

INTRODUCTION

We are delighted that you have joined us today. This teaching is the basic introduction to the CREM Ministry family. Since all CREM members are from different church backgrounds, the leadership team has decided to design this teaching in order to clearly explain who our ministry is and what it does. At the end of this teaching, you will know exactly what it means to be a member and what steps you need to take to fully join CREM Ministry. In order to belong to CREM ministry, you have to know WHO the ministry is, WHAT the ministry does and HOW to become a member.

Up to this point you have probably enjoyed the fellowship, teaching, atmosphere of genuine love, faith and the excitement that is found in this ministry. We invite you to take a place among the many that have made a commitment to serve God with their gifting as part of this great team.

One of the unique strengths of **CREM** Ministry is our clear vision, values and culture that focuses people to the great commission that our Lord Jesus Christ left for all believers. We are passionate about being relevant in today's age and believe that the work of God should be done with excellence. We seek not to complicate the gospel but rather make it simple, real and relevant so that many can be able to find salvation. We seek not to condemn those that are lost but rather desire to create an environment where they can feel welcome and wanted for this is what Christ did during His earthly ministry. We believe that all of us have a unique gift that can be harnessed and used to further the kingdom of God.

KEY TRUTHS FOR THIS TEACHING



1. The church is a Family

Ephesians 2:19

19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

2. God expects you to be a member of a church family

Romans 12:10

10 Love each other with genuine affection,[a] and take delight in honoring each other.

3. It is biblical to be set apart for specific ministry

Acts 13:2 New Living Translation (NLT)

2 One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them."

Romans 15:16-18 New Living Translation (NLT)

16 I am a special messenger from Christ Jesus to you Gentiles. I bring you the Good News so that I might present you as an acceptable offering to God, made holy by the Holy Spirit. 17 So I have reason to be enthusiastic about all Christ Jesus has done through me in my service to God. 18 Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them.

WHO WE ARE

Ephesians 2:19-20
New Living Translation (NLT)

A Temple for the Lord

19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. **20** Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

1 Peter 2:9
New International Version (NIV)

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Who is CREM MINISTRY?

The church is God's eternal plan

Ephesians 2:19-20
New International Version (NIV)

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Church in the New Testament*
www.bibleone.net

The word "church" is a translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, a compound word that means "called out" [ek, meaning "out"; and klesis, meaning "to call"]. The word is used 115 times in the New Testament, and in all except five instances it is used of Christians. It is used of the nation of Israel or those in Israel three times [Matthew 18:17; Acts 7:38], and it is used of a gathering of mainly unsaved Gentiles twice [some Jews present

(Acts 19:32, 39). And in the five instances where the word is not used of Christians it could be better translated "assembly," understanding that "the assembly" was a called out group [Israel called out of the nations (Acts 7:38), or individuals called out of this nation (Matthew 18:17), or individuals called out from a Gentile nation (Acts 19:32, 39)].

The word church is never used to refer to a physical building. The church is not something you attend. It is People. God's eternal plan is not for a building made with the hands of men but for a holy people made with the hands of God.

Acts 20:28

New International Version (NIV)

28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God,[a] which he bought with his own blood. [b].

Matthew 18:20

New International Version (NIV)

20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

1. You can't attend church – you have to become the church

The question then is how do I become the church? What is required to join the church?

The goal of this teaching

**That I will commit myself to
Jesus Christ, to His Church
and ministry**



What does it mean to be a Christian?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing “WHY” They exist year after year with no idea of why they live or God’s purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is “what is the meaning of life?”

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways

..some look for happiness by acquiring possessions

..some look for happiness by experiencing pleasure

...some look for happiness by gaining prestige and power

But real happiness comes from understanding my purpose in life

Why Am I here?

1. God made me to love me!

Jeremiah 31:3 New International Version (NIV)

3 The Lord appeared to us in the past,[a] saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

2. We were created to enjoy a personal relationship with God and to manage all the rest of God’s creation. This makes us special!

Genesis 1:27-28 New International Version (NIV)

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28. God blessed them and said to

them, *“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”*

1 Timothy 6:17 New International Version (NIV)

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

John 10:10 New International Version (NIV)

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

3. When we know and love God and live in harmony with his purpose for our lives it produces

tremendous benefits in our lives

Clear Conscience: **Romans 8:1 New Living Translation (NLT)**

8 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Life and peace

Life and Peace: **Romans 8:6 New International Version (NIV)**

6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Help with weakness: **Romans 8:26 New International Version (NIV)**

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Purpose: **Romans 8:28 New International Version (NIV)**

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose.

