

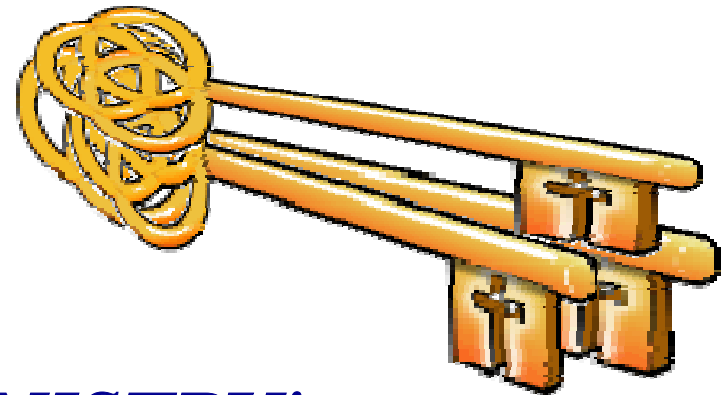


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Churches & Ministries

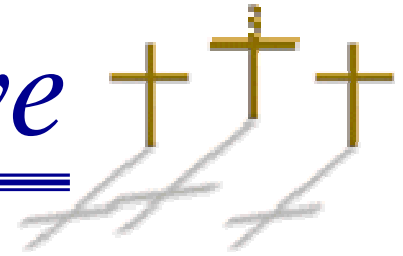
True Hope Churches & Ministries



*KEYS TO
Becoming
MEMBERS IN MINISTRY!*



The True Hope Perspective



➤ *STRICTLY CHRISTIAN ...*

... Jesus Christ is Whose we are and Who we serve

➤ *Cross Denominational ...*

... our ministry crosses denominational lines

➤ *We Hold A Biblical World View ...*

... we live in the world but we are not of this world - - God is our source of life



➤ *We Are Called To Set Captives Free ...*

... for the sake of the people, not for personal reward

➤ *We Follow Christ's Ministry Example ...*

... in living to LOVE GOD -- & to serve His people

MEET THE FOUNDERS OF TRUE HOPE

Rev. Timothy & Sister Glenda Hoflund ministering together since the late 1980's

Rev. Timothy

- ❖ Born Again in the mid-1970's
- ❖ **Called into the Ministry** in 1978.
- ❖ Helped Pioneer Drug Awareness Campaigns in Missouri working with M.S.H.P. and other agencies in Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas during the 1970's and 80's.
- ❖ Called to be a Prophet, Tim ministers as a Teacher with a heart for Evangelism
- ❖ Holds Doctor of Divinity and continues studies in Christian Ministry, holding diplomas and certificates in Biblical Studies, Ministry Concerns and Biblical Counseling
- ❖ Rev. Timothy is ordained by and a member in good standing with New Life Christian Fellowship International.
- ❖ Serves as Executive Secretary on the Board of Directors of New Life Christian Fellowship International.
- ❖ Is a member in good standing with the American Association of Christian Counselors since 2007

Sister Glenda

- ✓ Born Again in the mid-1970's
- ✓ **Called to be a Minister to Women**, Glenda has a very practical and effective approach to helping women become and succeed as Women of God!
- ✓ **A Minister of Mercy**, Glenda is led of God to build up the saints in the comfort and grace of God by the power of His love!
- ✓ **Glenda is ordained of God** to bind up the broken hearted and to help the fallen rise again into their place of fellowship with God as our Father!
- ✓ **Care Ministry Leader ...** When someone is hungry, needs clothing or shelter, Glenda is the "go to" person in the ministry who will get the needs met!
- ✓ **Life Skills leader ...** Teaching parents, especially single moms how to make the most of available resources - - without becoming dependent upon government subsidies!

A CHURCH OF HOUSES

Why House Church Groups?

- **House Churches** are a Biblically correct forum for worship and proclaiming God's Word!
- **House Groups** enjoy a much closer-knit fellowship among members!
- **House Church Groups** receive more dedication and attention from the Ministry Leaders than is possible in a large "church house"!
- **House Church Members** are much more inclined to be "real" than they are required to be in a "big church" ... meaning more genuine friendships and stronger fellowships among all of us!



