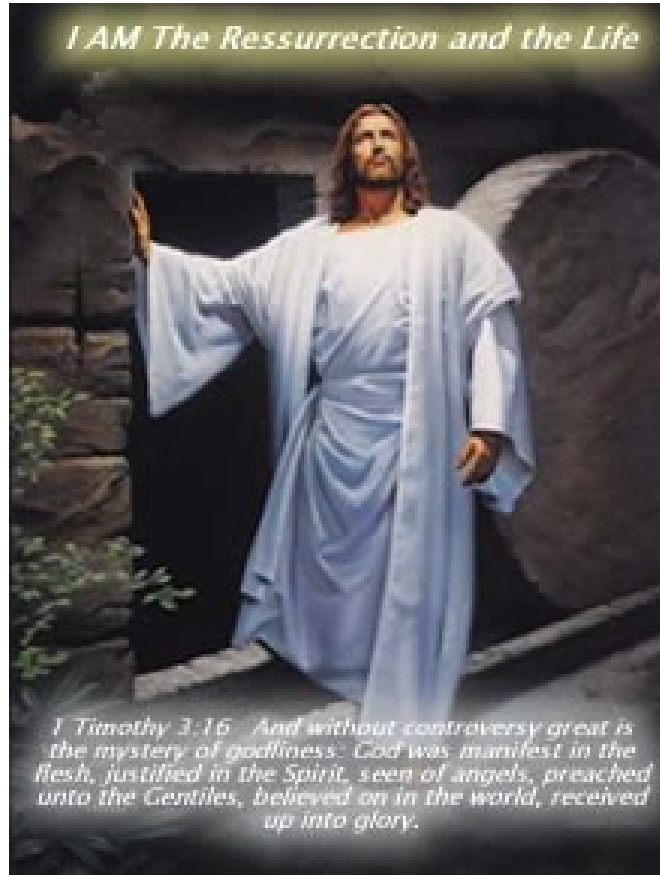




## INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC CHURCHES, INC.



**Ephesians 2:20** And are built upon **the** foundation of **the** apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ** himself **being the chief corner** [stone];

**Matthew 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

JESUS IS THE HEAD OF THIS CHURCH. THE BIBLE IS THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY.

How are the International Apostolic Churches organizationally connected?

Following the plan of organization found in the New Testament, International Apostolic Churches, Inc. are autonomous. Their common faith in the Bible and adherence to its teachings are the chief ties which bind them together. There is no organization superior to the elders, (Board of Trustees), of each local congregation. Congregations do cooperate voluntarily in supporting the orphans and the aged, in preaching the gospel in new fields, and in other similar works.



## How are the International Apostolic Churches governed?

In each congregation, which has existed long enough to become fully organized, there is a plurality of elders or presbyters who serve as the governing body. These men are selected by the local congregations on the basis of qualifications set down in the scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-8). Serving under the elders are deacons, teachers, and evangelists or ministers. The latter do not have the authority equal to or superior to the elders. The elders are shepherds or overseers who serve under the headship of Christ according to the New Testament, which is a kind of constitution. There is no earthly authority superior to the elders of the local church.

**If the leadership of the local church, for any reason, stops being in compliance with the Articles of Faith of the International Apostolic Churches, Inc. they can be non-fellowshipped by the Organization; however, the Church and all assets belong to the local congregation. Under no circumstance shall the International Apostolic Churches, Inc. have the authority to take over a local church, except for default of a loan, in the event that the Organization built the church building.**