Confidence: **Romans 8:31 New International Version (NIV)**

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Security: **Romans 8:39 New International Version (NIV)**

39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

Strength: **Philippians 4:13 New International Version (NIV)**

13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Fulfillment: **Philippians 4:19 New International Version (NIV)**

19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Freedom: **John 8:32 New International Version (NIV)**

32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:36 New International Version (NIV)

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM

1. **Man has a natural desire to be the boss and to ignore God's principles for living**

Do your own thing

If it feels good, do it – regardless of what God says about it

It's my life and I will do what I please

The Bible calls this attitude **sin**

Isaiah 53:6 New International Version (NIV)

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

- 1 **John 1:8 New International Version (NIV)**

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

2. **Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and to try to live our lives outside of His will**

Isaiah 59:2 New International Version (NIV)

2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Romans 3:23 New International Version (NIV)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- 3. When our relationship to God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every area of our lives – marriage, career, relationships, finances etc.**

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY OFTEN TRY MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING BEFORE TURNING TO GOD

Proverbs 16:25 New International Version (NIV)

25 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Even when we know our deepest need is God; we often try wrong ways of getting to know him

- My mother was a Christian so..
- It doesn't matter what you believe, just be sincere
- I will give up my bad habits
- I will work hard and earn it
- I will be religious and go to church

WHAT IS THE SOLUTIONS

John 14:6 New International Version (NIV)

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way would have worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come.
The way is the Person.**

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM

Romans 6:23 New International Version (NIV)

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Timothy 2:5 New International Version (NIV)

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,

God has already done his part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

1. Admit that God has not been first place in your life and ask him to forgive your sins

1 John 1:9 New International Version (NIV)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2. Repent of your sins and turn away from them

Acts 3:19 New International Version (NIV)

19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

3. Believe that Jesus dies to pay for your sins and that he rose again on Easter and is alive today

Romans 10:9 New International Version (NIV)

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Acts 4:12 New International Version (NIV)

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

4. Accept Gods free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it

Ephesians 2:8-9 New International Version (NIV)

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

5. Invite Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the Lord of your life

John 1:12-13 New International Version (NIV)

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God

Revelation 3:20 New International Version (NIV)

20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

YOU CAN TAKE THESE STEPS BY PRAYING A SIMLE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO GOD:

Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I have ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I am sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. I repent of my sins now and turn away from all of them. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. AS much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. I yield my life to you completely. Come into my heart and take control of my entire life. Please help me to grow now as a Christian.

Romans 10:13 New International Version (NIV)

13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BAPTIZED

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. To follow the example of Jesus

Mark 1:9New International Version (NIV)

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

2. Because Christ commands it

Matthew 28:19-20New International Version (NIV)

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

3. It demonstrates that I really am a believer

Acts 2:41New International Version (NIV)

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 18:8New Living Translation (NLT)

8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and everyone in his household believed in the Lord. Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

1. It illustrates Christ's death and resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3-4New International Version (NIV)

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Colossians 2:12New International Version (NIV)

12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

2. It illustrates my new life as a Christian

2 Corinthians 5:17New International Version (NIV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here!

Romans 6:4New International Version (NIV)

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into

death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Baptism doesn't make you a believer – it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not save you; only faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring – it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart

Ephesians 2:8-9New International Version (NIV)

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE BAPTISED WITH IMMERSION

Because Jesus was baptised that way

Matthew 3:16New International Version (NIV)

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

Every baptism in the **Bible** was by immersion

Acts 8:38-39New International Version (NIV)

38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

The word “baptize” means to dip into water

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED

Every person who has believed in Christ

Acts 2:41New International Version (NIV)

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 8:12New International Version (NIV)

12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Children need to wait until they are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them

It is a membership requirement that every member of the ministry must have been baptised the way Jesus demonstrated

THE MEANING OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols as reminders of His death. These two symbols are Baptism and Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is an important element of our spiritual life.

WHAT IS THE LORDS SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:23-26New International Version (NIV)

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1. It is a simple act

1 Corinthians 11:24New International Version (NIV)

24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

2. It is a reminder

1 Corinthians 11:25New International Version (NIV)

25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

3. It is a statement of faith

1 Corinthians 11:26New International Version (NIV)

26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORDS SUPPER

4. Only believers

Mark 14:22-26New International Version (NIV)

22 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

23 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

24 "This is my blood of the [a] covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. 25 "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

1 Corinthians 11:29 New International Version (NIV)

29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE LORDS SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:27 - 28 New International Version (NIV)

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of

the bread and drink from the cup.