And they, continuing *daily with one accord* in the temple, **AND** breaking bread from house to house, ...

... Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

[Acts 2:46-47](#)

We are not part of, nor do we support what is known as "The House Church Movement" ... we do not reject large congregations nor do we insist that meeting in houses is the only New Testament model of assembling for worship.

WHAT ABOUT “TEMPLE” CHURCH?

- ❑ **House Church meetings are just as “real”** as you will find in a *typical* church house ... perhaps even more so due to the more intense fellowship among the members!
- ❑ **Really, “having church” does not require a building at all** ... just God’s children meeting in the name of Jesus to worship and glorify our Father by Him!

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them!”

Matthew 18:20

As True Hope Churches grow, we will have a “Temple” or a Central Worship Center to have a more complete worship experience and better able to serve our surrounding community.

It is the OBJECT *not* the PLACE that determines our worship!

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Jesus **John 4:23**



Meaningful Membership - 1

Membership with True Hope Churches & Ministries is a cooperative venture that aims for more than just what each individual can do for him or her self and his or her family ... but *what we can all accomplish together* for the Family of God and the Body of Christ!

You Can Expect . . . Truth & Love

- ❖ **Encouragement** -- More than the occasional compliment or “pat on the back”; we **focus** on inspiring each other with courage & hope every chance we get!
- ❖ **Edification** -- Teaching the Truth of God in ways that enlighten your understanding; giving meaning which you can apply in your every day living!
- ❖ **Equipping** -- Providing you with the tools and training to do the work of the ministry which you believe God calls you to do!
- ❖ **Inclusion** -- No member is ever left out of a special activity; when someone can't pay for part or all of their admission, materials, etc., True Hope makes up the difference ... *privately!*



Meaningful Membership - 2

**Membership Is Not A Two Way Street ...
... Membership is a TWO LANE ROAD!
MUTUAL**

Resources and Commitments ... Moving Forward ... Side By Side!



... True Hope's resources are committed to *ministering* God's Love and *imparting* God's Truth into all aspects of your life ...

... In return, you must be committed to the success of True Hope Churches & Ministries ... using your resources, **according to Biblical guidelines**, to help True Hope be successful!

Meaningful Membership - 3

Members In Good Standing:

- **Must be *Born Again & Baptized ...***
Real membership is impossible without these!
- **Are *Attending Faithfully*** – Members of the body are attached! Inconsistent attendance shows lack of genuine commitment!
- **Seeking *God's Fellowship*** – After salvation, our main focus is: Living as God's children in the great *here & now!*
- **Seeking *God's Call*** – As God's child, you have a place in doing the “Family Business”!
We are accountable to God for helping you find and fulfill your place of ministry!
- **Are *Financially Faithful*** – God expects us to be faithful in that which is the least to do; and returning God's tithe is the least we can do, and the first step into successful stewardship in God's Kingdom!
- **Adhere To The *Mutual Concerns Ministry Concept*** –
This is explained on the next slide ...

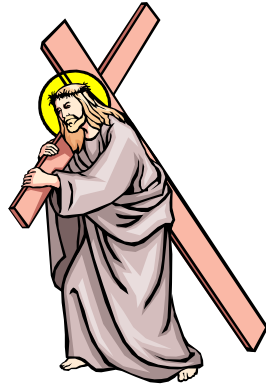


We are all more than just members of a group ...
And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
Rev. 1:6

MUTUAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

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

Matthew 20:28 NKJV



The Ministry Covenant ...

Being a member of True Hope Churches & Ministries means that **you and the Church are in covenant together ... A Covenant of Mutual Service!**

✓ **Member for Member ...** Regardless of position or seniority, first and foremost, we are all members, thus we **must all provide the same care one for another:** That we provide for others 1) what they cannot or, 2) what they need to help provide for themselves ...

