

## Governmental Structure of The International Apostolic Churches, Inc.

The International Apostolic Churches, Inc. headquarters is located at 6750 FM 368 N., Iowa Park, Texas 76367.

The basic governmental structure of the International Apostolic Churches, Inc. is congregational with local churches being autonomous: the congregation elects its pastor and its leaders, owns its property, decides its budget, establishes its membership, and conducts all necessary business.

The business of each church shall be conducted by a Deacon Board and a Board of Trustees elected by secret ballot by the members of the congregation. The pastor shall not appoint or otherwise unduly influence the election of the boards. The Deacon Board, (recommended 5), shall be responsible for receipt of all tithes and offerings and carry out all business of the Church, including setting the salary of the pastor and other church workers. Trustees can also hold the office of a Deacon.

The Board of Trustees, (recommended 3), shall hold in trust the Church property and other assets of the Church, sign all legal papers. There shall be an annual business meeting in which all financial matters are revealed to the Church's voting body. This disclosure shall be all receipts, (both tithes and offerings), and all disbursements.

We recommend that the Trustees be permanent, (unless a replacement is needed for reason). We recommend the Deacon Board be elected for 5 year terms, starting with staggered years so the entire board is not new at any time after organization of the Church. The same Deacons can be re-elected to additional terms.

The Trustee board has veto power over the Deacon board in all financial matters where the Trustee board is required to sign their name, thus their reputation is at stake. Never shall a Trustee be required to sign any legal papers to which he or she objects. If there is an objection to a document by one or more of the Trustees, the Church can vote to replace such Trustee.

The central organization embraces a modified presbyterian system in that ministers meet in sectional, district, and general conferences to elect officials and to conduct business of the organization.

The International Apostolic Churches, Inc. has emerged out of the Pentecostal movement that began in Topeka, Kansas in 1901. It traces its roots to the teaching of the Apostles that began in the "Upper Room" on the day of Pentecost, in approximately 30 a. d. Our teaching is the same that was taught by the Apostles in the book of Acts. There is no other book in the Bible where the full plan of salvation is taught, except the book of Acts of the Apostles.

We endorse ministering to prisoners, chaplains to the military, teaching children morality and abstaining from pre-marital sex, drugs and alcohol, with clowns and puppets, using local parks and playgrounds, nursing home visitation, as well as conventional church service settings.

The International Apostolic Churches, Inc. stresses and supports the family unit as God's primary institution and teaches that the church is God's redemptive fellowship for all believers.