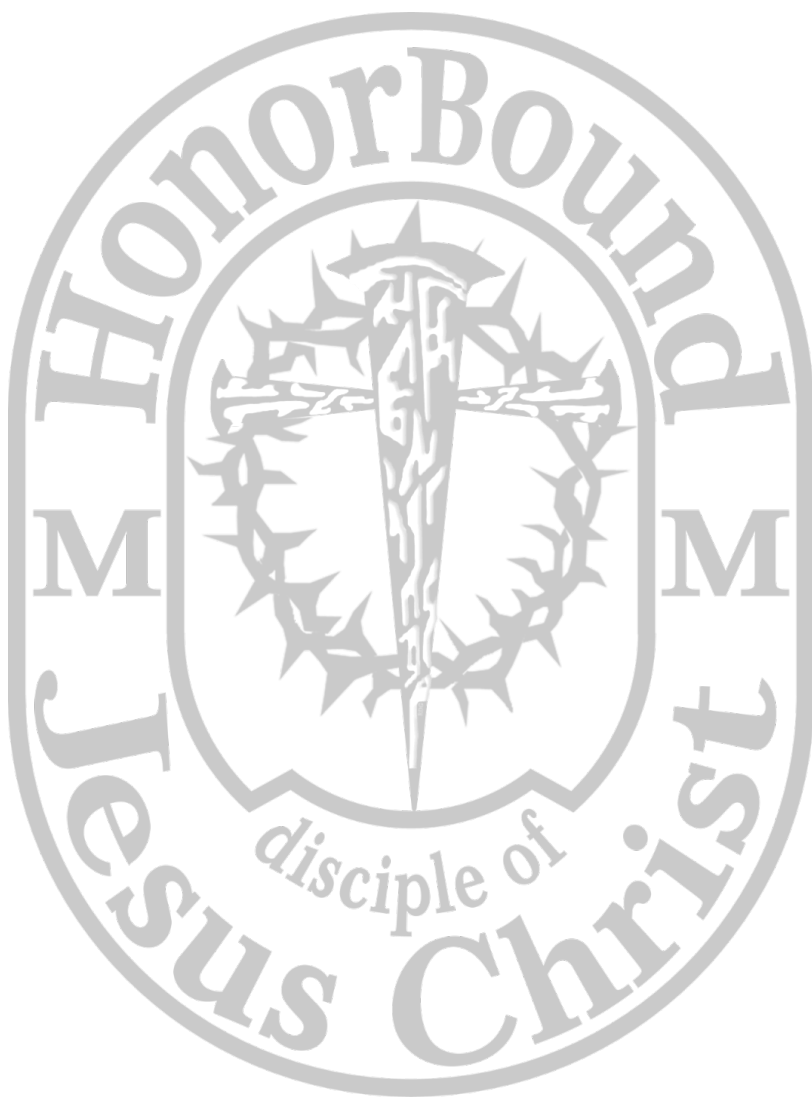


# **HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry**

**National Motorcycle Ministry  
of the Assemblies of God**



## **Operations Manual 2019 UPDATE**



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## OPERATIONAL MANUAL

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## PURPOSE

*HBMM's purpose is to make disciples, according to the great commission, from within the biker and motorcycle enthusiast cultures in the United States of America. The process involves three primary goals: The first is REACHING America's bikers and motorcyclists with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The second is TRAINING and organizing Christian motorcyclists in evangelism and discipleship. The third is BUILDING a network of churches open and prepared to receive newly saved bikers and motorcyclists.*

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

### I. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Be a committed follower of Jesus Christ.
- Faithfully attend and financially support a church with the same or similar Statement of Faith.
- Be drug, alcohol and tobacco free for at least one year prior.
- Complete a study course in personal evangelism, such as "Personal Evangelism" by Global University, available on-line at <https://hbmm-national.org/personal-evangelism-course>
- Have a pastor's letter approving the applicant and certifying the applicant as a maturing Christian with a demonstrated burden for evangelism.
- Have a demonstrated Holy Spirit inspired passion to share the love of Jesus Christ with America's bikers and motorcyclists.
- Members are encouraged to be motorcycle owners and riders. Exceptions may be made for individuals in support ministry of HBMM.
- Be familiar and in agreement with the tenants of faith of HBMM.
- Members are encouraged to financially support HBMM missionaries on a regular basis as God enables.

