



Application for Membership
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICERS, USA
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The dual purpose of the *Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (FCPO)* is to:

1. Present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to the criminal justice community, and
2. Disciple and train Christian criminal justice professionals to carry out the Great Commission.

Full (Regular) Membership in *FCPO* is open to active or retired law enforcement officers, correctional officers or peace officers who:

- a. desire to have a part in the ministry,
- b. agree with our dual purpose and
- c. subscribe to the *Statement of Faith* printed on the reverse of this application.

Associate Membership is open to all other interested persons, including Reserve Officers and civilians.

Be sure to enclose your \$25 New Member Processing Fee with this application.

(Please type or print clearly)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Agency _____ Phone (____) _____

Agency Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Job Assignment _____

Please address mail to my: Home Work E-mail: _____

I am a Peace Officer (or **retired Peace Officer**) and request **Full Membership** with the privilege to vote for FCPO National Board Members.

I AM NOT a Peace Officer and request **Associate Membership**. I understand this does not include the right to vote for FCPO National Board Members.

I believe Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God, and I have received Him as my personal Savior and Lord. My local congregation is (name) _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Approved by _____ *Local chapter officer (if applicable) or National Office*

Optional Personal Data

Marital Status _____ Name of Spouse _____

Number of years in the criminal justice system _____ Years of formal education completed _____

I want to be involved with *FCPO* because: _____

If possible, please include a patch from your department with this Application for display in the FCPO National Office.

Please fold completed application, enclose \$25 check, tape edges securely and send to the National Office



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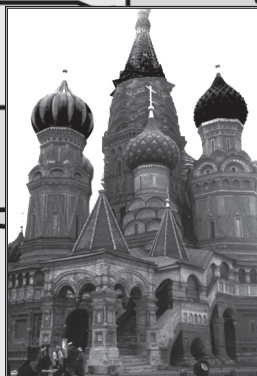
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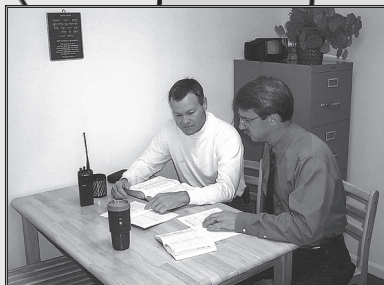
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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION EDITION

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FCPO

The *FCPO* ministry began in October 1971 when a group of Christian officers in the Los Angeles Police Department were burdened to share Christ with lost officers. They began to pray as to how they could effectively share the good news of Jesus with those around them.

As a result of their prayers, a year later the *Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers - USA (FCPO)* was born. It was formed...

- to unite Christian men and women in the criminal justice system using time-proven ministry methods; and
- to strengthen members' faith and help them be more effective witnesses to those around them.

FCPO was incorporated as a non-profit ministry in 1974, and by 1978 had its own logo and newsletter, *The Christian Peace Officer*. News of the ministry spread, and other Christians in the U.S. criminal justice system with a burden for lost officers began to form local chapters.

In May 1988 the decision was made to relocate *FCPO's* National Office from Los Angeles to Chattanooga, Tennessee. In 1992 concerned Christians outside the criminal justice system made it possible for the ministry to hire its first full-time director. They also provided an up-to-date computer system. Their encouragement, together with a growing number of requests for individual membership and to form charters, strengthened our ability to provide ministry support services throughout the U.S. criminal justice system.

The *FCPO National Office* is located at 1801 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information or assistance call (423) 622-1234; FAX (423) 622-9725; Website: www.fcpo.org; or e-mail to Ivette@fcpo.org or Grant@fcpo.org.



WELCOME TO THE FCPO MINISTRY

This is a special edition of *The Christian Peace Officer*. Size and format is similar to our regular edition, which is published throughout the year for the benefit of members and friends.

We have planned this issue to give you the information you need in electing to join forces in *The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (FCPO)*. Regular (full) Membership is open to active or retired law enforcement officers, and Associate Membership is available to all others.

FCPO is a special ministry dedicated to the spiritual well-being of all in the criminal justice profession. Regardless of where you are in your spiritual walk, *FCPO* is here to help meet your needs.

Thank you for the interest you have shown in the *FCPO* ministry. We are a team of men and women in the criminal justice system with members in all 50 states. In addition we have close ties with *FCPO of Canada* and *Christian Police Associations (CPAs)* located around the world. We will be honored to have you as a member of our unique ministry to members of the law enforcement profession.

