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Greeting Pastor,

It is a blessing to be able to send you this letter to welcome you as a friend of CRC Churches International (Christian Revival Crusade Churches International Australia) and we look forward to working together to establish the CRC Churches in every nation of the world by 2045, the centenary of the founding of the CRC Churches in Australia. Over the next little while we will be working together to build a friendship that is a stable and strong working relationship in which our focus will be primarily to preach the Gospel of Christ and reach the lost and establishing local churches.

This process of friendship and partnership does take time as there are a number of steps that must be completed before moving on to the next phase in the journey. As you read on you will see there is an overview of what the journey may look like, please note that each nation has different requirements that may result in needing extra time to process everything so thereby making the journey a little longer.

The CRC Churches looks forward to working together as a brotherhood of churches in all the nations of the world, recognizing that each local church and ministry is to be self-governing, self-propagating and self-funding. The CRC Churches International Australia is NOT a funding body but through the International Missions Bible College (IMBC) operates as a support and training entity to help fulfill the Great Commission to “go into all the world” Matt 28:19. The CRC has a vision to have a “presence in every nation by 2045”.

Below is the summary of the major steps to follow to lead to becoming partners with the CRC Churches International and under that covering of CRC Churches:

1. The journey started with you when you contacted with one of our existing CRC pastors.
2. Next, they will ask you a number of questions including what your beliefs and doctrines are:
 - a. on personal salvation and the fruits of the Holy Spirit?
 - b. on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues?
 - c. on the relevance of the fivefold Ministry gifts in the church today?

You will also be encouraged to ask lots of questions of them also.

3. That pastor will normally be your CRC representative, or they may connect you with other CRC pastor like a National Liaison or a Global Liaison, who will follow-up and talk to you about:
 - a. Your current local church:
 - i. Are you the founding pastor of the church?
 - ii. What is your role?
 - iii. How long you have been a member? etc.

- iv. If you did not plant the church or are the senior Pastor; you will be asked who your covering ministry is, and if it is possible for the CRC representative to contact that ministry.
- b. Your current Covering:
 - i. Do you have a covering pastor?
 - ii. Are you part of a denomination?
- c. Your Theological training
 - i. What Biblical training you have?
 - ii. Are you willing to undertake our CRC Safeguarding Individuals training?
 - iii. Would you be willing to undertake our CRC IMBC training or equivalent?
4. A Friend of the CRC. At this stage you can apply to be recognized as a friend of the CRC.
 - a. To apply for recognition as a friend of CRC:
 - *Must have successfully completed the CRC Safeguarding Individuals training.*

Now that the friendship between the CRC movement and you and your CRC interim executive committee has developed to a point where we are ready to become CRC partners in the journey together to reach every country with the gospel by 2045.
5. As we move forward on this journey of building our friendship, there will need to be a number of things put in place to ensure smooth running of each local church in your country who comes on the journey to partner with the CRC:
 - a. Link with other CRC pastors.
 - b. Complete the IMBC Certificate and Diploma training or equivalent.
 - c. Apply to become a CRC pastor after completing the IMBC training or equivalent.
 - d. Join CRC WhatsApp groups.
5. Students, Pastors and Leaders wanting to apply for either a Local or National CRC Pastor's Credential:

Only a student or individuals who have a call of God (who may already be pastoring/leading a Church or Ministry), and wanting to be identified,¹ and recognised by the CRC and have successfully completed the IMBC certificate course or equivalent are eligible to apply to receive their CRC Local Pastor credentials.