1. Self-examination

1 Corinthians 11:28 New International Version (NIV)

28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

2. Confessing my sins

1 John 1:9 New International Version (NIV)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

3. Recommitment

1 John 1:9 New International Version (NIV)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

4. Restoring relationships

Matthew 5:23-24 New International Version (NIV)

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

At CREM ministry, we do conduct the Lord's Supper from time to time and as directed by the Holy Spirit.

THE CREM MINISTRY

S ometime in 1994, a few brethren started meeting in Likoni for overnight prayers commonly known as "Kesha". The meetings would be held every Friday in volunteer houses and would typically run from 10pm until 5am in the morning. The brethren were from different churches in Mombasa but they all had a burden to serve the Lord with zeal, passion and commitment. Through God's grace, these meetings continued to grow resulting in a big revival amongst the churches represented in the meetings. As the fellowship of brethren grew, the urge to organize ourselves and start reaching out to others grew. On May 1st 1996, the team raised some money to purchase sound equipment – that was the first time the name CREM Ministry was used in the invitations to the fund raising meeting. The name was chosen mainly as an expression of our deep rooted desire as a team – to see sustained revival in our home churches.

With basic sound equipment and a small generator, the team started going out for missions focusing on the rural areas where the team members originated from. The first such mission



was undertaken at Maloowi region (Makueni District) and to date, the team has never looked back. Through prayer, deep rooted praise and worship, absolute commitment, dedication, excellence and dynamic delivery of the word of God, the team has continued to grow. Over the years the team has expanded to Nairobi and many other parts of the country with the mission work also expanding to include schools and colleges in addition to working with churches on evangelism programs.

Today the Church Revival Evangelistic Ministry (CREM) is an interdenominational fellowship that brings born again believers from different Churches all having burden to reach out other people for Christ. At CREM we believe that it is through revived local churches that the work of reaching out to the unreached will be accomplished faster. The local Church must awaken to the call and perform the work that the Lord Jesus Christ left for believers. If all the Local Churches spread out in Kenya and in the world today were effective in discipling believers, then the great commission would be accomplished faster. The definition of Local Church being any organized group of believers that meets regularly to worship the Lord Jesus Christ including mainstream churches and Christians meetings in schools and colleges.

The needs of the various groups are as diverse as the congregations, but we believe that as a ministry, we can add value to all Churches. The mainstream churches need training, support and encouragement. The schools and colleges require not only training and encouragement but also spiritual mentorship so that they may be all rounded Christians that can have a

positive impact in the society. At CREM we believe that for Christians to be effective they must be active in Evangelism, Fellowship, Worship and the reading of the Word of God just as the early Church was. We are passionate about working with churches to ensure dynamism in all the four aspects of a Christian lifestyle. At CREM we are passionate about reaching young people for Christ. We believe that if you can influence people at a young age for Christ, that person will have a bigger impact in the society. The ministry has expanded to reach more of the youth through focused schools and college's ministry. We aim to not only reach the youth with the word but to partner with teachers and school administrators to provide biblical mentoring, guidance and counselling to the teenagers in our schools and colleges. For us to be effective in this ministry, we have partnered with Christian

professionals from all fields from Finance and Engineering to Medicine and Arts.

Over the years CREM has ministered in hundreds of Local Churches and Schools and we have witnessed God's transforming power in all our Crusades. Thousands have come to know the Lord through these missions and many evangelistic teams have been started in these local churches to carry on with the commission.



MISSION CHARACTERISTICS

- All our missions are undertaken under an invitation from a local church, a school or college
- All our missions are sponsored and financed by the team members.
- Because of the nature of our missions and especially the fact that we take the missions to remote areas, we have had to carry enough resources to take us through the mission including food. We never want to burden the communities that we take the gospel to with our own needs.
- Because most of the team members are working, most of our missions have always been undertaken over weekends with Friday night being the day of travel to the mission field and Sunday night being the return.
- All team members MUST belong and be active in a local Church and must be accountable to a Pastor who must be aware that He/She is a member of the team

So what is Our Vision

- From our dynamic relationship with God, we:
- Reach out the Unreached with the Gospel Of Jesus Christ
- Assist the Local Churches disciple believers in Worship, Evangelism, Fellowship and Studying the Word of God.
- Impact the youth for Christ through effective mentoring and coaching program

How do we achieve this?