1 Corinthians 12:25; Philippians 2:1-4

✓ **Leaders for Members ...** along with working to lead, guide, instruct, exhort and equip you for living as lights of Christ in this world and to do the work of the Ministry; Leaders are here to serve (assist) you in each and every situation in life insofar as we are able ...

What is the “Mutual Concerns Ministry”?

SIMPLE! Fellowship among ourselves based on God’s Love *thriving* in our lives!

➤ **LOVE = Devotion to the needs of the other**

Mutual Concerns Ministry is most simply putting into daily practice what Jesus tells us to do ...
“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 13:34-35

➤ **As Christians, our Primary Mission is to bear witness unto Jesus** in this spiritually darkened world of lost and dying souls ...

➤ **With this commandment,** Jesus gave us the primary means – or actions – of fulfilling this mission!

➤ **When lost people – and the backslider and the “discouraged” – SEE** a congregation that shows genuine love for one another, then they will have undeniable evidence that God, and His love, is real!

3 R's of MINISTRY

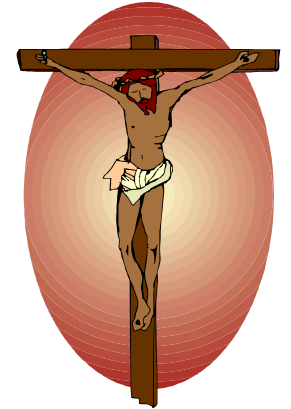
REDEMPTION ... [Romans 3:24](#); [1 Cor. 1:30-31](#); [Colossians 1:12-23](#)

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. [Titus 2:11-14](#)



RECONCILIATION ... [Romans 5:8-11](#); [Hebrews 2:9-18](#);

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#)



RESTORATION ... [2 Timothy 2:22-26](#); [Luke 4:18-19](#); [Matthew 18:12-14](#)

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. [Galatians 6:1-2](#)



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4 E's of MINISTRY

The 4 E's of True Hope Churches & Ministries

Edify

2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 4:1-5; 2 Peter 3:18

Instructing in Righteousness and Growing in Grace – Learning to live daily in the present fellowship of God as our Father, developing intimacy with Him in the power of His love!

Equip

Ephesians 4:12 (NKJV); Ephesians 6:11-17; 2 Timothy 3:16

Developing our abilities according to God's Graces & Call for our lives.

Encourage

Hebrews 10:25; Romans 1:11-12; 1 Corinthians 14:31

Assembling ourselves to encourage one another – Discovering our place and heritage in Christ Jesus!

Evangelism

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; John 21:13-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

The ultimate work and aim of the church ... directing souls to Christ for salvation and developing them into Disciples of our Lord!

The Ministry of THE Church

The Ministry of THE Church is to perform the MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST JESUS!

In this, WE ARE ALL MINISTERS ... Some may be followers of those that are leaders ... BUT WE ALL ARE MINISTERS!

