

OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCHES INC.
POLICY FOR INVITATION OF GUEST MINISTERS

Preamble

While we acknowledge the value of networking and the desire to benefit from the variety of ministries God has raised up in his body, the scriptures give godly leadership the responsibility to keep watch over the flock of God in order to protect the flock against those who may come in and cause irreparable damage (Acts 20:28; Jude). Senior pastors are thus encouraged to exercise appropriate care in the persons they invite to minister to their congregations. The following guidelines are designed to assist the pastor in carrying out this responsibility.

1. Recommendations and/or references for the guest should be provided by an individual or individuals who are themselves recognized and respected by the Senior Pastor.
2. Senior Pastors should ensure adequate inquiry has been made into the individual's lifestyle and doctrine, both of which should be beyond reproach and consistent with biblical standards and with the Statement of Faith and the policies of the Open Bible Standard Churches.
3. Senior Pastors should determine whether the invited minister will be raising funds for him/herself or for the individual's ministry
4. Given the need for the sheep to hear the shepherd's (John 10:27) voice above all others, Senior Pastors should consider the regularity with which a particular speaker is invited to minister at church.
5. The following specific question may assist with the Senior Pastor's inquiry:
 - a. How long have you known the individual?
 - b. In what capacity have you known the individual?
 - c. Have you ever heard or seen the individual minister?
 - d. In what setting did you witness the individual's ministry?
 - e. Are you satisfied that the individual's lifestyle is consistent with Biblical standards?
 - f. Are you comfortable with what you know about the individual's doctrinal beliefs?
 - g. What is the basis of your recommendation of this individual?
6. Senior Pastors should collaborate with the Regional Superintendent when selecting speakers they wish to invite.
7. Senior Pastors should complete the Guests Minister's Information form and forward a copy of same to the Regional Superintendent at the earliest convenience. If possible, before the planned event.

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Guest Minister's Questionnaire

Name of Minister: _____

Name of Ministry: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Separated Widowed Divorced Remarried

Number of Children _____

Other name(s) Ministry is known by: _____

Affiliated and/or Covering Ministry/Ministries: _____

Preferred Time-span requested for Ministry per Session: _____

How long have you known the individual?

In what capacity have you known the individual? _____

Have you ever heard or seen the individual minister? Yes No

In what setting did you witness the individual's ministry? _____

Are you satisfied that the individual's lifestyle is consistent with Biblical standards? Yes No

Are you comfortable with what you know about the individual's doctrinal beliefs? Yes No

What is the basis of your recommendation of this individual? _____

Will the individual be raising an offering for him/herself or for the individual's ministry? Yes No

Who is able to confirm the credentials and suitability of this minister? _____

Name _____

Address _____

Contacts: Telephone: *Office* _____ *Mobile* _____ *Fax* _____

E-mail address: _____

Pastor

Church

Signature of Senior Pastor

Date