We seek to connect with people, Draw People and Invite People to the Lord Jesus Christ through:

- Countrywide Gospel Campaigns in Conjunction with Local Churches
- School to School / College To College Weekend Mentoring Programmes (Challenges)
- Equipping the Local Churches through training/seminars .
- Involvement of ministry partners and members in weekly meetings designed to equip and train ministers for effective ministry .
- Establishment of prayerful ministers through a well-coordinated prayer program
- Provision of material / spiritual assistance to local churches which have a committed leadership and that have a vision for doing the work of God.
- Helping ministers in discovering their spiritual gifts and using them as a blessing to the body of Christ.



UNDERSTANDING OUR VALUES

The values are the core of what CREM Ministry is. It's the foundation of the ministry and the things we hold dear, apart from the beliefs, although some doctrinal beliefs are included among our values. These values form the basis for how we make decisions, how we spend our resources including money and are clearly visible in the life of the ministry and in the way we speak and live.

Word of God

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and forms the basis of practical, godly living and successes. The Bible says if we hear the word only and do not apply it, we are foolish and unstable. God desires to change our lives into His image as His word takes root in our hearts and grows up in us. Therefore we will focus on preaching and teaching God's word to promote faithful obedience to Him in our daily lives

The Holy Spirit

We believe that an essential part of living a successful and victorious Christian life is being baptized, filled and led by the Holy Spirit

The Presence and Touch of God on Everything

We value the tangible presence of God in our lives as a source of God's grace, comfort and refreshing. We believe that there should be a tangible touch and presence of God in all our meetings and services – God must be felt and seen.

Praise & Worship

We value, honor and make great the name and character of God through exacting, dynamic, energetic and real praise and worship. Our entire being is designed for worship of the Lord. It will be our eternal occupation in heaven. At CREM, the goal of every meeting is to bring us all into the presence of the Lord. There we meet with God and worship Him

Revelation 4:11

11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Because God loves everyone, we value people

Jesus paid the ultimate price possible to redeem man. God is no respecter of persons and therefore at CREM, we seek to treat everyone as a special treasure of the Lord. No matter your race, nationality, gender, age or social status you are special to God and to us. We pledge to treat everyone with the love and respect of someone for whom Christ died

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

A Prayerful Lifestyle

Prayer is a means of empowering ourselves and accomplishing the will of God on earth. CREM Ministry was started from a prayer Group. We have weekly prayer meetings and monthly all nights of prayer all designed to ensure that prayer becomes our lifestyle and permeates every activity of life.

Mark 1:

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Excellence and Creativity

From the start of CREM Ministry, we have believed in doing the very best for God in every aspect of our lives and ministry. God's people and assets should reflect the God of excellence that we serve – we want only the best for God. We believe that our daily lives and our service to God should be accompanied by a spirit of fun, celebration and joy. Our ministry meetings and services should have a sense of fun, humour and celebration while not losing the true spirit of worship and honoring God.

Further, God is a creative God. When His Spirit flows in us, we become creative people. Therefore we will use all means at our disposal to promote and encourage creativity in worship, teaching and outreach. Drama, dance, media, art and any other creative arts are welcome in CREM.

1 Corinthians 14:26 New International Version (NIV)

26 What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.

Because God is a miracle working God, we value the spiritual gifts and the supernatural. We believe the gifts of the Spirit are for the church today. Therefore we earnestly seek and desire that His presence be seen in us as the gifts of the Spirit operate freely.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 New International Version (NIV)

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Financial Partnership

We believe that every member of the ministry should be a faithful financial partner so as to empower and equip us for ongoing impact. We believe that money is an essential ingredient for an effective and influential ministry. We expect all members to give towards the ministry programs agreed in any calendar year.

The Family

We believe in strong marriages and healthy families, as they are the foundation of a godly nation and effective ministry. We provide teachings to couples to prepare them for marriage and have programs in the year designed to strengthen married couples. This is in addition to the programs running in all our local churches where each ministry is required to be an active member.

