

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____
name

street address
_____, Ontario
city

postal code

- Have personally trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and am living a consistent Christian life in accordance with principles laid down by Christ and his apostles in the New Testament.
- Have been baptized in accordance with New Testament principles of baptism,
- Believe that that everyone who has received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour becomes a member of the universal Church.
- Believe that a Christian needs to be identified with, and be committed to, a particular group of believers that meet as a local church in accordance with clear, irrefutable teaching in the New Testament.
- Accept that, in order to have a local assembly which is to be a place of worship, ministry, encouragement and accountability, I recognize the need for local assembly membership.
- On the basis of the above, agree and acknowledge that I am a Member of **MILTON GOSPEL HALL** ("MGH").
- Acknowledge that assembly membership carries with it the following privileges, rights and duties:
 - (a) The privilege to partake in the Lord's Supper;
 - (b) The privilege and duty to participate in the ministries, programs and activities of the assembly;
 - (c) The privilege and duty to serve in leadership positions as the opportunity arises and as appointed in accordance with assembly practice;
 - (d) The privilege and duty to use spiritual gifts in the life of the body of the assembly;
 - (e) The duty to financially support the ministries of the assembly; and
 - (f) The duty to respect and submit to the authority of the assembly leadership.

- By my signature below, acknowledge that I have read, completely understand, and subscribe to the statement MGH Statement of Faith as contained in Appendix A; and
- Have read, completely understand, and agree to the MGH Discipline Policy described in Appendix B, and by my signature below, acknowledge and grant the waiver contained within Appendix B.

I sign acknowledging and agreeing with all the above, without amendment, this ____ day of _____, 2____:

Name (print)

Signature

Witness name (print)

Witness signature

APPENDIX A

MILTON GOSPEL HALL STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith to which all Members of the assembly shall subscribe is as follows:

WE BELIEVE:

- a. In the Scriptures, Old and New Testament, as the inspired Word of God, which are entirely trustworthy, and without error in the original documents. They are the complete revelation of God's will for salvation of people and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
- b. In one God, Almighty, Creator of all things, holy and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is gracious, merciful, compassionate, steadfast in love and also the righteous Judge of all.
- c. In the Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary in His incarnation. He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. His sacrifice was substitutionary and representative. He was buried and rose bodily from the dead. He ascended into heaven, was exalted by the Father and now ministers as our High Priest and Advocate.
- d. In the Holy Spirit, co-equal with the Father and the Son, who glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, convicts people of sin, regenerates the believing sinner, and indwells all Christians. He guides, instructs, empowers, and gives gifts to believers for godly living and for service in building up the body of Christ. Gifts are given to all Christians and in particular, to elders, evangelists, pastors and teachers. All believers are responsible to Him for their use of gifts in service for God, which are given for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ.
- e. That every member of the human race, which was created in the image and likeness of God, has sinned and is guilty before a holy God.
- f. That salvation is provided through the death and resurrection of Christ and is the only ground for a sinner's justification and acceptance by God. All who receive the Lord Jesus by faith are redeemed by His blood and are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. They become children of God and have eternal life. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer, who is sealed until the day of redemption and is empowered to live a Godly life.

- g. That the universal church began with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and is composed of all true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. These believers are united to Him and to one another by the indwelling Spirit. This means that the church as a whole is not an organization, but a living organism, described in Scripture as the "Body of Christ".
- h. In two Christian ordinances; Baptism and the Lord's Supper (communion). Baptism by immersion signifies that the believer, having died with Christ, is buried with Him in baptism and also is raised with Christ to walk in newness of life. The Lord's Supper is a memorial feast, instituted by the Lord Himself exclusively for his own. In the observance of this ordinance, believers remember Him; until He comes; they function as worshipping priests before God.
- i. That every true child of God possesses eternal life, and being justified, sanctified and sealed with the Holy Spirit, is safe and secure for all eternity. However, a Christian can, through sin, lose his fellowship, joy, power, testimony and reward, and incur God's discipline. Relationship is eternal, being established by spiritual rebirth; fellowship, however, is dependent upon obedience.
- j. That the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to translate His church is imminent; an event that concludes the present age of grace. This will be followed by the outpouring of God's wrath on earth, known as the Tribulation. After this, Christ's Millennial Kingdom will be established, and the "glory of the Lord will cover the earth". There will be a final resurrection of the saved and of the lost; of the saved unto eternal life, and of the lost unto eternal and conscious judgment. Christ will then deliver up the Kingdom of God to the Father, in order that the Triune God may be All in All.

