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The Living Waters International Alliance (LWIA)

Living Waters International Alliance (LWIA) is an alliance of inter-dependent churches and five-fold ministry gifts designed to provide oversight and covenant partnership globally.

Vision Statement

The Living Waters International Alliance was designed to establish, equip and empower an apostolic people in fulfilling the Great Commission through the restoration of apostolic order, theocratic government, and church planting, whereby we seek the Ministry of the Holy Spirit.

LWIA seeks to enlarge our coasts to better embrace a global network of spiritually aligned churches and ministries with a corporate vision. The network creates a synergism of mutual dependence of ministry resources that is necessary for effective ministry in the 21st century.

Lastly, **LWIA** is committed to embracing all people and promotes cross-cultural diversity and ministry exchange through cutting edge twenty-first century ministry under the leadership of Bishop Steven & Dr. Keira Banks, General Overseers.

Roles and Responsibilities

Apostolic Council - The Apostolic Council shall consist of Apostles Ron & Hope Carpenter, Apostle Zinerva & Dr. Irma White, Dr. Cindy Trimm, Attorney Daryl Jones & Dr. Patricia Bailey-Jones, and Attorneys Melvin & Marie Wright.

Major Responsibilities:

- Provide Apostolic/Prophetic covering and partnership to General Overseers and LWIA Network
- Provide counsel and feedback regarding the LWIA network to the General Overseers
- Serve based upon the request of the General Overseers

Executive Council - The Executive Council shall consist of the General Overseers, International Directors, National Directors, Regional Directors, Office Staff, and members-at-large.

Major Responsibilities:

- Implement the vision of the General Overseers
- Assist in developing & implementing strategic plans for network
- Serve as the governing body of LWIA
- Provide counsel and feedback to General Overseers.

General Overseers

Major Responsibilities:

- Provide Apostolic/Prophetic leadership and oversight
- Provide and delegates order and authority to every dimension of LWIA.

International Directors

Major Responsibilities:

- Serve as Official International Representative/Liaison of LWIA and General Overseers
- Serve as Representative on the Executive Council
- Model Apostolic Pattern for LWIA International Partners

National Directors

Major Responsibilities:

- Serve as an official representative/liaison of LWIA and of the General Overseers
- Recruit new pastors into the LWIA network
- Oversee Regional Directors in the LWIA network
- Model the apostolic pattern set by the headquarter church
- Communicate with LWIA Partners on a quarterly basis
- Serve as a representative on the Executive Council

Regional Directors (4 regions initially)

Major Responsibilities

- Serve as an official representative of LWIA within the designated region
- Recruit new pastors/ministers from designated regions into the LWIA Network
- Model the apostolic pattern set by headquarters
- Host LWIA related events (summits, book signings, luncheons, etc.) in conjunction with headquarters
- Serve as a representative on the Executive Council
- Selected to serve based upon the recommendation of the Executive Council and final approval of General Overseers

Apostolic Ministry

Apostolic Movement - The worldwide activation of the Holy Spirit released in the Body of Christ resulting in the restoration (re-ordering) of all things. *Acts 3:19-21*

Restoration of:

- A. Relationship** – Malachi 4:6; Luke 15:11-32; 1 Corinthians 4:15
- B. Biblical Doctrine/Teaching** – Hebrews 6:1
- C. Five-Fold Ministry** – Ephesians 4:11-12
- D. Ministry of the Holy Spirit** – Luke 3:16; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4
- E. Miracles** – 1 Corinthians 12:10-11

The Ministry of the Apostle

Apostle – (*Greek – apostolos*) “One who is sent forth”.

One called and sent by the Anointing to have and operate in spiritual authority. Character, gifts and abilities enable Apostles to gather and establish people in Kingdom truth and order, especially through founding and overseeing churches and ministries.

1 Corinthians 12:28 - “And God hath set some in the church, first apostles secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps governments, diversities of tongues.”

Ephesians 4:11 – “and he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”

Functions of Apostles and Apostolic Ministries

- 1. Establish a Spiritual climate/atmosphere in regions that is conducive for a release of God’s Glory**

1 Corinthians 12:28 – First (*Greek-proton*) apostles
Blasting, Trailblazers, Penetrating, Forerunner, Pioneer Anointing.

Territorial Spirits – Governing spirits/strongholds over regions, cities, and nations.

Dan. 10:13 – “*But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days.*”
1 Corinthians 15:32 – “*If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus”.*

Functions of Apostles and Apostolic Ministries – (Continued)

Strongholds – Mindsets, Doctrines, Ideologies contrary to the Word of God.
2 Corinthians 10:4-5 -“...mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds...”

2. *Establish an Apostolic People*

Matthew 28:19 – “Go therefore and make *disciples* of all nations...”
This is an *Apostolic Commission!!*
Evangelists make believers/converts – Apostles make disciples.