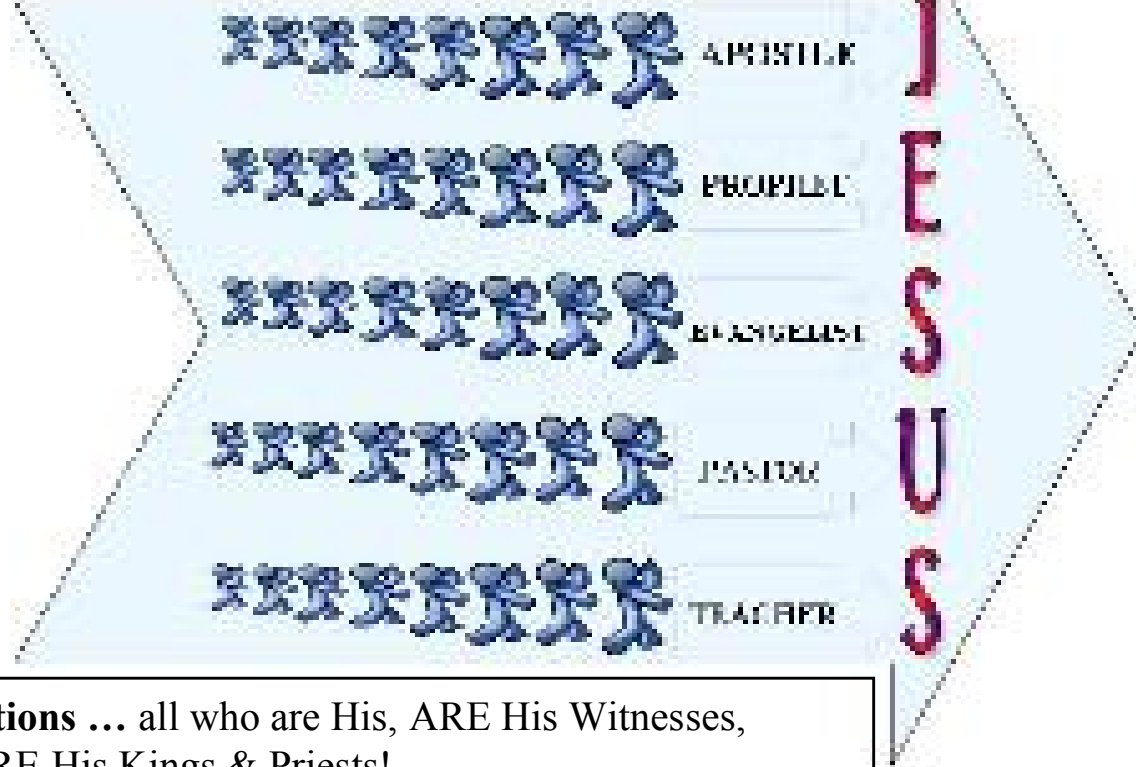
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16:15-18

➤ John
21:13-18

➤ 2 Timothy
3:16-17

➤ 2 Peter 3:18



The Lord made no exceptions ... all who are His, ARE His Witnesses, ARE His Ambassadors, ARE His Kings & Priests!

This is HIS choice not ours, **we have already been chosen in these things...**
... our choice is how well shall we do what we are already called to do?

Either excel or fail ... that is the only choice that is ours to make!

The CHURCH'S Ministry

Raising up, Making Ready & Releasing Into Service Every Saint as Ministers of Christ based upon God's calling in each one's lives!

**Ephesians
4:11-16**

The Church Leaders
are not *THE* ministers
... the ...
CONGREGATION -
- *individual saints* - are
THE ministers of
Christ and of
His Gospel!



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The CHURCH'S Ministry is to nurture, build up, care for and reproduce THE BODY!
The Body is made up of MEMBERS. Therefore, the CHURCH'S Ministry is to care for
it's own members in such a way that the result will be raising up those members who will
to do the work of THE Ministry ... reproducing and building up the Body of Christ!

TRUE HOPE LEADERSHIP

Leadership is HORIZONTAL not vertical!

Therefore, Church Leaders are not lords over the church, but are shepherds *leading* the congregation in following Jesus in daily living ... and leading others in becoming Gospel Ministers!



Philippians 3:15-17

Church Leadership is based on Church Ministry ...