### Riding Fellowship Membership

- For those who do not have a full year of being alcohol, drug, and tobacco free. Note: They must have begun their year.
- For those who a pastor may not feel comfortable, yet, in giving the full back patch. Examples:
  - o Have not been in church long enough to prove faithfulness
  - o No proven history of tithing
  - o Not fully ready to sign off on full recommendation
  - o Has a waiting period to promote to full patch in their church.

## II. WE BELIEVE - STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God. (2 Tim. 3:16)

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19)

In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousands years. (John 1:1)

In the blessed hope—the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. (Titus 2:13)

The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. (John 14:6)

Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. (Titus 2:5)

In water baptism by immersion. (Matt. 28:19)

The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. (1 Pet. 2:24)

The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.

In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. (Gal 5:16-25)

In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation. (Rev. 20:11-15)

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*HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry is an Assemblies of God ministry led by AG US Missionary Chaplains. The majority of our members are part of an Assemblies of God church. The exception would be churches that have similar doctrines to the Assemblies of God, i.e. Church of God, Four Square, Church of God In Christ, and Independent Churches with doctrinal beliefs the same as the Assemblies of God. No members from churches that disagree with Assemblies of God doctrines will be approved.*

*Prior Approval by the HBMM National Leadership Team is required for members or chapters from non-Assemblies of God churches.*

*This is not to minimize the ministry of others, but rather to prevent doctrinal disputes in our meetings and outreaches. Applicants can contact members of the National Leadership Team to discuss doctrines that have been determined to cause conflicts.*

### III. METHODS OF MINISTRY

Members are encouraged to wear their patch (Colors) and participate in secular motorcycle events and activities such as rallies, races, bike shows, runs and club functions. Members should always be ready to share their faith in Jesus and be willing to pray for others needs and minister as the Holy Spirit leads. Anyone unwilling to pray with others or share their faith in Christ should question why they want to wear the Honor Bound Motorcycle Ministry Patch (Colors). **HBMM is a ministry — not a fellowship club.** The intent of HBMM is ministry with fellowship as a natural benefit of that ministry.

### IV. COLORS (PATCH)

**Colors** (Patch) consisting of a crown of thorns, encircling a cross made of 3 nails. Symbolizing the crown of thorns, nails and cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus.

**Top** “HonorBound” is used with permission of the HonorBound: Men of Promise Men’s Ministries of the Assemblies of God signifying a commitment to honor God, family and country.

**Bottom** will state: “Disciple of Jesus Christ”.

An **M** is worn on the right side, and left side of the patch designating HonorBound as a “Motorcycle Ministry” **not** a motorcycle club.

The **Colors** (Patch) will remain the property of HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry.

*No reproduction of the Patch (Colors) is permitted without written permission.*

Members will be required to return their Patch (Colors) if they are found to have dishonored the guidelines of HBMM.

**Colors** (Patch) will be worn as often as possible when riding, and always when representing HBMM and at all HBMM functions and ministry activities.

**Colors** (Patch) cost \$25.00 for full back patch and/or \$10.00 for chest patch may be purchased when evangelism course is completed along with \$25.00 Registration fee

*NOTES: Patches remain the property of HBMM and must be returned upon request or when discontinuing participation in HBMM.*

*If a patchholder dies, the patch must either be buried with the patchholder or returned to the National Leadership Team.*



## **V. HOW TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Complete the Application form and Pastor's endorsement.

Include Registration and Patch fees and mail to:

General Council of the Assemblies of God  
Chaplaincy Department  
HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry  
1445 Boonville Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65802-1894

### **Starting a new HonorBound MM chapter in a church**

If members of a local church are interested in setting up a new HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry in their local church. Contact should be made to the HBMM National Leadership Team member by an interested member or pastor of the church. The team member may be located by going to the website at <https://HBMM-National.org>

The Chaplain that is responsible for your district will set up the meeting with those interested or have a member of the District Leadership Team set up the meeting.

An example of what the the Leadership Team member will do:

- Make contact with the pastor of the church for the following:
  - o Set up daytime appointment with pastor.
    - Explain importance of pastors oversight even if he does not ride.
    - Explain structure of HonorBound MM.
    - Review biker world handout and HBMM Operations Manual.
    - Bring District Leadership Team members when possible.
  - o Follow up with a meeting with all interested members
    - Preferably on off night rather than a service night
    - Invite nearby HonorBound members and district leadership team to attend
    - Explain what HonorBound is about and answer questions
  - o Church packet to include:
    - HonorBound MM Operations Manual
    - A Little Biker Education booklet
    - How to start a motorcycle ministry in the local church booklet
    - Copy of HonorBound MM Application and Pastor's Approval

*We prefer to have a service to introduce the new ministry to the church with a patching in ceremony when the chapter is official instated.*

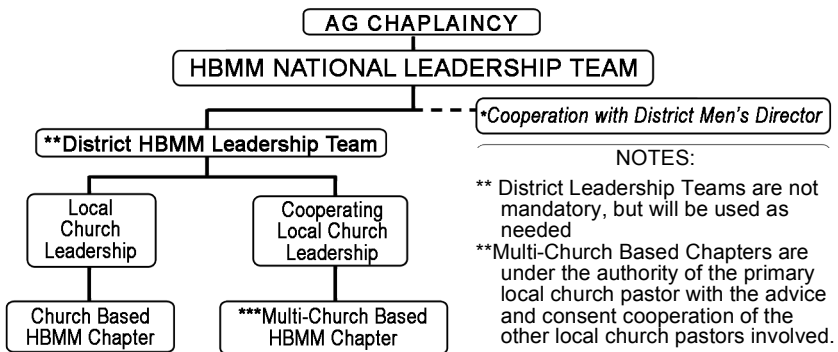
## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

HonorBound MM is a ministry and not merely a riding fellowship, therefore it has a credentialed chaplain led structure rather than the typical structure of national president, national vice-president, etc. found in Motorcycle Clubs. On a national level it is led by US Missionaries that serve under the Chaplaincy department. On the local church level it is either pastor led or led by an individual that the church leadership appoints to be over the local chapter.

### NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP

HonorBound MM is under the direct authority of AG Chaplaincy Ministries. AG Chaplaincy Ministries consults with AG Men's Ministries who has also granted permission to use the HonorBound name. AG Motorcycle Chaplains serving on the HBMM National Leadership Team shall consist of full time motorcycle chaplains who are actively serving HBMM. The HBMM NLT members are accountable to each other, decisions are made by consensus, and policies implemented uniformly. New members to the leadership team must be approved by the HBMM National Leadership team.

**The following is the organizational structure of HBMM:**



Under the authority of AG Chaplaincy Ministries. HBMM National Leadership Motorcycle Chaplains serve under the authority of the National Leadership Team and exercise oversight, coordinate, and establish local chapters of HBMM. All HBMM Motorcycle Chaplains are servant leaders and not only provide oversight, but also serve as resources to aide local chapters in reaching and teaching bikers and motorcycle enthusiast. They may also provide opportunities for ministry for chapters to do ministry at secular rallies and events. The goal is to provide the District Councils and local churches with the tools needed to disciple bikers and motorcycle enthusiast.



## **REGIONAL AREAS**

Regional areas may be established by the HBMM National Leadership Team as needed to provide districts and churches with contact information for an AGUSM HBMM Motorcycle Chaplain to aide them in establishing HBMM in the local churches and to provide resources for each district in a systematic manner. Regional boundaries do not prevent districts or local churches from contacting and working with any AGUSM HBMM Chaplain that they choose.

Note: The regional responsibilities of each Motorcycle Chaplain do not preclude their working at motorcycle events in other regions. Large national biker events generally need the work and support of many, if not all, of the Motorcycle Chaplains from AG US Missions. These regions do not limit chaplains serving as US Missionaries from receiving support from other regions. Churches are encouraged to support missionaries from all regions.

