

# HEALTHY NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS IN HCFI



*HCFI Vision: By the grace of God and undergirded by its supporters the HCFI will become a prayerful evangelical fellowship with trained people implementing Christ's Great Commission within the Healthcare Field*

*HCFI Mission: HCFI strives to inspire and equip all Christians serving in healthcare to manifest Jesus Christ in daily life and work.*

1. Motivated by the love of God, the National Fellowship desires to see the Kingdom of God come in the health fields of their country
2. Their primary focus is on fulfilling the Great Commission in the health field through prayer, evangelism, and disciple making.
3. The Fellowship has an effective National Action Team consisting of ministry streams which include Prayer, Saline Process, Integral Disciple Making, and Medical Outreaches.<sup>1</sup>
4. Excellence in stewardship:
  - a. People management: furthering collaborative Kingdom of God relationships between the various ministry streams; this includes good staff and volunteer care
  - b. Activity management: Team members have clarity about their responsibilities, they are accountable to one another, and they collaborate well in working out the plans they have made together; they are flexible in implementing the vision
  - c. Organizational management: they have developed an appropriate national organization with special attention for the ministry streams of Prayer, Saline Process, Integral Disciple Making and Medical Outreaches; they network with like-minded ministries such as the members of NCFI and ICMDA; they actively seek good relationships and collaboration with local congregations; they seek to build bridges between various parts of the Body of Christ; they have a growing ministry among healthcare students;
  - d. Financial management: they provide as a minimum a transparent audited annual budget and financial report; they voluntarily contribute to the overall financial stability of the HCFI family
5. Excellence in communication:
  - a. Communicate appropriately with staff, volunteers, supporters, local churches, and Christians in the health field so that a growing number of people take the HCF Vision to heart and seek the Kingdom of God in the health field
  - b. Communicate regularly and openly with the appropriate persons in the International Team of HCFI about the four areas of management listed in 4 above
6. Identify significant cultural trends or issues in the national health field. Where necessary, develop appropriate materials / actions
7. Excellence in serving other National Fellowships:
  - a. They collaborate with the other Fellowships in the region to help all of them to grow (Still → Struggling → Strong)
  - b. They take the HCF Vision to a country that has not yet been exposed to it
8. They realize that membership of the HCFI means appropriate collaboration with the International Fellowship and subscription to the HCFI Vision, HCFI Mission and the Doctrinal Basis<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The team could also consider including student ministry, servant leadership, training, secretarial, financial, and planning

<sup>2</sup> See Addendum 1



### **Adherence to the above guidelines**

The above points bring clarity about what healthy National Fellowships are all about. These points are endorsed by the International Board and the Global Action Team. The International Team, including Regional Action Teams and the Global Action Team, has the responsibility to support National Fellowships in their desire to see the Kingdom of God come within the health fields of their nations.

### **Non-adherence to the above guidelines**

Whenever National Fellowships move into an unhealthy situation, the Global Action Team is responsible for taking the following steps:

1. Mobilize prayer for the unhealthy National Fellowship
2. Seek to inspire and equip the National Fellowship and restore their health
3. Should the unhealthy National Fellowship resist the attempts of the Global Action Team members to support them, the Global Action Team will have to take disciplinary steps in love. After each step has been taken, the Global Action Team will assess whether the National Fellowship has started to move back to a place of health. If so, the process of inspiration and equipping can go ahead. These are the proposed steps to be taken if a National Fellowship continues in its unhealthy situation:
  - a. Verbally indicate to the National leadership team that the situation is serious
  - b. Written letter to the National leadership team about the situation, expressing the concerns of the Global Action Team
  - c. Letter to the International Board giving a brief overview of the developments, asking the Board to decide whether the National Fellowship should still be allowed to remain part of the HCFI network, since they are no longer subscribing to the HCFI Vision, HCFI Mission and Doctrinal Basis as is clear from their behaviour.

### **Addendum 1: HCFI Doctrinal Basis**

The Doctrinal Basis of the HCFI shall consist of the essential beliefs of Biblical Christianity, including

- The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead;
- The person of our Lord Jesus Christ as very God and very Man, born of the virgin Mary, His real and sinless humanity, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection and His ascension into Heaven;
- The Divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Holy Scripture in all matters of faith and conduct;
- The guilt and depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall;
- The substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His resurrection, as the only way of salvation from sin through repentance and faith;
- The necessity for the new birth by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling in the believer for sanctification and service;
- The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the judgment to come for the just and for the unjust;
- The resurrection of the body and eternal life;
- Hell as a place of eternal punishment for all who have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ;
- Heaven as a place of everlasting blessedness for all who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

In brief, the HCFI places a strong emphasis upon the Deity of Jesus Christ and His Atonement; regeneration by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling fullness in the believer for personal victory and fruitfulness; the supreme authority of the Scriptures and the importance of personal and group evangelism.