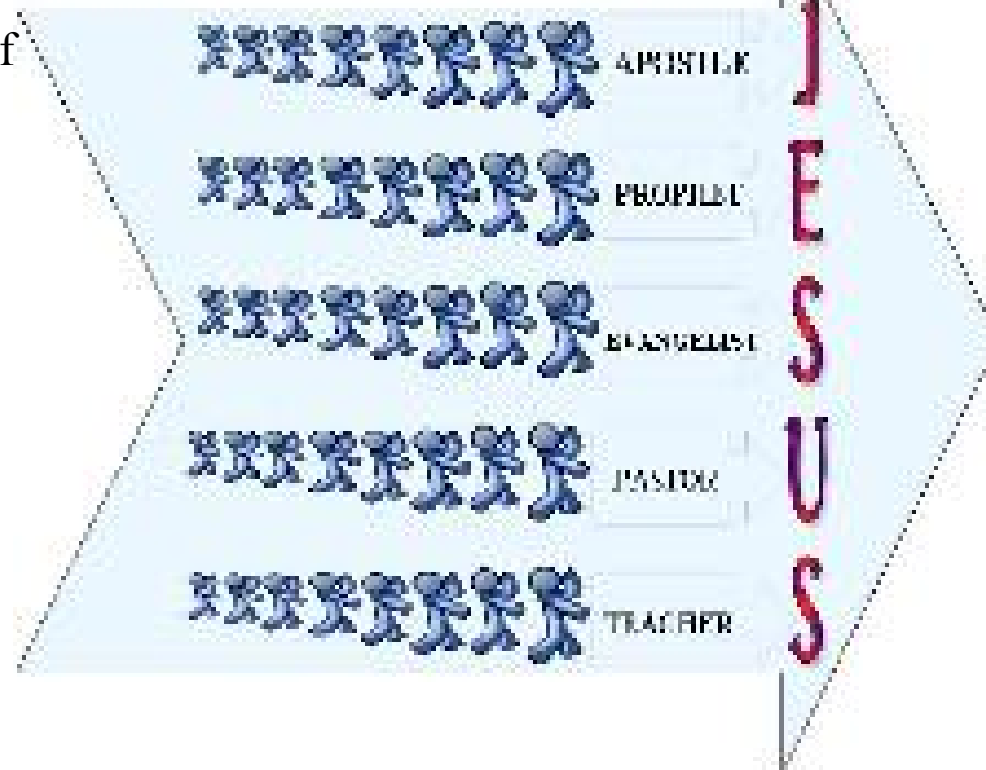
We are *all* Christ's Ministers & The Elder Ministers Lead the way!

Just as there are several facets of Christ's Ministry, so there are several positions of Ministry Leadership!

It is our plan that no one saint is the sole leader of True Hope Churches & Ministries.

Ephesians 4:11-16

1 Peter 5:1-3

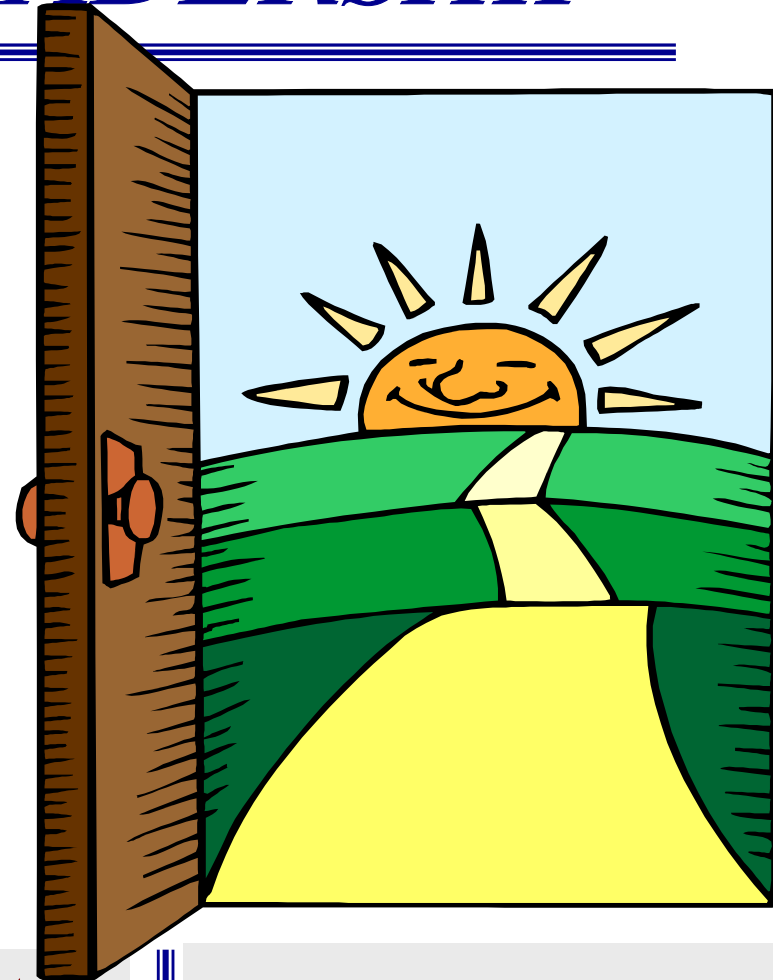


MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

The Leaders of True Hope Churches & Ministries are in place as **Ministry Leaders ...**

