

ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES OF PLUMBLINE MINISTRIES

The following is an outline definition of what is entailed in being an associated ministry to Plumblime Ministries.

1. Friends and mutual respect

The basis of the link is personal friendship with one or more of the senior leaders within the Plumblime family, and a genuine mutual respect and trust of one another's ministries.

2. Serving together and one another

We aim to serve together in the UK, Ireland and overseas, in whatever ways and on whatever projects we can, and to make every effort to make one another's ministries and callings successful and fruitful.

3. Point of reference

Both parties will make known publicly, for example in newsletters, the link between the ministry and Plumblime, which will serve as a point of reference and recommendation to the wider body of Christ. It is recognised that there would be differences of viewpoint and expression on some doctrinal matters, but there will be a fundamental agreement with the Plumblime Ministries' Statement of Faith (see Appendix A).

4. Sharing of needs

There will be a sharing of needs by way of news of one another's ministries, and an encouragement given to people to pray and give of their time and financial resources as and when is appropriate.

5. Care, counsel and accountability

It is recognised that some ministries will have oversight and accountability elsewhere besides their link with Plumblime. However, further care, counsel and accountability will flow as a result of the points above and the overall responsibility.

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APPENDIX A: STATEMENT OF FAITH

Plumblin Ministries accepts the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice, and adopt the following statement of fundamental truths:

- WE BELIEVE the Bible (that is the Old and New Testaments, excluding the Apocrypha) to be the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God, and that it is the all-sufficient rule for faith and conduct.
- WE BELIEVE in the unity of the one true and living God, eternally existent and revealed in Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- WE BELIEVE in the eternal deity and the true humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, miraculous ministry, death upon the Cross, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, abiding intercession, and His personal and bodily future return for the Church.
- WE BELIEVE that man was created good, but fell into sin, which has resulted in death upon all mankind, and that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the blood of Christ.
- WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
- WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body and deliverance from demonic bondage in answer to believing prayer.
- WE BELIEVE that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are available to believers who ask for them.
- WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.
- WE BELIEVE in the unity of the body of Christ, the Church, being all of those who have been born again by the Holy Spirit, and in the offices and ministries as set by God in the Church and revealed in the New Testament.
- WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.
- WE BELIEVE in baptism of believers by full immersion in water, following evidence of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance from sin, as a necessary public declaration of new life.
- WE BELIEVE in the Lord's Supper or breaking of bread, regularly observed, as a remembrance of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ and a symbol of God's covenant.