WHAT DOES FCPO PROVIDE?

- **The Vision** to influence significantly the U.S. Criminal justice system for Christ.
- **A Strategy** for reaching those around you with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **Training** in basis ministry skills of prayer, evangelism, discipleship, teaching and leadership.
- **Tools** to conduct an effective ministry.
- **Support, reinforcement and encouragement** from both the National Office and local chapters.
- **Courage to share the Gospel** with those you care most for ...your family, fellow officers and other associates.

NEW MEMBERSHIP



WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

As an *FCPO* member you become part of a national ministry team. This team consists of Christian men and women from all areas of the criminal justice system. You join together with them in a local chapter for the dual purpose of:

- Presenting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to lost men and women in the criminal justice community; and
- Discipling and training Christian criminal justice professionals to carry out the Great Commission.

There is a strong common bond shared by those in the criminal justice system, especially those who are Believers. We enjoy a camaraderie which cannot be imitated by anyone outside our unique profession.

Because of this special relationship we often are provided with opportunities to share our faith with colleagues "hard to reach" by others in the Christian community. Through *FCPO* we further are "banded together" to share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through Him they find the only true purpose for life, and with the help of *FCPO* members they can learn how to integrate "New Life in Christ" into their work, daily life and relationships.

Prayer + Outreach + Discipleship = Ministry

FCPO members pray for the salvation of lost men and women around them in their personal daily devotions and when they meet as a chapter. They also plan special outreach events to which they invite their lost associates. These events include mealtime functions with Christian law enforcement speakers who weave their testimony into their talks, annual "Law Enforcement Sunday" programs, weekend retreats, mission trip opportunities and many other events.

Regardless of the event, a special time is set aside where the Gospel is presented and an opportunity given to receive Christ as

personal Savior. Members are trained how to give a testimony of their own conversion experience and how to lead others in "the sinner's prayer."

Those who receive Christ at these events (or who indicate an interest to know more before they do) are invited to meet one-to-one with an *FCPOer* in a four-lesson course entitled *First Steps*. They then are encouraged to continue in *Operation Timothy*. Both of these are time-proven discipling courses developed by the *Navigators* and *CBMC of USA*.

As these new Believers are being disciplined in their new Christian life, they also are introduced to the *FCPO* ministry and encouraged to use it as a focal point to present Christ to their lost friends and family members.

Through this exciting process of prayer, outreach events, follow-through and discipleship, members develop strong bonds of fellowship. Even more than this, however, Christ's words in *Matthew 28:19-20* take on new meaning as members stake out their own unique part of the world (fellow police officers) and take His Gospel to them:

Go (you) therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF FCPO?

Simply complete the application in this newsletter and return it with your \$25 Membership Processing Fee to the *FCPO* National Office.

When your new membership pack arrives it will contain:

- Membership card
- *FCPO New Testament*
- Window decal
- *Steps to Peace with God* salvation tract
- *Believing In Jesus* (a comparison of Bible truth vs. error)
- *Sharing Your Faith* by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz
- *A Basic Study of New Testament Scriptures*
- *10 Most Wanted Card* and a recent newsletter
- Shoulder Patch (five colors)
- Lapel pin/tie tac (five colors)
- *Know Your Rights* tract



HOW IS THE MINISTRY GOVERNED?

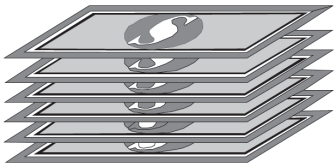
The ministry is governed by an elected Board of committed Christian men and women dedicated to the purpose and vision of *FCPO*. Each must be of sound moral and spiritual character, willing to meet the requirements placed on *FCPO* board members.

As required by the *Bylaws* the Board meets twice a year with other Board meetings held as needed. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director constitute the Executive Committee of the Board, and are empowered to expedite matters not requiring action by the Board.

Day-to-day oversight of ministry activities is under the direction of the Executive Director and the President. Together with secretarial help, they constitute the staff of *FCPO*.

Board members are selected first and foremost according to criteria found in *I Timothy 3: 1-7* and *Titus 1: 5-9*. In addition they must be willing and able to attend Board meetings at their own expense. We attempt to keep a balance on the Board geographically and representatively among the various areas of law enforcement we serve and between "street" officers and administrators.