Relationships

We value all people on the basis of the great commandment – to love our neighbor as ourselves. We value relationships that build people regardless of age, tribe, gender, race or social standing. Sexual purity in romantic relationships is essential to building godly lives. We encourage each member to be part of a small team i.e. praise & worship, counsellor, intercessor, trainer/coach, preacher, usher or interpreter where one has the opportunity of building friendship and support structure as you enjoy your Christian life. We encourage and value respectful relationships between people and their leaders as one of the keys to a healthy and united ministry.

Acts 2:46-47 New International Version (NIV)

46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Character & Integrity

We believe that character is more important than gifting and that godly life brings honour and respect to the ministry, the church and increased influence in the world. Our faith in Christ should affect our behaviour and believers should be people of the highest integrity, honesty and trustworthiness. We desire CREM members to be highly sought after leaders in the local churches and society in general as a result of our character and integrity. We seek to be hardworking Christians so as not to be a burden to anyone but to have more than we need so as to be a channel of blessing to other.

Non-Tribal, Non-Sexist Community

CREM is a non-tribal, non-sexist ministry. We believe that all people are equal before the Lord and that the Church of God should include all tribes and nationalities and have men and women serving fully in all areas of ministry. All age groups have a part to play in the life of the ministry and our young people are not the ministers of tomorrow but today. We seek to include young people in all ministries so that they can learn to carry spiritual responsibility at a young age.

The Poor

We believe that our ministry should make a significant social contribution to the poor and in the communities that we are ministering to. We seek to identify ways we can help our communities to overcome the day-to-day challenges. We believe education is critical to overcoming poverty in our country. To this effect, we seek to do all that we can to improve the quality of learning and to encourage as many young people as possible to excel in their academic life. We seek to highlight the effects of alcohol and drug abuse to the youth and work with the government in getting the youth to overcome this challenge by pointing them to the power of the cross early in their lives.

Patriotism

We believe Kenya is a great nation that can overcome its weaknesses and develop to reach its true potential. We believe the Church and all ministries should be supportive of the government, loyal and patriotic. While not overlooking the issues, negative and critical talk should not be part of our ministry. We should endeavor to speak well of our country and its leaders, always highlighting the possibilities and potential as we play our part in nation building.

Affiliation

CREM is not affiliated to any denomination - We work with all churches that ascribe to our values and beliefs in the advancement of the Gospel and fulfilment of our vision and mission.

In Summary

We are unapologetically serious about several key things pertaining to our ministry culture:

1. Giving & Raising Money: Because we believe that we can accomplish nothing without resources
2. True Worship: We are serious about praise and worship because we believe this prepares a fertile ground for receiving God's word. For this to happen, ministers must be open and pure before God as they stand forward to lead the rest. We are serious about punctuality and respect for time in everything we do.
3. Commitment: In everything we do, we give God the very best of ourselves. In whatever we set out to do, we do it with full hearted devotion and commitment desiring to make our master proud. We do not entertain complaints and murmuring, rather we seek open communication and understanding looking to support our leaders to accomplish the tasks at hand. We respect the positions that we hold in the society but we seek to build a ministry that has no social class – one where each one is respected as a true brother and sister in the Lord.

Our statement of faith

In essential beliefs – we have unity

Ephesians 4:4-6New International Version (NIV)

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

In non-essential beliefs – we have liberty

Romans 14:1New International Version (NIV)

The Weak and the Strong

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters.

Romans 14:4New International Version (NIV)

4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Romans 14:12New International Version (NIV)

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Romans 14:22New International Version (NIV)

22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.

THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE

About God

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one in God.

Genesis 1:1New International Version (NIV)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:26New International Version (NIV)

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Matthew 28:19New International Version (NIV)

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He rose from the dead and after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaves glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22-23 New International Version (NIV)

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”[a] (which means “God with us”).

Isaiah 9:6 New International Version (NIV)

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. He also endues us with the nine gifts of the Spirit as listed in 1 Corinthians 12 according to His will. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily. His gifts and supernatural signs and wonders are available to the Church today.