3. *Establish Churches*

Apostolic People require Apostolic Churches where they will be equipped and released for the work of the ministry through:

- A. **Doctrine** – Acts 2:42 “...they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ *doctrine* and fellowship...”
- B. **Preaching** – Inspiration through *exhortation, proclamation, and demonstration*.
Mark 16:15 – “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and *preach* the gospel to every creature.”
- C. **Teaching** – Inspiration through *edification* (building up).
Matthew 28:19 – “Go ye therefore, and *teach* all nations.”
 - **Treaching** – (combination of teaching and preaching)
Matthew 4:23 – “And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in the synagogues, and **preaching** the gospel of the Kingdom, and **healing** (demonstration) all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.”

4. *Establish Biblical Order/Government*

Restore five-fold (government) ministry to oversee and maintain the order of God, which is represented through theocracy and not democracy.

Theocracy – God controlled, God centered, God ruled.

Democracy – People controlled, People centered, People ruled.

1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-16; Titus 1:5

5. *Establish “Fathering Ministries/Relationship”*

1 Corinthians 4:15 – “For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet [have ye] *not many fathers*: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.”

Functions of Apostles and Apostolic Ministries – (Continued)

Fathers and overseers are committed to establishing and developing growing relationships.

Some Fatherly Responsibilities:

1. *Training and Discipline* – Exodus 18:13-26; Hebrew 12:5-10; Colossians 1:28
2. *Provision* – 2 Kings 2:12; Proverbs 13:22; Luke 15:12
3. *Reproduce* – John 15:16
4. *Releasing* – Acts 11:21-22; Acts 13:3-4
5. *Impartation* – Jacob and Esau, Ephesians 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:6

Characteristics of Apostolic Ministry

The Nine (9) M's of Apostolic Ministry:

1. *Ministry* Refers to the recognition and appreciation of five-fold ministry.
Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28
2. *Massive* Requires large numbers of people needed to affect a region.
Acts 2:41; Acts 5:14
3. *Mobile* A going and sending ministry. A church not restricted by walls.
Matthew 28:19
4. *Militant* Actively engaged in Spiritual Warfare. Warriors
Numbers 13:30; Ezekiel 37:10; Matthew 11:12; Ephesians 6:10-12
5. *Money* An Anointing of Prosperity is Released on Apostolic Visions. Wealthy!
Deuteronomy 8:18; Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:10-12; Acts 4:32-37;
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
6. *Miraculous* God confirms the Apostolic anointing with “signs following”.
Mark 16:15-20; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Acts 5: 12-16
7. *Mentoring* A Ministry of Example – Role Model to other Ministries/Ministers.
Phillippians 4:9; 1 Corinthians 4:15
8. *Missions* Called to Assist in fulfilling the Great Commission
Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8
9. *Multi-Cultural* An Appreciation for Racial Diversity Within the Church
Acts 2:1-13; Acts 13:1

Recommended Readings on Apostolic Ministry

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Types of Partnership

Spiritual Parents (Father & Mother)

Pastors & Leaders that receive Bishop and Dr. Keira as spiritual parents will be able to enjoy the full benefits of *LWIA*. They are submitted to the total oversight of the *LWIA* General Overseers, *Bishop Steven and Dr. Keira Banks*. They also agree to the following:

- Apostolic/Prophetic Covering
- Access to conference calls with General Overseers
- Staff/Leadership Development and Training
- Visitation of Apostolic/Prophetic Teams (Teams may be comprised of administrative, ministerial, counseling, financial, and other personnel)
- Apostolic/Prophetic Trips
- Pastors submit themselves and their ministry to the apostolic oversight of the *LWIA* network; they open themselves and their ministry to receive the full counsel of the Lord in all areas
- Submit annual Partnership fee of \$250 by Holy Convocation each year (November)
- Begin regular tithing (personal or church) & sowing into *LWIA* (March 2009)
- Attend the Annual Convocation (November).
- Attend the Annual *LWIA* Leadership Conference with Leadership (January)
- Support and participate in regional *LWIA* events

Pastoral Partnership

Pastoral Partners are eligible to receive the following benefits offered through the *LWIA* network. They also agree to the following:

- Commit themselves and their ministry to the apostolic /prophetic leadership principles of the *LWIA* network
- Attend the Annual *LWIA* Leadership Conference with your ministry/organization leadership (January).
- Support and participate in regional *LWIA* events
- Access for regional meetings and fellowships
- Begin regular tithing (personal or church) & sowing into *LWIA* (March 2009)
- Submit annual Partnership fee of \$250 by Holy Convocation each year (November)
- Regular sowing into *LWIA*

Mentor Partnership

Pastors are eligible to receive some of the benefits offered through LWIA network. They also agree to the following:

- Apostolic Relationship
- Discounted partnership rates for LWIA ministry functions
- Partnership cards (2) providing 10% off SWB products
- Up to 15% off bulk rate purchases of SWB products
- Submit annual Partnership fee of \$250 by Holy Convocation each year (November)

Partnership Benefits

Spiritual Parent Benefits

- Apostolic /Prophetic covering
- Access to conference calls with General Overseers
- Staff/Leadership development and training
- Visitation of Apostolic/Prophetic Teams (Teams may be comprised of administrative, ministerial, counseling, financial and other personnel)
- Apostolic/Prophetic trips
- Access to regional meetings and fellowships

Pastoral Partner Benefits

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- Access to conference calls with General Overseers
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- Visitation of Apostolic/Prophetic Teams (Teams may be comprised of administrative, ministerial, counseling, financial and other personnel)
- Apostolic/Prophetic trips
- Access to regional meetings and fellowships

Mentorship Partner Benefits

- Apostolic covering
- Discounted partnership rates for LWIA ministry functions
- Partnership cards (2) providing 10% off SWB products
- Up to 15% off bulk rate purchases of SWB products



IMPACT Business Network Partnership

Business Partners are eligible to receive all of the benefits offered through Steven W. Banks Ministries and the *LWIA* network based upon their level of partnership/sponsorship. They also agree to the following:

- Contact Elder Johnnie Lloyd (CFO) at 757.820.0717 for more information on partnership benefits and advertising opportunities

Partnership Process

Candidates must submit a completed partnership application indicating which category of partnership is sought and the appropriate fee. Additional information, as requested, may be required for initial partnership interview. Ministry references may be submitted with the application.

All applications will be reviewed and submitted to prayer. All applicants will receive a letter within 30 days notifying them of their status. If application is approved, the candidate will undergo a six-month courtship process during which time the General Overseers/designee will conduct personal information gathering and may perform ministry visitations, etc. Upon completion of the courtship period candidates will be notified of their approval and acceptance into *LWIA*. In the event that an application is denied, they will be contacted and receive information stating areas to be addressed before acceptance can be granted.

All approved candidates will be affirmed during our Annual Holy Convocation in November. All applications received after March 31st of each year will be processed; however affirmation will not take place in November of that year but will be deferred until the following year's Holy Convocation.



Types of Partnership

- Spiritual Parents (Father & Mother)
- Pastoral Partnership
- Mentoring Partnership
- Impact Business Network Partnership

Application for Partnership

Ministry Information

Name of Church/Ministry _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Church/Ministry Telephone # _____ E-Mail _____

Year Ministry Established _____ Current Membership/Participation _____

Founded By _____

Does your Ministry embrace the following? (check all that apply)

- Five-fold Ministry
- Theocratic Government
- Baptism in the Holy spirit with evidence of Speaking in Tongues
- Tithes/Offerings
- Inerrancy of the Word of God

What is the Ministry's Purpose and Mission Statement?

Is your Church/Ministry currently a part of any other denomination or covered by another ministry organization?

- Yes (by whom) _____
- No



Personal Information

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

Marital Status _____ If Married, Spouse's Name and Title _____

Is your Spouse a Co-laborer in the ministry?

___ Yes ___ No

Birth Date ___/___/___ Anniversary Date ___/___/___

List Educational Background _____

Professional Development _____

Are you currently full-time in the ministry?

___ Yes ___ No

Check all that apply:

___ Licensed (by whom/year) _____

___ Ordained (by whom/year) _____

Discuss major ministry programs – briefly describe current conditions, projects, etc.

The \$250 Annual Fee will be paid:

___ Option A: One Payment ___ Option B: Two (2) Equal Installments

Bishop Steven W. Banks

Steven W. Banks is the Senior Pastor and Chief Executive Officer of Living Waters Christian Fellowship (LWCF), Newport News, Virginia.

He holds a Masters of Divinity (1997) as well as the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion from Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia (1988). He also received an Associates degree in Education from Chowan College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina (1984)

He is married to the former Keira Taylor of Freeport, New York, who serves as Executive Pastor of LWCF. They are the proud parents of two children, Keira Iman and Jordan Immanuel.

Living Waters is a non-denominational, multi-cultural fellowship, which Bishop Banks founded in April 1997. It is a unique, dynamic cutting-edge ministry that proclaims the gospel and the path to abundant Kingdom life.

Under Bishop Banks' leadership the congregation has experienced tremendous growth both numerically and financially. As a result, LWCF purchased the former Denbigh Shopping Center (100,000 square feet), which is now known as "The Destiny Center".

As a result of his keen administrative insight and his spiritual abilities to inspire not only the multitudes, but also others in ministry, Bishop Nathaniel Holcomb appointed him to the office of Presbyterian of Covenant Connections International Ministries (CCI) consisting of over 60 ministries nationally and internationally. In January 2002, Bishop Banks established the Living Waters International Alliance (LWIA), which is an apostolic network of churches and ministries partnering to share the Gospel globally of which, he serves as the General Overseer – including churches/ministries in Nigeria and India. Most recently, he was consecrated to the Office of Bishop in October 2003.

Bishop Banks is a twenty-first century voice that has been raised up for such a time as this. His ministry continues to be amplified locally and nationally through "Expanding Your Vision" broadcast as well as other media avenues.



Dr. Keira Taylor-Banks

Dr. Keira Banks is a unique Five-Fold Ministry gift to the Body of Christ. She is a prophetic teacher and preacher of the Gospel message. Dr. Keira is a gifted and highly esteemed visionary and leadership trainer. She is the founder of the Lily Housing Corporation, a non-profit public charity designed to provide transitional housing to working families in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Her work with Lily Housing more recently includes assisting families devastated by the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Dr. Keira is currently preparing for the international expansion of the Lily Housing Corporation, to include an orphanage in the Nation of India.

She is also the founder of a dynamic annual Women's Empowerment Conference. The Women's Empowerment Conference is a life changing event that ministers to the holistic needs of women both nationally and internationally.

She is a native of Freeport, New York. She serves as Senior Pastor of Living Waters Christian Fellowship (LWCF), in Newport News, Virginia and as General Overseer of Living Waters International Alliance (LWIA).

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Virginia Union University (1988). Dr. Keira is also a 2007 Honors graduate of Kingdom University, Dr. Cindy Trimm, Chancellor. Dr. Keira holds a Masters of Biblical Studies (MBS) and an earned Doctor of Ministry degree (D. Min.) from Friends International Christian University, of Merced, California. She is the television host of the Trinity Broadcasting Network's "Joy In Our Town", a public forum for the Hampton Roads Community. She is also the host and producer of "No Limits", a weekly broadcast on My TVZ channel 33.

She is married to Bishop Steven W. Banks, who serves as Senior Pastor of LWCF and General Overseer of LWIA. They are the proud parents of two children, Keira Iman and Jordan Immanuel.

Dr. Keira is making an impact as a visionary, leader and as a voice for dynamic female leadership in the Twenty-first century.



Living Waters Christian Fellowship Church History

Living Waters Christian Fellowship (LWCF) of Newport News, Virginia is a multi-cultural, non-denominational fellowship, which began its mission to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ on April 20, 1997. The vision for the Ministry was conceived in the heart of the Senior Pastor and Chief Executive Officer, Bishop Steven W. Banks. Bishop Banks was inspired to begin a ministry of excellence based on the Gospel of John 7:37-39.

The first worship service was held at Dozier Middle School in the Denbigh area of the city. Over 400 worshippers attended the first service. Once the altar call was given, 220 believers joined *LWCF* and a great Commission church was formed. Currently, membership consists of 1,200 and is recognized as not only one of the fastest growing congregations on East coast, but also in the nation.

In June 1997, the Executive Office located at 728 Thimble Shoals Boulevard, Suite B, in Newport News was established. In March of 1998, the *Living Waters Christian Counseling and Wellness Center* (LWCCWC) was opened. LWCCWC is a licensed provider of professional Christian counseling services in the Hampton Roads community.

In July 1998, Bishop Steven and Pastor Keira Banks were led of the Lord to submit *Living Waters* to the oversight of Bishop Nathaniel Holcomb of the *Christian House of Prayer* in Copperas Cove, Texas. Bishop Holcomb oversees over 60 churches and ministries in the U.S., Germany, Australia, the Netherlands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In April 1999, we purchased and renovated the former Beechmont Theatre, and on July 4, 1999, our congregation of over 400 moved into the worship center. In June 2002, we closed on the purchase of our second facility, our new home, *The Destiny Center* (the former Denbigh Shopping Center), which is 100,000 square feet that will house a 2500-seat Worship Center, opened September 7, 2003.

Living Waters has over 36 flourishing ministries and activities affording believers an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual guidance. The *Center for Leadership Development*, the teaching arm of the ministry, allows believers to mature as they engage in serious study of the Word of God. Also, *LWCF* offers vibrant Children's, Teen, and other outreach ministries. Additionally, in January 2002, Pastor Banks established the *Living Waters International Alliance* (LWIA) an apostolic network, whose purpose is the provision of oversight to other churches and ministries, spiritually, financially and administratively who have partnered with *Living Waters*.

The Mission of the *Living Waters Christian Fellowship* is to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to prepare the Body of Christ for abundant Kingdom living and service. To fulfill this mission, evangelism has been a key focus of the ministry from the beginning. An integral tool in carrying out this objective continues to be the "*Expanding Your Vision*" weekly Television Broadcast.



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