Board members have come from police and sheriff's departments, FBI and Secret Service, U.S. Marshal's, the judiciary, corrections, the pastorate and other ministries. All Board members must have a deep commitment to the spiritual needs of men and women in the criminal justice system.



HOW IS THE MINISTRY FINANCED?

FCPO is a faith ministry, meaning the majority of our support is from voluntary gifts. These gifts come from members and friends with a heart for evangelism in the law enforcement community. Throughout the year we send letters to all on our mailing list to update them on ministry needs and projects.

We ask all who hear from us to prayerfully place our ministry needs before the Lord and ask His guidance through the Holy Spirit. By letting God lead before we respond, we more nearly can experience "the joy of giving" from *II Corinthians 9:7*.

To help offset the cost of materials sent to New Members (Regular and Associate), we charge a \$25 processing fee. To help contain ministry costs we ask members to give a gift at least once a year as the Lord leads. If we do not hear from a member within a 12-month period we will send a reminder notice.

FCPO COLORS

The handsome *FCPO* membership pin and shoulder patch are in the form of a circle, which indicates Christ's never-ending love for us.

In the center is an open Bible representing God's Word. Above is a ray of gold, signifying Heaven. The colors surrounding it and their meaning are as follows:



- **Black**, representing sin;
- **Red**, which stands for Christ's blood shed on the cross
- **White**, showing what happens to sin covered by His blood;
- **Blue**, indicating the waters of baptism; and
- **Green**, denoting new life in Christ and growth in him.

HOW TO START AN FCPO CHAPTER

If there is no local chapter in your area and you would like to start one, how do you go about it? Better yet, why have one?

Life experiences and the Bible teach us there is strength in numbers. A chapter gives individual members the support and encouragement needed to be more effective in reaching the lost around them. It also provides a "platform" for sponsoring outreach events. Here's how to begin.

First, pray for God to lead you to two or three Christian officers in your community (perhaps in other agencies) with a concern for the lost. You only need a few, for Jesus said where two or three gather together in His name, there He will be also. Set a regular time to meet to (1) begin praying for lost officers on your *10 Most Wanted Card*, and (2) to ask God to lead other Christian officers to become part of your weekly prayer group.

At the same time write the National Office for information on how to start a chapter. We will send the necessary chapter and individual membership applications you will need to complete and return to Chattanooga. When you are ready for your charter night dinner, the National Office will help schedule a speaker appropriate for the occasion.

Why have a chapter? Besides strength in numbers, a chapter provides continuity and official recognition by those around you. Most important of all, in an era of growing Christian persecution it makes members accountable to one another and helps them keep their commitment to be faithful witnesses for him.

The patch may be sewn onto your jacket, shirt or cap, while the lapel pin also can be used as a tie tac. Whenever these emblems are worn they speak of your membership in *The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers*. In addition they are silent testimony to what Christ means in your life.

FCPO STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe concerning:

GOD: There is one God, Holy, eternally existing and manifesting himself to us in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is merciful and loves us, but is just and must punish sin. (*John 14:6 & 10 Exodus 34:6, 7 Matthew 28:19 John 3:16*)

CHRIST: Jesus Christ is God incarnate. He was supernaturally conceived, born of a virgin, was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate, was raised from the dead on the third day and now sits at the Father's right hand from whence He is coming again personally, bodily and visibly to this earth. (*Luke 1:26:35 I Corinthians 15: 3,4 John 1:1, 2, 14*)

HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is God. He indwells all believers, having baptized them into the body of Christ at the time of regeneration. (*Romans 8:9 I Corinthians 12:13, 14 Ephesians 4:4, 5*)

BIBLE: The scripture of the Old and New Testament was verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings, and is the supreme and final authority for our faith and life. (*II Tim. 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21*)

GRACE: Eternal Life is a free gift and cannot be earned. We are saved by grace and not by our own works. (*Ephesians 2:8, 9 Romans 6:23*)

FAITH: All those who by faith receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and who confess Him as such before their fellowmen become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. (*Romans 10:9, 10 Ephesians 2:8, 9 Romans 8:16, 17 John 1:12*)

MAN: We are sinners. By His death upon the cross the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse in our place. (*Rom. 3:23 John 3:18 Gal. 3:13*)

JUDGEMENT: Those who reject the love of God and the saving work of Christ will be judged and punished for sin. They will be separated from God eternally. (*John 16:7-11 Jude 14, 15 John 3:36*)



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