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Most simply stated, this is being concerned about and helpful *with each other's needs!*

Church was designed by God to be a family relationship whereby one person cares for another, and all members genuinely care for each other, in order that the world can see that Christ offers something they can never find ... apart from being born again!

“By this shall all men know you are My disciples, if you have love for one another!”

Jesus John 13:35

MEMBERSHIP can only be offered to: Born again saints who will commit to always being concerned about and as much as you are able, to help with each other's needs!

While some other membership activities are optional, “Mutual Concerns” is not.

We, that means all of us, must be concerned about each other's needs and each other's roles in Christ's Ministry; encouraging one another, and being concerned about each other's overall well being – spiritually, emotionally, and physically; for if just one member refused to be committed to the concerns of other members, then the whole church fails ... WE fail ... and what should be the real ministry becomes just another church fantasy!

As your ministry leaders ... we strongly believe that Jesus not only stated the mandate for sharing mutual concerns – He set the example and standard of comparison for the conduct of all His saints, but especially for His Ministers in Leadership!



Mutual Concerns begins with those who are Ministry Leaders, always showing (not making a show but the sincere lifestyle of) being mutually concerned for all others, setting their needs ahead of our own, just as Jesus taught what He lived ...

“... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Jesus (Matthew 20)

How does this “Mutual Concerns Ministry” work?

Simple! Here are some examples ...

EXAMPLE 1:

If a member has car trouble, say a bad battery, and they do not have the money to pay for one, YOU should buy it for him/her.

What if YOU don't have the money either?

NOTIFY A MINISTRY LEADER!

The point is to do what you can and if you can't do enough, ask for help in order that your fellow member is not abandoned when in need of help!

EXAMPLE 2:

Have you ever been with a church that gives you the feeling that you (the member) are there for them (the leaders)?

Hint: If you miss a service, they don't ask you if there is a problem that they can help with; they just make a point of telling you that you shouldn't miss, that you should've been there!

Leaders are to be the primary examples of service and mutual care for the members, not to be the chief recipients of the benefits of the membership!

EXAMPLE 3:

A church youth group plans a snow ski trip. If it is a church that adheres to Mutual Concerns Ministry, whoever cannot afford the costs, will be paid for ... if there is not enough money in the church account to insure every youth is included, then the group will revise their plan to what can be afforded for everyone, not just the more affluent!

We can belong to an organization ... or we can be members in fellowship with one another.

We choose fellowship, which may require more of us by way of being involved and investing time, money and emotions in the lives of each other ... but there really is no other option, not if we are to really love one another! **See also:** 1 Corinthians 12:14-27; Philippians 2:1-4

Members of True Hope Ministries of America, regardless of their level of ministry leadership, regardless of their seniority, or any other such consideration, are only accepted as members based on their commitment to the Mutual Concerns Ministry Concept.

MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS

Any ministry fellowship requires three elements:

1. The leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. The expectations and agreement of the Local Church or Organization
3. The expectations and agreement of the Leadership Ministry

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and **a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**”
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

We are asked in Amos 3:3 “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

In order for a ministry fellowship to be successful, each earthly element must be in agreement about at least two things:

1. Being devoted to our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Being committed to mutual support and success in our Lord’s Ministry

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM TRUE HOPE MINISTRIES OF AMERICA?

First, that in all ways and above all else, we are devoted to our Lord Jesus Christ and we insist on faithfulness to God’s Word, the Christian Bible, as the final authority on all matters, as the standard of righteousness and as the determining factor in our decisions and conduct. We don’t always get it perfect, but we are always committed to striving to be perfect!



Perfection is humanly impossible BUT -- if you aim for perfection and miss, you will most likely land on excellence!





Second, we will do anything within our capabilities to help you and your church/ministry organization to be successful!

Success = Fulfilling God's purposes!

We truly care for those who have chosen to be in spiritual partnership with the ecclesiastical leadership of True Hope Ministries of America which is why we are committed to two things:





1. To grow at a pace that builds strength and solidarity among all of us
2. To add resources and benefits that have genuine value and utility for all of us

You can expect:

-  We will answer your calls or return the as soon as possible if we are unavailable
 -  Our phones are open 24/7 – if you have an urgent need or crisis, you can call on us
 -  We will check on you – we are serious about being in fellowship
 -  While you are autonomous and operate independently, that does not mean you are isolated; if you need advice, counsel, resources, answers or ideas that are helpful to your ministry, we will help you as much as we are able - - and our abilities are growing consistently!
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WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM YOU?

This can best be summed up by saying: Regardless of your independent ministry objectives, be committed to the success of True Hope Ministries of America and every other Ministry Leader, Church and Ministry Organization that make up True Hope Ministries of America! Here are just a few ways that you can be supportive:

-  **We expect that, if you need help in any area of spiritual concern or moral responsibility, you will trust our integrity enough to ask for our help!**
 -  **We expect that whatever level of financial support you have committed to, you will be faithful - - and if you cannot, then please communicate with us so a realistic revision can be determined!**
 -  **We expect that if you have an area of expertise, you will avail yourself to the General Membership (other leaders) to assist others in those areas!**
 -  **We expect you to share any ideas that will build a better ministry for either True Hope Ministries of America generally or those who are in fellowship through us!**
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Ultimately everything we have shared can be summarized by understanding that we are really asking a single question, the answer of which has many parts, parts that we all hold pieces of the answer to ...

HOW CAN WE HELP ONE ANOTHER ACCOMPLISH WHAT IT IS THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO?