is free from having to perform in order to be accepted will they experience the freedom to fulfill the calling upon their life.
2. To develop ongoing meaningful relationships. A survey by Barna Research revealed that 70% of all pastors do not have anyone they consider a close friend. It is our goal to reach out to leaders who feel alone.
3. To be a friend and confidant in a time of need. All of us are faced with challenges in life and ministry and at times need someone we can trust to be a voice of encouragement.
4. To recover and restore discouraged leaders. Religion kills the wounded and regards them as of little value. It is our heart to reach out to those who have fallen or become discouraged and have lost hope for future ministry.
5. To provide resources for personal and leadership growth that are rooted in grace and peace. Only through continual learning can we maintain a fresh edge and insight into effective ministry in our generation.
6. To develop leaders that will expand God's kingdom in the earth. Whatever happens in the leader is duplicated in the follower.
7. To work together with others for greater effectiveness. Eccl.4:9, says, "Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor." (NLT)
8. To provide licensing, ordination, oversight and accountability for ministers. All ministers need accountability and support. Being connected to a larger body beyond the local church provides this and increases credibility and influence.
9. To develop and prepare the way for the next generation of leaders. Someone once said success without a successor is no success at all, so we must do all we can to equip and prepare the next generation for effective ministry.
10. To develop ministries of excellence and integrity. People around the world are searching for someone they can trust and the church should be the first place they look, not the last.
11. To reach out to the masses with God's love through world evangelism. With organized efforts the world can be changed.
12. To influence the world one person at a time. We will never allow the masses to overshadow the value of the individual and God's love for them.



## **Benefits of Membership**

- A safe place to deal with personal and ministry issues.
- A place to turn in a time of personal or ministry crisis.
- 20% discount on any Safe Harbor leadership team tapes or books.
- Continuous leadership training through monthly teaching materials and annual conferences.
- Quarterly newsletter with helpful insights from various leaders.
- Access to experienced advisers by simply picking up the phone.
- A ministry listing on the Safe Harbor Website.
- Future men's, ladies', youth and children's retreats.
- Working together with other leaders for a larger purpose.
- Build lasting relationships with people of like faith.
- Access to a pool of proven ministers that can provide training for children and youth workers, leadership, family relationships, local outreach, world evangelism, men's and ladies ministries, new covenant doctrine, and many other areas.

## **Membership Structure**

### **Safe Harbor Member**

Any church leader, licensed or ordained minister may apply for membership. The applicant must complete and submit an application with all fees due enclosed. The applicant must agree with and comply with the Doctrinal, Mission, and Ethics statements of the organization. The applicant must be approved by the Membership/Ordination Team.

### **Safe Harbor License**

To be considered for licensing the applicant must have:

- Satisfied the above requirements for membership (licenses are renewable yearly)
- Been a member in good standing for one year, OR
- Received approval by the Membership/Licensing Team based on the applicant's experience and proven track record

### **Safe Harbor Ordination**

To be considered for ordination the applicant must have:

- Evidence when requested that they comply fully with the ethics and doctrinal statements of this organization
- Been licensed with this organization for two years; OR
- Received approval by the Membership/Ordination Team based on the experience and proven track record of the applicant.



## Requirements for Membership

### Maintaining Active Status

Active Status is maintained by:

- Continuing in relationship with the organization.
- Upholding the organization's code of ethics.
- Attending the Winter Leadership Conference (It is understood that at times it may not be possible to attend. When this occurs the member will be required to purchase the conference materials—however, every effort should be made to attend the annual conference)
- Completing the annual renewal process (Our membership calendar runs from March 1st – February 28th, with all renewal applications and fees due the following year by February 28th. A renewal application will be mailed to you thirty days before renewal due date)

### Fee Structure

All membership fees will be disbursed based on the percentages below:

- 20% Missions
- 20% Benevolence (for ministers or churches in time of crisis per financial team's approval)
- 20% Leadership Travel Reimbursement (This fund will be used to reimburse the leadership team for non-reimbursed expenses such as travel, etc., while assisting member churches that cannot fund these expenses)
- 40% Administrative (Secretarial, office supplies, monthly tape, newsletter, etc.)

Membership Fee: a \$35.00 application fee paid prior to application being made will be credited toward the first quarter or yearly fee. The quarterly fee of \$75.00 is required per individual or married couple. If paid yearly, the cost is \$250.00.

Membership is based on a March 1st - February 28th calendar year - all fees will be prorated based on the date of application.

Special Needs: The lack of money alone will never be used to exclude anyone from membership. Special consideration for partial assistance on fees will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Missionaries: For foreign US missionaries the fee is \$30.00 quarterly per individual or married couple, or \$100.00 yearly.