 - a. To apply for CRC Local Pastor Credential, an applicant:
 - *Must have successfully completed the CRC Safeguarding Individuals training. AND*
 - *Must have successfully completed CRC International Missions Bible College (IMBC) Certificate of Ministry and Theology or equivalent (or higher). AND*
 - *The Local Pastors Competencies must be completed by the candidate along with a current CRC Pastor who will sign each of the four (4) competency areas if the candidate meets the criteria.²*
 - b. To apply for CRC National Pastor Competencies, an applicant:
 - *Must have completed above for Local Pastor. AND*

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² <https://www.crcchurch.net/crcmca>

- *Must have successfully completed CRC International Missions Bible College (IMBC) Diploma of Ministry and Theology or equivalent (or higher). AND*
- *The National Pastors Competencies must be completed by the candidate along with a current CRC Churches International Pastor who will sign each of the four (4) competency areas if the candidate meets the criteria.³*

6. A church or ministry can apply to be recognized as a CRC church or ministry.

- If a Pastor has been credentialed as a Local or National CRC Pastor and they are leading the church or ministry, then that Pastor may notify the church or ministry that they can apply to be recognized as a CRC church or ministry.
- NOTE: it is the Elders or Leaders who will make the application for the church or ministry.
- NOTE: that every CRC church or ministry MUST be led by a Credentialed CRC Pastor, and understands that as a CRC church or Ministry, the CRC Executive now have a right and responsibility to work with assisting CRC churches and ministries with their Boards and Elders.⁴
- To apply for the church or ministry to be recognized by the CRC:
 - *Elders or Leaders must have successfully completed the CRC Safeguarding Individuals training. AND*
 - *Elders or Leaders must have successfully completed CRC International Missions Bible College (IMBC) Certificate of Ministry and Theology or equivalent (or higher).*

7. **The Universal and Local Church in the CRC Movement**

a. **What does a universal church look like in the CRC movement?**

6. *The CRC and The Church Universal*

We recognise that, within the framework of the Church Universal, there is the necessity to be associated with a group of churches of common faith, values, vision, mission, and leadership. The CRC is such a group and believes that association with it should not interfere with our love for, and fellowship with, the Church Universal in whatever contact we may have with it.⁵

b. **What does a local church look like in the CRC movement?**

7. *The Local CRC Churches International church*

We accept the New Testament portrayal of the Church Universal organised into autonomous, interdependent, and self-propagating local churches. Our concept of the local church is that of a loving Christian community that is:

- 7.1 Autonomous i.e. self-governing, having full authority to manage its own affairs; and self-Pastoring, having sufficient ministry-gifts to lead its congregation according to the Ephesians 4:11-16 pattern;*
- 7.2 Interdependent i.e. relationally connected, cooperative and accountable to the CRC family;*
- 7.3 Self-propagating i.e. seeing itself as a base for outreach activities as expressed in the Vision and Mission of the CRC, conducted either on its own local initiative or in cooperation with other local churches;*

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⁵ Charter of CRC Churches International Australia Inc. – https://crcchurches.org/files/187_charter-of-crc-chruches-international-australia-inc.pdf – Page 4

7.4 *Governed by Overseers (or by whatever title the spiritual oversight may be known) and served by Deacons or any other such Helpers; and*

7.5 *Composed of people who:*

7.5.1 *Are saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; Are baptised in water by immersion; Ideally are baptised in the Holy Spirit;*

7.5.2 *Are in submission to the ministry team and spiritual oversight as they shepherd, disciple and lead the local church; and*

7.5.3 *Hold membership in no other local church.* ⁶

This is an exciting new journey that you have started, and we look forward to journeying with you through each phase, we will be here to answer any questions that you may have.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

There are many different types of mission groups that run programs in many nations with most just giving a handout to the local people. The CRC is different because we are not about funding building churches or bible schools or even housing, our focus is on training Pastors and Leaders so that they can plant churches and bring the lost to Christ.

CRC may subsidize the CRC IMBC or equivalent with the expectation that the student will also contribute to their studies and once they have successfully completed will go into the ministry and will in turn go out and plant churches, bring the lost to Christ and train up the next generation of pastor and leaders for the Kingdom of God.

CRC Churches International and CRC Missions International's focus is, first and foremost, on the great commissions of going into the world and preaching the gospel to all creatures and making disciples of every nation and teach them to obey our what Jesus has taught.

Matthew 28:19-20 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Mark 16:15-16 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

God bless you in your ministry and service to God and may God bless your family also.

Yours in Christ

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