2 Corinthians 3:17 New International Version (NIV)

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

John 16:7-13 New International Version (NIV)

7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

About the Bible

The Bible is God’s word to us. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error

2 Timothy 3:16 New International Version (NIV)

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:20-21 New International Version (NIV)

20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

About Human Beings

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God’s creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called “sin”. This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27 New International Version (NIV)

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Psalm 8:3-6 New International Version (NIV)

*3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?[a]
5 You have made them[b] a little lower than the angels[c]
and crowned them[d] with glory and honor.
6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their[e] feet:*

About salvation

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Romans 6:23 New International Version (NIV)

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9 New International Version (NIV)

*8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
9 not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Galatians 3:26 New International Version (NIV)

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

About eternity

People were create to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16 New International Version (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 6:23 New International Version (NIV)

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 13:28 New International Version (NIV)

28 "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

WHAT WE DO

WHY SHOULD WE JOIN A MINISTRY

Is it not enough to just attend Church? Why would anyone want to join anything more than just attend church? These are some of the questions that most believers ask. The answer to this question is found in the below passage of scripture:

Psalm 92:12-13 (New International Version)

12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

God wants every believer to grow in faith to full maturity but for this to happen, we need to be planted in God through a commitment to Christ and to a local church where you can regularly be disciplined. The local church provides spiritual authority and makes believers accountable through relationships formed under the umbrella of the local church. For us to flourish and reach full potential, it's important that we get involved in God's work instead of just being regular church attendees. Involvement can be through many ways including a commitment to serving in the various groups in the local church. Additionally, involvement can be through joining a Christian team like ours where you get an opportunity to serve and utilise the gifting that the Lord has put in you. We cannot all get an opportunity to minister or preach in Church on Sunday, but involvement in ministries gives you an opportunity to use your gift in a small setting. Involvement in active ministry and especially in evangelism challenges you to read the word of God and to pray further accelerating your spiritual growth and keeping you fired up for the Lord. I have found no better way of keeping the passion for Christ's work than being involved in reaching out others!

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

CREM Calendar of events

Every November, we collate all the invitations for ministry and events that have been received by the ministry for missions. These are evaluated on the following criterion:

- New Doors for Ministry (Churches/Crusades/Schools/Colleges)
- Follow Up missions

A proposed ministry calendar of events is then developed factoring in the following:

1. Missions calendar runs from **March 15th to October 15**
2. Financial strength
3. We do not want ministers to be so busy that the ministry begins to impact negatively on the church, family and work for we believe in a balanced Christian lifestyle
4. Ministry members have personal commitments where the ministry family is expected to play a role like weddings etc.

Missions Funding Day

From the proposed calendar of events, we develop a ministry budget for the coming year. The 1st event in the calendar of events is the “Missions Funding day”. On this day normally - the 1st Saturday (Mombasa) and Sunday (Nairobi) of the month of March, we all come together to raise funds to finance the missions program for the year. Our goal is normally to raise the full amount required to finance the missions so that in the year, we do not have any financial constraints. We rely on CREM partners and friends to raise the money required during the funding day.

Monthly Contributions

In addition to the mission funding day, members are encouraged to make monthly financial contributions to assist not only in financing the missions but also in meeting month administrative expenses like motor vehicle insurance and salaries for support staff.

Weekly Meetings

For the team to remain united, we believe it’s necessary for us to meet regularly. We have Friday fellowship meetings in Mombasa and Nairobi where we invite speakers (internal & external) to minister to us. This provides an opportunity for members to fan their gifts in a small setting. Additionally, we have weekly meetings for the praise & worship team, intercessors and coordinators.

Overnight Prayer Meetings

We are deeply passionate about prayer and for this reason; we hold overnight prayer meetings once a month in Mombasa and Nairobi. This gives us an opportunity to pray together for the missions ahead of us and also serves to encourage us to remain focussed and passionate on God.

Targeted Group Meetings

As part of the ministry calendar of events, the ministry holds sessions targeted to married couples and the youth. These are designed to address specific areas for each group and are normally facilitated by specialists.

CREM Annual Conference

Every 2nd week of December, we hold a CREM annual conference with the objective of closing the calendar for the year and launching the calendar for the coming year. We invite seasoned men of God to speak on various topical issues during this conference. We also seek to review the ministry performance for the year and also to provide a financial report to the members. It is during the conference that various groups get an opportunity to discuss the weaknesses and strengths with a view to doing better in the coming year. The conference is also used by the leadership to communicate strategic objectives for the ministry for the coming year.

HOW CREM IS MANAGED**Coordinators**

The Coordinators form the core leadership team of the ministry and are responsible all aspects of the ministry. This team makes all the decisions of the ministry in consultation with the relevant departments. The team comprises of a senior coordinator, Mombasa team coordinator and Nairobi team coordinator. Any activity that involves the ministry has to be authorized by this team.