International applicants: please contact our office to find out what fees are applicable for you.

### Steps to Membership

1. Contact the Safe Harbor office for the free Membership Info CD.
2. Review the entire Application Package and listen to the Membership Info CD.
3. Complete and submit your application with first quarter fees.  
(\$35 of this first fee is non-refundable)
4. You will receive selected CD sets as an application gift to you.
5. Within 21 days of receipt of your application, you will be notified of the Membership Team's decision.
6. If for any reason the application is not approved any membership fees paid LESS \$35 will be refunded to you.
7. If your application is approved AND we have received your photos, your membership card (or license or ordination) will be sent to you.



## Ethics

Upon becoming a member of Safe Harbor, I am agreeing to live a lifestyle that demonstrates . . .

- ... a personal relationship and commitment to God my Father through the Lord Jesus.
- ... a lifestyle of integrity that will in no way bring a reproach to the Gospel or to Safe Harbor.
- ... a commitment to the message of grace, peace, and the unconditional love of God.
- ... the message of grace and peace in a way that is responsible and can in no way be used as an excuse for, or the promotion of, sin.
- ... a personal lifestyle that would neither damage nor produce inferior ministry.
- ... and encourages people to pursue and develop their dreams and calling regardless of how it influences me personally.
- ... honesty in the handling of finances and fundraising.
- ... leads others to a life of freedom, and, as a result, I will avoid control and any form of manipulation.

## Sponsoring Churches, Ministries or Individuals

### What is a Sponsor?

Being a sponsor means that your church, ministry or you as an individual feel strongly enough about the ministry provided by Safe Harbor to invest above and beyond the membership fee, i.e., sponsoring membership fees are based on a percentage rather than a flat fee—see below.

### Sponsoring Membership Fees and Benefits

#### Sponsoring Churches

Sponsoring membership fees: 2.5% of the regular tithe and offering received monthly by the church. (Designated offering such as building fund, etc. is excluded.)

Sponsoring Churches are entitled to the following number of members as determined by the average Sunday morning attendance scale below:

Up to 50 in attendance	Senior Pastor (s) & 2 staff members
51 –125 in attendance	Senior Pastor (s) & 3 staff members
126-250 in attendance	Senior Pastor (s) & 4 staff members
251-400 in attendance	Senior Pastor (s) & 5 staff members
401-550 in attendance	Senior Pastor (s) & 6 staff members
551-1000 in attendance	Senior Pastor (s) & 7 staff members
1001+ in attendance	Senior Pastor (s) & 8 staff members

If an additional staff membership is needed above the allotted amount included in the structure above they can be added for a yearly fee of \$240.00 per staff member.



## Sponsoring Ministries

2.5 % of monthly income Sponsoring Ministries are entitled to offer two staff members membership in this organization beyond the individual or couple that heads up the sponsoring ministry.

## Individual Sponsors

\$75.00 per month

Individual sponsors may enjoy membership for a fee of \$75.00 per month. If married, both husband and wife may apply jointly for the same low fee.

As sponsors you are investing in ministers world-wide plus you enjoy all of the other benefits of membership.





## Application For Membership, Licensing or Ordination

I am applying for: \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Licensing \_\_\_ Ordination

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Single

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

If married, are you applying for spouse's membership also? \_\_\_

How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ Age range \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your current church membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the Pastor? \_\_\_ If not, your pastor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership roles in ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed since: \_\_\_\_\_



## Character References

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ministry Experience

Are you currently involved in ministry? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

To what area of ministry do you feel called? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a ministerial resume.

## Credentials

Do you currently hold credentials with any other organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Agreement of membership

I realize that there will be a yearly membership fee that can be paid quarterly - or if when paid yearly, I will receive a 10% discount. I understand the failure to pay these fees within 30 days of the due date will result in my membership/license/ordination being revoked. I understand that a renewal application will be sent to me 30 days before my renewal and must be completed and returned by February 28th.

Upon signing this application, I am agreeing to uphold and comply with the Doctrinal, Mission and Ethics statements of Safe Harbor International "Net" Work. I am agreeing to live and demonstrate a life of love and integrity.

Check list before signing:

- I have read and understand this agreement.
- I have completed all required paper work.
- I have enclosed two passport photos. (Required)
- I have enclosed my quarterly/yearly membership fees.
- I am applying for Special Needs fees. (Please write on a separate sheet of paper a detailed account of your need.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return completed application form with photos and first fees to:

Safe Harbor International "Net" Work  
P.O. Box 6280  
Huntsville, AL 35813  
USA

