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SC	South Central
MC	Mid-Central
FL	Florida
NC	North Central
NW	Northwest
W	Western
EC	East Central
MS	Mid-South
L	Latin
C	Central
J	Jamaica

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IMA National Leadership



MYSTERIES OF THE IMA

By Dr. Timothy Warner, National Chairman

This month's issue of the IMA Herald of Truth is being presented for the express purpose of helping each member of the IMA to better understand the inner workings of the association. Our objective is to help our ministers get better acquainted with the national board members and just how ministry matters are handled administratively. We have very active and progressive National Board Members who are committed to serve the Lord and the IMA with excellence.

This particular publication is designed to give a brief biographical sketch of those who are responsible to guard the integrity, answer questions, respond to emergencies, and guide the IMA with biblical principles for effective operation. We realize that our country is in a moral crisis and many ministers are floundering spiritually. Therefore, we as the National Board of the IMA have pledged ourselves to follow the Lord Jesus Christ with all of our hearts, and govern this ministerium with genuine faith toward God and evident respect toward each member.

You will find an acrostic on the word *mysterries* of the IMA to assist us in the administration of the fellowship. This word is used because the IMA really does carry with it several mysteries. For example, our founder, Rev. Kidson, had a divine encounter as to the very letters IMA. The story goes that Rev. Kidson was attending a minister's convention when he was seeking the Lord for direction in his life. A young girl approached him with a note in her hand with the letters IMA written on it and told him that she did not know what it meant, but that "God had anointed it!" Later, when God would use W. E. Kidson to formulate the International Ministerial Association, it had the initials "IMA" which clearly articulated the note from the little girl.

There are other mysteries concerning the IMA, like when Rev. Kidson went to Washington D. C. to found the association, he was told three times his idea of administration would never work. However, today, over fifty years later, the IMA is not only functioning, but flourishing! Another mystery is that though we are not officially an *organization, denomination, or elite group of clergy*, we all have a strong affinity to one another because of the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Members of the association are willing to work, serve, and hold office without fanfare or much recognition, rather do what we do as unto the Lord. This is an inspired mystery indeed!

I hope you enjoy this publication and keep it for future reference. Please feel free to contact any of the brethren as to their prescribed area of service for the IMA. You will find them courteous and willing to offer assistance. Prayerfully, you will find this administrative plan user-friendly, informative, and helpful.

"Providing today's ministers the freedom they want and the fellowship they need."



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MISSIONS COORDINATOR **Rev. Roy Peterson, Henderson, Nevada**

1. Has served on the IMA National Missions Committee
 2. Served 14 years as local church missions director
 3. Traveled internationally to visit missions & missionaries
 4. Has experience with IMA National Conventions
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- ◆ Communicate with missionaries by letter, email, personal
- ◆ Oversee the financial distribution to IMA missionaries
- ◆ Oversee application and current status of missionaries
- ◆ Develop and oversee IMA Missions Board (including policy)
- ◆ Work with General Board to see that IMA Missions is functional

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YOUNG MINISTERS REPRESENTATIVE **Rev. Dan Hernandez, Rockford, Illinois**

1. National Board Member
 2. Served on National Youth Committee
 3. Seasoned Pastor and Teacher
 4. Central District Chairman
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- ◆ Communicate with IMA ministers ages 20-40
- ◆ Contact youth directors/pastors for encouragement
- ◆ Be liaison to all youth pastors/directors in the IMA
- ◆ Offer help and suggestions to younger ministers
- ◆ Plan and prepare ways to involve young ministers in the IMA



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STRUCTURE AND PROTOCHOL **Rev. Philip Thompson, Waupaca, Wisconsin**

1. National Board Member
 2. Latin District Chairman
 3. Has served on IMA Subcommittees (Constitution & Spanish)
 4. Has served with United States military chaplaincy
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- ◆ Parliamentarian
- ◆ Advise General and District Boards as to proper protocol
- ◆ Help develop policy and procedure manual for IMA business
- ◆ Be resource person for questions concerning legal matters



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TRAINING FOR LEADERS Rev. David Cook, San Antonio, Texas

1. National Board Member
 2. International Bible College President
 3. Internationally known evangelist.
 4. Seasoned Evangelist, Teacher, and Pastor
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- ◆ Contact person for developing leadership in the IMA
- ◆ Help pastors and evangelists develop mission statements
- ◆ Recommend educational classes for required IMA training
- ◆ Oversee leadership and education for IMA churches/ministers



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ENCOURAGER OF DISTRICTS Rev. Charles Garner, San Diego, California

1. Experience working with Pastors and Overseers
 2. Western District Chairman
 3. Has fresh ideas to implement in caring for District Chairmen
 4. National Board Member
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- ◆ Communicate with District Chairpersons approximately quarterly
- ◆ Contact District Chairpersons for the purpose of encouragement
- ◆ Have an understanding of progress and meetings in various districts
- ◆ Encourage District Chairpersons to fulfill their ministry with excellence



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RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY Dr. Rick VanHoose, Evansville, Indiana

1. Served as IMA Chairman
 2. Experience with IMA conventions
 3. Internationally known Pastor, speaker and teacher
 4. Shares resources and ideas with others
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- ◆ Help ministers in the IMA to see their potential to serve well
- ◆ Help IMA members to go to their next level of ministry
- ◆ Provide opportunities and resources to help ministers grow
- ◆ Offer church/ministry resources to maximize the minister's potential
- ◆ Look for ways to help ministers reach their God given goals



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INITIATOR OF ASSISTANCE

Rev. Virgil Amundson, Shell Lake, Wisconsin

1. Has counseled Pastors in plights with church leadership
2. First hand experience in disaster relief programs
3. Has counseled people in restoration of moral failure
4. Has served as Director of Emergency Funding for IMA

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- ◆ Be the initial contact person for natural disasters (storms, etc.)
- ◆ Contact IMA members who may be endangered from disasters
- ◆ Assess said need and communicate with Chairman/Home Office
- ◆ Recommend a plan of action for the IMA to assist ministers
- ◆ Be the initial person to offer assistance in minister/church crisis



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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Rev. Ken Benson, Bloomington, Minnesota

1. Has served as IMA Chairman
2. Has traveled internationally to visit missions/missionaries
3. Officiated at many IMA honor ceremonies
4. Served on IMA Committees

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- ◆ Help coordinate and oversee IMA events
- ◆ Assist leaders who are hosting special events for the IMA
- ◆ Be the liaison to help other ministry heads coordinate IMA events
- ◆ Be the contact person for IMA ministers inquiring to sponsor events



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STATESMAN OF DOCTRINE

Rev. George Dudley, Little Rock, Arkansas

1. Has served as IMA Chairman
2. Has articulated IMA doctrine on many occasions
3. Understands Pentecostal history and background
4. Seasoned Pastor and Teacher

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- ◆ Be the resource person for the official doctrine of the IMA
- ◆ Address questions, inquires, and conflicts over doctrinal issues
- ◆ Articulate specific/meaningful doctrines of the IMA
- ◆ Help inquirers understand the theological stance of the IMA

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