- **Not *just* because of how much we may know ...**
in fact knowledge alone does not qualify one for Ministry Leadership ... 1 Corinthians 8:1-3
- **Not *just* because of seniority!**
Although spiritual maturity is important maturity alone does not qualify one for Ministry Leadership ... 1 Timothy 3:1-13
- **Not by popular vote!** Acts 1:23-26

Leaders of True Hope Churches & Ministries are spiritually mature; do have knowledge with understanding and do have a good report, but along with these things, and more important than any one of these elements, **we are ministry leaders ...**



... because of what direction we are going!

Growth In Ministry - - M.A.P.

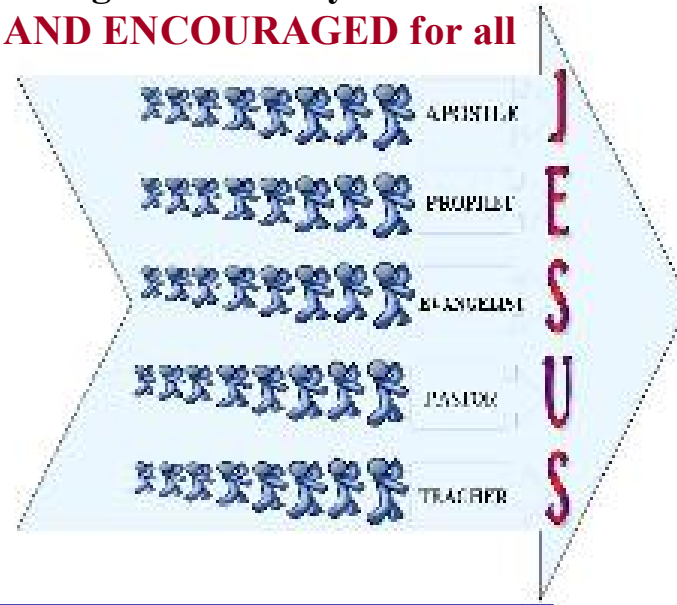
To fulfill our mission of recognizing, raising up and releasing into ministry each saint according to God's call, **Ministry Training is available AND ENCOURAGED for all members of True Hope!**

And we beseech you, brethren, to **know** them which labor among you, and (who) are over you in the Lord, and (who) admonish you;

And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

And be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13



Ephesians 4:11-16

... according to one's spiritual maturity, progress and preparedness, each saint is afforded the opportunity to engage themselves in the True Hope Churches & Ministries ...

Ministry Apprenticeship Plan ... MAP !

M.A.P. is a combination of study courses, both in general ministry and the field of ministry relevant to the Apprentice, PLUS as much "hands on" or "On The Job" experience as is possible under the supervision of the particular Ministry Leader for the category of apprenticeship being studied. The entire M.A.P. requires 12 -18 months for each Apprentice Minister who upon successful conclusion granted License to Minister.



Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to become more familiar with True Hope Churches & Ministries.

As you consider the things we have shared with you here, there is one more concern we want to address.

Although as a Ministry Member you will be under the direct spiritual responsibility of a Deacon, or perhaps as an Apprentice you are under the direct spiritual responsibility of a Leader in Ministry ... YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO CONTACT ANY MINISTRY LEADER AT ANY TIME! We have an open door policy to all members regardless of status, seniority or standing!

Finally, this presentation covered the basic information about our churches and ministries. There is so much more to learn and so very many opportunities by which to serve the love of God to others ... never hesitate to become involved in God's work with us because you are not just a church member, you are a **MINISTRY** MEMBER OF ...

True Hope Churches & Ministries!