



A **Grace Place Gathering** is a companion ministry for the Body of Christ, designed to bring people together for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and ministry. It is not a church, however it is a “public” ministry, with Grace Place Gathering signage. In that it is not a church, services can be scheduled anytime during the week, or on Sunday evenings. Led by a Grace Place Minister, it gives people the opportunity to grow in their personal walk with the Lord, and still be active in their local church.

#### HOW TO ESTABLISH A GRACE PLACE GATHERING

1. Become familiar with Grace Place International, its’ Mission Statement, Kingdom Life Principle, GPI Foundations, and ministry concepts.
2. Know that God has called you as a minister, with a group of people to begin a Grace Place Gathering.
3. Contact GPI to begin the affiliation process.

#### HOW TO AFFILIATE A GRACE PLACE GATHERING

In order to affiliate a Grace Place Gathering, the following requirements must be met:

1. Minimum of one Grace Place Minister (requirements as follows)
  - a. Complete GPI Review Process
  - b. Complete GPI Ministry Training
  - c. GPI Confirmation of Ordination
2. We recommend establishing a Non-Profit Corporation, or add the Grace Place Gathering to an existing non-profit corporation.
3. Acquire a license from CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International) in the name of your Grace Place Gathering.
4. Complete Grace Place Gathering Accounting System Training
5. Acquire a location for a Grace Place Gathering
6. Acquire Grace Place Gathering signage.
7. Signed Grace Place International Covenant
8. Inform GPI of place and date of meeting, for posting on the GPI web and in newsletters.

#### HOW TO PARTNER A GRACE PLACE GATHERING WITH GPI

GPI is supported through the generous gifts of its’ partners. All Grace Place Gatherings sign a GPI Covenant, agreeing to partner as contributors on a monthly basis. The amount of the contribution is determined through percentages of offerings, budget, or designated amount, by each autonomous Grace Place Gathering. Donations can be made via the Partner Page on the GPI website, or through mail using the contribution envelope found in the monthly newsletters.

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## Grace Place Gathering, continued

### BENEFITS OF A GRACE PLACE GATHERING

The Mission Statement for GPI is as follows:

**Gathering Together** (fellowship)

[Acts 2:46] *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart*

**Reaching Out** (evangelism)

[Acts 2:47b] *And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

**Abiding in the Word** (disciple)

[Acts 2:42a] *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine...*

**Caring for One Another** (service)

[Acts 2:45] *and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

**Exalting the Lord** (worship)

[Acts 4:7a] *praising God...*

1. Through the GPI Mission Statement, KINGDOM LIFE principle, and life changing GPI worship music, there is opportunity to impact lives through a Grace Place Gathering.
2. Grace Place Gathering Leadership Ministry is available to:
  1. Professional Ministers
  2. Lay Persons
  3. Independent Ministers with itinerate ministries
  4. Both genders
3. GPI Confirmation of Ordination Service, held by GPI Ministry Staff, given to Grace Place Gathering Ministers.
4. GPI Upper Room - Web pages with free ministry resources available to Grace Place Gathering leadership.
5. GPI Staff Support - Ongoing support of the GPI Ministry Staff, including establishment of the Grace Place Gathering.
6. GPI Conferences - Held at Grace Place International headquarters, designed to uplift and encourage ministers and congregations.
7. GPI Website - Reaching around the world, GPI website will spotlight Grace Place Gatherings, along with their ministers. This will include spotlights for Worship Leaders and their worship music, with additional opportunities for teachers and writers.