



Destiny Church International

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I. Name

The name of the church is *Destiny Church International* and may be referred to as *DCI*.

II. Vision and Mission

Our Vision is to help people excel in God's purpose for their lives.

We are on a mission to help people, organizations and nations excel in their full potentials, in this world, and to offer every individual opportunity to make the decision about spending eternity with God through the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God.

We are out to build destiny's most important bridges, and we strive to help people overcome life's challenges and to develop their potentials through the principles of the Bible.

III. Statement of Faith

We believe that the Bible is the inspired written word of God and that it is relevant to us now. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary; that he died on the cross, that he was buried; that he rose the third day and that he ascended into heaven.

We believe that eternal salvation is possible through repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that holiness is necessary for final salvation.

We believe that the true believer has powers over all the works of the devil. We believe that God still performs miracles through His children. We believe that the Holy Spirit makes it possible for the believer to fulfill God's purpose here on Earth.

- a. **One God:** We believe that there is One God, the Creature of Heaven and Earth, eternally perfect in all ways, loving, holy and worthy of all honor, praise and worship
- b. **One God, three persons:** We believe that God is three Persons in one, uniquely revealed as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit



- c. ***The authority of the Bible:*** We believe that the Bible is the inspired and written word of God. Therefore, we hold on to the Bible as the final authority in answering all theological questions. We hold on to the teachings of the Bible above every opinion of all men at all times and in all places.
- d. ***Jesus as revealed in the Bible:*** We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible. We believe that He is God the Son who became a perfect man for atoning for the sins of humanity. We believe in the biblical account of His miraculous birth through the virgin called Mary. We believe that he went about doing good works, healing the sick, raising the dead, and preaching the Gospel. We believe that the Lord Jesus died by crucifixion, that he was buried and that He rose again from the dead on the third day through the power of God, and that He ascended into Heaven. We believe that He is coming back again.
- e. ***Salvation by grace through faith:*** We believe that all sinners can receive salvation by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that true, deep repentance from all known sins, and a conscious and active faith in Jesus Christ are necessary for salvation. We believe that salvation is not possible through “Good works” alone. We believe, according to the scriptures that all men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We believe that there is no salvation in any other name, but in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God.
- f. ***Holiness and faithfulness required for final salvation:*** We believe that everyone that accepts the Lord Jesus Christ needs to live godly in order to enter Heaven. We believe that those who turn away from the faith will lose their salvation, unless they return to the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ and spend the rest of their lives in obedience to God’s word. We believe that sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit, which takes place in the Believer after yielding to God fully to God. It is the result of walking in the fear of the Lord, and in absolute obedience to the word of God. We believe that, by the grace of God, all true believers can be transformed into the image of Christ.
- g. ***The Baptism of the Holy Spirit:*** In addition to water baptism, we believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a specific experience in the Believer that empowers him or her to live as a strong and faithful witness of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that this baptism is characterized, among other things by speaking in tongues, spiritual boldness, a deeper fear, love and hunger for God, and an unquenchable desire to preach the fullness of the Gospel, lead sinners to the Lord, and promote God’s purpose in this world.

- h. ***The gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit:*** We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are numerous, and that they are still relevant to us. We believe that the true indication of existing spirituality is not only in the gift of the Holy Spirit that can be seen in a person's life, but in the fruit of the Spirit that is visible in the lifestyle. We consider spirituality in the believer by observing the walk, work, character and the anointing in a person and not just in the talk, gifts, talents and other unique abilities. We encourage believers to long for spiritual gifts and to walk in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus.
- i. ***The absolute victory of the believers:*** We believe that all true Believers have access to victory in all areas of their lives, through the grace and the power of God, working in us through the Holy Spirit and the word of God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- j. ***General prosperity of the believer:*** We believe, according to the word of God, that God wants all of His children to thrive in all areas of their lives in the same way that their souls prosper. We believe that God wants His children to grow in wisdom, in holiness, in health, in wealth, in finances, in influence, in power, in patience, and so on. We believe that God enjoys seeing His people prosper.
- k. ***Miracles for today:*** We believe, according to the Bible, that we serve a God of miracles, and that God still performs miracles in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, through true Believers. We believe that God loves to heal people in order to demonstrate His reality and love towards them, and to glorify His name.
- l. ***God's mandate on believers:*** We believe that all true Believers should carry out Christ's mandate for the Disciples to go and make disciples of all nations today. We believe that all believers have the potentials and the provisions for living up to God's plan for them in this present life. Therefore, we encourage all believers to be fruitful.
- m. ***The Local Church:*** We believe that the Local Church is a distinct body of Believers in a given locality. These believers are fully committed to teaching and living by the word of God, united in true love, with a clear leadership and a visionary that is responsible for the health and direction of the church. We believe that every true believer has a place in a healthy local church and that every true believer should be a faithful member of the church, that they should submit to godly leadership and pursuing the plan of God. We believe that true believers should live up to their membership commitments and give their parts in building up the church for fruitfulness in the kingdom of God.
- n. ***The Rapture:*** We believe that when the Gospel has been preached to all nations, the trumpet of God will sound, and that those believers who, by the grace of God have



prepared themselves to be spotless, and have stayed faithful to the Lordship of Jesus Christ will be caught up in the air to meet with the Lord, together with those true believers that died in Christ. We believe that no man knows the day or the hour in which this will take place, and we encourage all believers to walk humbly before God in true holiness and to obey Him in reaching out to Sinners.

- o. ***Eternal Judgments:*** We believe, according to the word of God, that we shall all, both sinners and believers, rich and poor, appear before the judgment seat of Christ. We believe that all dead people will be raised, whether they are believers or unbelievers. We believe that we shall all be judged according to the life that we have lived in this present life. The godly shall spend eternity with God and the ungodly shall spend eternity in the Lake of fire.

IV. **Church Leadership**

Organizationally, the church has a board comprised of the Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. They carry out mainly formal operations when dealing with official institutions. On a daily basis, DCI depends on a Leadership Team comprised of the Senior Pastor, other Pastors, and other members with supervisory roles within the church. The Senior Pastor is the custodian of the vision and depends on the other pastors and leaders to work out the vision. The other Pastors and Leaders relate to team leaders in charge of different departments of the church. The Leadership Team may serve as advisers to the Senior Pastor on practical matters. The General Overseer or Apostle outlines the vision of the church and oversees the Senior Pastors.

V. **Membership**

Membership of the DCI is a privilege granted to individuals that meet certain requirements and that have the approval of the leaders of DCI.

- a. ***Privileges:*** Members enjoy the privileges of member-exclusive meetings, fellowship, events, the use of the church's facilities, spiritual care, moral support, biblical counseling, pastoral attention, church wedding, burial, child dedication, biblical training, emergency help, discipleship, access to member-specific information, and much more, subject to applicable terms and conditions.
- b. ***Requirement:*** The applicant must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the son of God, and be "born again" to become a member of DCI. The believer must be committed to living in line with the principles of the Bible, committed to the vision and mission of the church, successfully complete the membership course or briefing, have no valid objections from other members in good standing, and be approved by the leadership of the church.



- c. **Procedure:** To become a member of DCI, one must formally request for membership, and meet the requirements for membership.
- d. **Responsibilities:** Members commit to using the resources available in the church to excel spiritually and in all areas of their lives, live for the glory of God, and to testify of their faith. Members make conscious efforts to lead others to the Lord, share in the responsibilities of serving in the house, making conscious and regular financial contributions, and living as good examples to other members and to shine as lights, serving as good Ambassadors of God, and of the church in their world.
- e. **Discipline:** In the event that a church member becomes obstructive to the church, to other members, to the reputation of Christianity and the Gospel, the church leadership reserves the right to exercise discipline in the form of suspending such a member from attending church activities, carrying out certain functions, or gaining access to certain materials.
- f. **Termination:** Church members are free to terminate their membership at any time with a simple written termination notice to the leadership, without specifying their reasons. DCI reserves the rights to terminate the membership of every member, and to withdraw all membership privileges at any time.

VI. Training

Bible-based training shall remain one of the most distinctive aspects of life in DCI. In addition to the study of the Bible, the church will encourage members to learn useful skills necessary to help them excel in this life.

VII. Missions

The church will reach out near and far, into distant countries, to reach people with the Gospel message, directly, or indirectly. DCI will inspire individuals for missions, and will take special care of missionaries, ensuring that they are as comfortable and efficient as possible, wherever they are. DCI does not subscribe to the assumption that missionaries must suffer unnecessarily. The church recognizes that going out of one's own environment into a far country is by itself a high price to pay.

VIII. Poverty

The church shall not in any way promote or encourage material poverty as a means of attaining higher spirituality. DCI believes that poverty puts undue limitations on people and society and does not have any special spiritual advantage. With regards to giving to meet the material needs



of the poor, DCI shall always look into needs on a case-by-case basis and offer temporary relieve, when necessary, with the determination to find sustainable solutions and to teach poor people how to use their own potentials in overcoming poverty. The church would rather help poor people defeat poverty than give them temporary handouts that leave them dependent, weak and unnecessarily vulnerable.

IX. Community Service

DCI believes in being active in the community for the sake of demonstrating the love of God and shinning as light while serving others.

X. Funding and financial contributions

DCI church members are the main contributors and financiers of the activities of the church. The church shall encourage all members to be active in giving, and to give as unto the Lord. Donations to DCI are without strings attached. This means that the church does not receive donations in exchange for special personal favor to the donor. All donations to DCI are assumed anonymous, unless otherwise indicated. The church shall not be obliged to publish the names and identifies of donors for any reason, without their express permission.

XI. Privacy

DCI recognizes the need for church members to enjoy privacy. The identities of members, composition of their families, their records, income, donations, personal challenges, counseling sessions, spiritual encounters, and so on are their private matters. The church shall strive to keep them private. Personal matters discussed with church leaders shall be treated with utmost confidentiality at all time.

XII. Marriage

The church believes in the Bible's definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman, in the will of God, and shall under no circumstance promote or encourage views to the contrary. DCI shall promote purity, faithfulness, and the standard of God in marriage.

XIII. Volunteers and Workers

DCI shall encourage all members to serve as volunteers. Where necessary and feasible, the church will hire workers. When hiring workers, the church shall strive to pay salaries that are at least the norms in their environment for the nature of their services. The church shall pay workers on time and maintain a passionate working environment. DCI shall strive to pay spiritual workers, such as pastors and those working in fulltime as teachers of the Bible with honor and dignity. Under no circumstance shall the church subject spiritual leaders to unnecessary lack or



pressure in the basic material needs of this life. No one known to be living in habitual sin will be permitted to serve in any leadership and/or spiritual capacity in DCI.

XIV. Facilities and premises

The facilities of the church shall be presented in the spirit of excellence, using presentable materials, in a clean environment, with good and affordable sound systems, and in modesty.

XV. Ordination

DCI shall ordain and release individuals to serve in the ministry. The church shall train people before ordaining them. Those to be ordained shall be good examples to believers. Those ordained shall be issued with an ordination certificate with validity subject to the bearer's submission to the teachings of the Bible, the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ, and submission to the church.

XVI. Media Relations

The church shall strive to be as media friendly as possible, without compromising the privacy of church members, the integrity of the word of God, and the need to remain focused on the vision and mission of the church, within the priority of the season or moment.

XVII. Guest speakers

DCI recognizes the importance and often the needs to have speakers that are not members of DCI. These are guest speakers. The church shall receive guest speakers in the spirit of hospitality, make them comfortable, and honor them for their gifts and services, in DCI and with their contributions to the work of God in mind. In the event that church members donate to guest speakers through DCI, such donations must be given to the speakers in full. The church shall not hold back any part of it without the express permission of the guest speaker. When giving honorarium to speakers, DCI shall do so as generously as possible.

XVIII. Excellence

DCI shall not compromise on the subject of excellence in service, standard, targets, and so on. With a calling to serve an ever-advancing world, the church shall continue to improve in quality and to use advanced technologies where possible and available.

XIX. Church planting

Where necessary, DCI shall plant churches where there are no churches, where there are no sufficient churches, where God calls DCI trained minister to go and serve as a church planter, or where DCI has specific divine mandate to start churches. As a matter of general approach, the church shall strive to work with existing churches in new territories, and to avoid planting new



churches where there are adequate opportunities and goodwill to serve the Kingdom of God by working in partnership with others.

XX. International Affiliations

DCI shall function locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally and shall seek for opportunities to network and connect with other like-minded believers and ministries around the world.

XXI. Youths

The youths shall play active roles in driving the vision of the church and shall have opportunities to serve passionately at all times. DCI shall challenge them to be good examples to all believers in all areas of life and to use their gifts and potentials for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The church shall facilitate the development of each young person that comes to the church, beginning as early as possible, with a special outreach to children.

XXII. Riches

DCI shall not speak evil of riches and shall not discriminate against rich people. The church shall remain open to people of all socio-economic level and background. DCI believes that riches can serve good causes when in the hands of the right person and can serve evil causes when in the hands of the wrong person. The church recognizes the power of money and encourages believers to make money without compromising their purity, and to use money to enjoy life, touch lives, promote the purposes of God in this world, and to leave inheritance for generations after them.

XXIII. Politics

While DCI is a non-political organization, the church encourages members to participate in the political activities of their societies actively, electing and standing to the elected, based on strong moral principles and well-informed stances, in the spirit of love, equity and justice.