Appendix B

Milton Gospel Hall Discipline Policy

INTRODUCTION

The MGH assembly represents the Lord Jesus Christ to the community in which it operates and to the world at large. Therefore, it is imperative that it represents not only God's grace but also His holiness. For this reason, the Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted the local assembly with the authority and responsibility to discipline Members for systematic flagrant sin or serious doctrinal error. The objective of assembly discipline is to restore the offender to spiritual harmony with the Lord Jesus Christ and other assembly members, to maintain the integrity and vindicate abuse of the Lord's name, and to act as a warning to all Members, knowing that our natures subject us to becoming future potential offenders. The desire of the assembly is that the individual Member confesses his or her sin to the Lord and, if appropriate in the opinion of the elders, to the assembly itself, repent of it and be restored to fellowship. The concept of moral discipline is foreign to contemporary society. MGH recognizes that at certain times in church history, discipline has been exercised in an arbitrary manner, but commits that this assembly will strive to exercise discipline in a just, Biblical manner, characterized by fairness, spiritual and Scriptural order, prayer, and with appropriate evidentiary proof.

CAUSES OF DISCIPLINE

Members shall be subject and submit to discipline if the elders determine, in their sole opinion, that any of the following circumstances have occurred:

- (a) Any Member has given evidence of premeditated, unrepentant and persistent unethical or immoral conduct or personal behaviour that is Biblically inappropriate for a Christian. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing statement, immoral conduct or personal behaviour can include persistent adultery, fornication, homosexual activity, drunkenness, theft, fraud and malicious slander;
- (b) a Member has, without repentance, persistently propagated doctrines and teachings which are contrary or heretical to the Christian faith or the name, nature or work of the Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in the New Testament and summarized in the Statement of Faith of the assembly;
- (c) A Member has displayed a persistent unwillingness to comply with, adhere to, and submit to, Scriptural authority;
- (d) A Member has persistently wronged, without remorse or repentance, another Member or Members of the assembly, causing discord and dissension in the assembly.

PROCEDURE

If a situation arises whereby discipline may be required and the Member has not repented or resolved the matter through personal confrontation, intervention or mediation, then the following proceedings and disciplinary measures will be followed:

- (a) If an allegation requires further investigation, a written notice of the allegation will be given to the Member involved. The elders shall appoint a time and place for a hearing, giving the Member at least seven days prior notice of the hearing;
- (b) The hearing will be conducted as a board of inquiry and shall be attended by at least five (5) elders. The hearing will not be open to the public, but both the Member and the elders may call witnesses to give such evidence as is relevant to the allegation made. Such hearing shall be subject to the rules of natural justice;
- (c) prior to the hearing, the Member may request up to two other Members of the assembly to attend the hearing to act as observers, but such Members shall not be entitled to participate in the proceedings;
- (d) Neither the assembly nor the Member shall be represented by legal counsel;
- (e) All evidence presented shall be kept confidential, except summary facts the elders determine are necessary to be communicated to the assembly membership;
- (f) At the end of the hearing, the elders shall convene in private to deliberate on the evidence presented. If a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the elders in attendance conclude that the allegation is true, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. If such a conclusion is not reached, the allegation will be dismissed;
- (g) In situations where disciplinary measures are deemed appropriate, the membership may be advised by an elder of the decision;
- (h) If a Member against whom an allegation has been made is under the age of eighteen (18) years, then the parents or legal guardian of such Member shall be notified of the hearing(s) and be entitled to attend and speak on behalf of the Member.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Depending on the severity of the allegation, upon a finding that the allegation is true, one, some or all of the following corrective measures may be taken with respect to the Member:

- (a) Exclusion from assembly boards and committees;
- (b) Exclusion from public assembly ministry;

- (c) Exclusion from the Lord's Supper;
- (d) Public reprimand at a service of the assembly;
- (e) Termination of assembly Membership; and/or
- (f) Such other measures as deemed appropriate by the elders.

WAIVER

Membership in the assembly is given upon the strict condition that disciplinary proceedings against a Member shall not give a Member cause for legal action against the assembly, any staff member, any elder, any officer or other Member of the assembly. Membership in the assembly shall constitute conclusive evidence of a waiver by the Member of all claims, causes or rights of action, demands against the assembly, its employees, officers, elders or any Member of the assembly with respect to disciplinary proceedings and the results thereof and this provision shall be pleaded as a complete estoppel (i.e. the prevention of an action) in event that such an action is commenced in violation hereof.