

Thank you for your interest in applying for membership in Global Alliance Networks, Inc. (GAN). The purpose of this alliance of networks is to encourage, support and recognize the call to ministry for men and women of all expressions of the full gospel.

GAN membership is open to pastors, teachers, evangelists, prophets, apostles, domestic and international missionaries, worship leaders, outreach ministers, traveling ministers, para-church ministry team members, and Christian workers. We provide a place of covering for those called to do the Lord's work, offering accountability, networking, fellowship, and God-honoring relationships.

One role of GAN is to provide official credentials to our members who wish to pursue ministerial covering. Please review and decide which membership level you are requesting. Anyone who becomes a member of GAN, will be designated as an ordained, licensed or associate member.

The GAN Presbytery has established the following qualifying guidelines for gaining credentials with the network. If your interest is primarily to be affiliated with GAN, but not pursue ministerial credentials at this time, please indicate your membership level as an associate member. Complete all sections of the GAN Membership Application and submit it via email or mail to the Global Alliance Networks office.

Your submitted application will be reviewed by the GAN presbytery; after which you will be contacted with further instructions.

Please feel free to contact us by phone or email if you have any questions regarding GAN or the application process.

ORDINATION

GAN views ordination as the recognition and confirmation that an individual has been called by God to ministry. That is to say that an ordained minister is set apart and affirmed from the laity to the clergy. Ordination acknowledges that an individual has gone through a period of discernment and training related to their call and are able with full ability to adhere to and preform the responsibilities of ministry. Ordination also affirms the competency and ability to fully fulfill the responsibilities required of a minister of the gospel.

Before GAN grants ordination or recognizes the ordination of any applicant, one or more of the following qualifications must be met by the applicant.

1. Active in full or part-time proven ministerial responsibilities in an ongoing approved church or ministry for a minimum of one year prior to application.
2. Completed accepted Bible training and/or proven ministry for a minimum of one year prior to application.
3. Previously ordained by a credible ordination board, with a minimum of one year as a proven minister of the gospel.

These are the major considerations for ordination by the GAN Presbytery. Applicants must also agree with GAN's statement of faith, core values, and Biblical stand on all issues. We reserve the right to make other considerations and exceptions on an individual basis.

LICENSED

GAN views licensing as the recognition and confirmation that an individual has been called by God to ministry, yet may have little or no ministry experience. Licensing is also offered to those who are not seeking ordination, but desire accountability and ministerial covering. This includes those who are serving in an apprenticeship position, a novice in the ministry, or those who beginning their life in Kingdom service.

Licensing can be a step toward ordination, with caring and directive oversight and relationship. GAN offers licensing to help with the requirements for ordination along with active, entry level ministry service. A GAN licensed member, with less than one year of ministry experience, is not permitted to officiate a marriage unless an ordained minister is present to participate.

Those seeking licensing from GAN, who have less than one year of ministry experience, will be paired with either a presbytery member or senior ministry member for regular relationship communication for their first year with GAN.

Licensed GAN members must hold their credentials for a minimum of one year, before being considered for ordination.

Before GAN grants licensing or recognizes the licensing of any applicant, one or more of the following qualifications must be met by the applicant.

1. Active in full or part-time proven ministerial responsibilities in an ongoing approved church or ministry prior to application.
2. Pursuing or completed accepted Bible training and/or proven ministry prior to application.
3. Previously licensed by a credible church or ministerial board.

These are the major considerations for licensing by the GAN presbytery. Applicants must also agree with GAN's statement of faith, core values, and Biblical stand on all issues. We reserve the right to make other considerations and exceptions on an individual basis.

ASSOCIATE

GAN values relationship. We also recognize those who are not formally pursuing ministerial credentialing, yet have a desire to receive GAN oversight, resourcing, and connectivity. Associate membership can be a step toward understanding an individual's call into ministry, while receiving caring and purposeful guidance.

Application for associate membership with GAN will follow the same prescribed process as those seeking ordination or licensing. Applicants must also agree with GAN's statement of faith, core values, and Biblical stand on all issues. Associate membership will be granted on an individual basis with the presbytery reserving the right to enlist additional considerations or exceptions.

ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ORDAINED, LICENSED, AND ASSOCIATED GAN MEMBERS:

U.S. based members are to attend at least one Global Alliance Networks conference or gathering per year.

Internationally based members are to attend at least one Global Alliance Networks conference or gathering every two years.

Have an ongoing relationship with GAN presbytery member(s) that includes accountability.

Personally encourage the growth and development of GAN and its members, churches, and ministries.

Foster and maintain genuine relationships with other GAN members.

Be involved in and pursuing ministry opportunities and able to articulate activity.

Contribute annual renewal fee in support GAN.

Sow financially into GAN with a monthly contribution within the stated guidelines.

Maintain a giving plan that includes both local and global ministries.

Actively participate in the mentoring and discipling of new ministers and ministries.