Ministry Executive Team

This team is made up of the coordinators and the leaders of the various departments currently Finance (all members), Ushers, Counsellors, Catering & Hospitality, Intercessory Group, Praise & Worship, Motor Vehicle Management Team, Bible Study Coordinator, & Sound Technicians Team

Administrative Support Staff

In order to enable us coordinate the ministry and take good care of the assets entrusted to us, the ministry has employed staff in our office – an administration officer and technicians / drivers. This staffs are currently stationed at our office in Mombasa where all our key assets are currently held.

CREM Friends & Associates

The ministry has friends that support the ministry activities even though they do not participate directly in the missions. Some of them are former members that cannot be involved directly due to commitments or distance challenges but do provide financial and other forms of support whenever called upon.

Financial Management Policy

CREM is registered as a non-profit organization. We adhere to strict financial management procedures, and money is handled with integrity and a spirit of excellence. The team of coordinators provide leadership, vision and direction for the ministry. Strict internal controls are adhered to in the handling, banking and spending of ministry finances. Two cheque signatories are needed for all payments and the senior coordinators are not signatories, nor can they effect any payment. The ministry only undertakes missions that have been budgeted for in the annual calendar of events. Missions that are not in the calendar have to be approved by the coordinators and are required to factor the financial implications. All members serve as volunteers with no pay or allowances and the only people that receive a salary are the ministry employees. All ministry assets including vehicles and equipment are for the sole use of the ministry and cannot be used for personal affairs. This rule applies to all without any exception.

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HOW TO JOIN

The difference between attenders and members can be summed up in one word – commitment

At CREM ministry, we recognize the need for formal membership borne out of a calling deep within you to serve God through CREM.

1. Christ is committed to the church

Ephesians 5:25 New International Version (NIV)

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

2. Commitment produces spiritual growth

The New Testament places major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you are not committed to any specific church family. Commitment always build character.

3. Commitment defines who can be counted on

Every team must have a roaster. Every school must have an enrolment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Every country does a census. Membership identifies our family

What is expected of me as a member?

At CREM, we don't ask members to do more than the Bible teaches. We only expect members to do what the bible expects every Christian to do.

How to become a member

1. Receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior and be born again

John 3:3 New International Version (NIV)

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.[a]"

The first step to joining CREM is to become a member of God's family by accepting Christ as your Lord and savior and being born again. – If you are ready to take this step contact any of our leaders and take the most important step of your life – into the family of God.

Be baptized in water

Galatians 3:26-28 New International Version (NIV)

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Sign then membership agreement

Once you have gone through the above teaching, and you feel called to serve in this ministry, you can now sign the membership agreement.

By agreeing to become a member with CREM, you are making a commitment to the following:

1. A love for the ministry and what it stands for.
2. A total commitment to enlarge the ministry, both numerically and spiritually, through service and giving.
3. A total commitment to the leadership and the vision of the ministry, that has no strings attached and no hidden motives.
4. A right heart attitude that serves out of love and sense of calling, rather than a desire to be seen and praised.
5. A heart after God that is very clearly evident in worship, prayer, giving and lifestyle.
6. A loyalty that does not entertain accusations and negativity, but is discerning and constructive, seeking to add value.
7. Moral purity in romantic, family, businesses and church relationships and environments.
8. A flexibility based on sound biblical principles that avoids a legalistic spirit.
9. A reliance on the grace of God, not purely self-dependence based on skills and natural gifting.
10. A healthy prayer life that brings people, the vision, problems and the weights of responsibility to God in faith.
11. A team spirit that embraces and ability to work together with others towards accomplishments of the ministry vision.
12. A spirit of sacrifice with regards to time, money and ministry service.
13. A commitment to ongoing development in biblical knowledge, ministry and people skills.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

I believe that God has prompted and equipped me to join CREM Ministry. I would like to be involved to help further the vision of this ministry.

Personal Details

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: _____

Name: _____

Telephone No: _____

Mobile No: _____

Email: _____

Postal Address: _____

Nearest CREM Team: _____

Which Team would you like to join? (Please tick).

- Ushers
- Counsellors
- Praise & Worship
- Intercessory Group
- Sound Technicians
- Catering & Hospitality
- Preachers
- Gifted Givers
- Career Mentors
- Other (Please indicate) : _____

Financial Contribution

Frequency (Please tick)

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Yearly
- Other (Please indicate)
- Amount (Kes) : _____

Method of payment

- I will deposit directly to Ministry Bank Account on the stated frequency
- I would like to be contacted when payment is due

Signatures: _____

Please hand this form to any of the ministry leaders

