



Center Peace MINISTRIES

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KADASH NETWORK

How We Build

We want each local church to reach maximum health and the kingdom of God to be advanced in all the earth.

In II Timothy 3:10 where Paul tells Timothy: "You however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings - what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured". While Paul fellowshipped with many believers and shared ministry with others like Apollos, he built only with those he was in a trust relationship with like Timothy.

From the divine standpoint building is God's desire for both leaders and churches in the body of Christ. Both need the kind of knowledgeable trust relationships with each other that provide both accountability and assistance in pursuing God's goal for the local church and the Kingdom. Unfortunately, many leaders and churches today know little of the reality of building with others. Wherever we look today we can find leaders that are essentially "going it alone", having few if any they can share their lives with and partner in the purpose of God.

The great need of the Kingdom is for leaders and churches to realize they need more than a place of fellowship or a venue for sharing and participating in ministry. What is needed is for churches and leaders to be built together with the true five-fold ministry in the purpose of God. Ephesians makes it clear that the five-fold ministries' only purpose is to equip the saints for the working of the ministry and to mature the church. It is God's only stated tool for this purpose. The proper use of it and the recognition and acceptance of it by churches is paramount.

The Benefits of Apostolic Covering

There is no reason for a church to have an apostolic covering if the church doesn't benefit from the relationship. If the only one receiving benefits is the apostle, something is wrong. The following are some areas that a church and its leaders should benefit from apostolic covering:

Counsel

- In vision, helping to define it, refine it and articulate it.
- In doctrine, to help deal with doctrinal issues confronting a church or causing division in the church.
- In church discipline, this is especially helpful in difficult cases to avoid personal attacks against leadership when a member needs discipline.

Protection

This is to provide an atmosphere of safety and security for both the pastor and the people.

- To protect the people- if a leader falls into error or sin or becomes dictatorial, the congregation knows they have someone to appeal to, helping to avoid a church split.
- To protect the pastor- the pastor cannot be arbitrarily removed without the involvement of apostolic oversight. This protects against false accusations.

Accountability

Having apostolic covering gives the pastor someone to be accountable to, someone to talk to, relate to, pray with, and just sound off to.

Confirmation

Apostolic covering can be used to confirm and ordain elders and other 5-fold gifts in the church. Having someone else to interview and confirm candidates for ministry can provide an objective view that is often missing in independent churches.

Encouragement

Visits by apostolic covering can bring encouragement and blessing to a local church.

Commitment

Apostolic covering doesn't work unless there is a level of commitment by a pastor and congregation. Every pastor knows the value and importance of commitment in the local church. A level of commitment is needed if you're going to entrust someone with ministry responsibility in the local church. As an apostolic church we have come to realize that there is a basic commitment a pastor and local church need to make to fully benefit from apostolic oversight.

We must fellowship, communicate and pray together.

- To increase vision
- To build relationship
- To encourage fellowship
- To receive teaching and ministry
- To connect with a global vision
- To be personally strengthened and refreshed
- To just keep it real with each other, listen, remain teachable and know wise counsel is good.
- To be approachable and know that all we go through is not for self but for someone else.

Participate Financially

As an apostolic church we set no minimum amount that a church must give. Jesus taught that one of the evidences that people were receiving the Word of God was their willingness to support the messengers financially (Matthew 10:5-14). We are very cautious regarding the subject of finances. We know there is much confusion and abuse in this area in the body of Christ. Paul's concern was that he would not be a burden to the churches (2 Cor.12:14). When Paul accepted offerings people said it proved he was only in it for the money. When Paul refused offerings people said it was because of how proud he was. We believe "the laborer is worthy of his wages" (1 Tim.5:18) and that churches receiving ministry from the apostolic team should financially support the ministry.

If you are interested in learning more about the Kadash Network of Churches, contact us at 225-383-3170.