## **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS**

District Leadership Team members, when used, are appointed by a National Leadership Team member as needed and when qualified leaders are available. (This is not a position that can be applied for)

Requirements:

- a) Preferred credentialed ministers and pastors but not required.
- b) Local chapter leadership experience.
- c) Full HBMM for at least one year.
- d) Good reputation within the HBMM Community.
- e) High integrity, trustworthiness, and character.
- f) Teachable and can take constructive criticism.

The national chaplain will observe potential team members over time to determine these characteristics for themselves and not just rely on the reports of others. Potential leadership team members should be willing to take additional courses to enhance their leadership capabilities. Potential courses such as “People, Task, and Goals” etc. from GlobalReach.org are free and could be assigned by the regional chaplain.

Role: Assist the Regional Chaplain as needed.

Possible areas to assist:

- Assist in establishing new chapters.
- Evaluation of new churches.
- Join regional chaplain in making presentation to new churches.
- Conduct presentations when needed after being trained.
- Stand in for regional chaplains for presentations if needed.
- Assist in planning events for the district.
- Help plan HBMM rides. Example: During district men’s retreats
- Assisting in the evaluation of new members.

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES ON STRUCTURE**

HBMM does not require a district HBMM Leader, but does encourage cooperation with the District Men's Ministries Director and the designated missions director. If a District HBMM Leader is to be established in a district, it should be done with the cooperation of the HBMM National Leadership Team Motorcycle Chaplains, District Men's Ministries Director, and District Officers.

## **LOCAL CHURCH & MULTI-CHURCH CHAPTERS**

At its essence, HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry is a church based ministry. It's core value is to help bikers and motorcycle enthusiast into a committed relationship with a local church. HBMM's must operate as a ministry of a local church. When two or more churches participate together to form an HBMM chapter, the primary local church pastor will have the oversight of the charter with the advise/consent cooperation of the other local church pastors involved.

Motorcycle Ministries, by nature, do a majority of their ministry on weekends during the riding season. The local chapter should submit ministry plans to the pastor and or pastor designated leadership for approval in advance of events. Pastors should safe guard the members of the chapter to insure that they are in services on a regular basis to receive ministry either on Sundays or other nights during the riding season. Failure to faithfully attend or financially support is cause for removal of the patch.

See notes in "We Believe – Statement of Faith" for which churches may participate in Local Church and Multi-Church chapters

Note: Chapters are not designated by number, but rather by the name of the church and the name the local church chose for the chapter, i.e. "Iron Horse Disciples", etc.

### **Financial Support by the Local Church to the National HBMM**

It is recommended that local churches support the national ministry in two ways:

1. Monthly support of AG US Missionaries serving as part of the HBMM National Leadership Team. *Churches will receive AG US Missions giving credit for support of US Missionaries.*
2. Contribute to help fund local or national HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry Events. Your local chaplain can explain when these funds are needed and how you can contribute.

*Note: Funds sent to the national office do not go to the missionaries but may be used to fund resources provided by the national office to HonorBound Motorcycle Ministries.*

## **Local Chapter Officers**

The oversight of the local assembly and its ministries is biblically the pastor's responsibility, therefore the oversight of HBMM is ultimately the local church pastor. If the pastor is not the leader of the group, then the leader should be designated by the pastor as he would any other ministry in the church. We recommend this form of leadership rather than elected officers. This prevents the motorcycle ministry from taking on a life of its own out from under the covering of the church and is contrary to the goals of HBMM.

Local church and multi-church chapters may have officers as designated by the local pastor(s). Officer designations are to be President, Vice-President, Secretary and/or Treasurer, and Road Captain. You may also use "Pastor" or "Chaplain" patches, however these two patches are reserved for those who have ministry credentials.

## **Qualifications for Chapter Officers**

Along with being a member in good standing of the HBMM, chapter officers should also fulfill the following qualifications:

1. Have the full approval of the local church and the pastor who oversees the chapter
2. Respect among peers.
3. A proven worker and a regular financial supporter of the national HBMM as well as the local chapter.
4. An organizer and promoter.
5. Willing to work with the district leadership, sectional representative, and national leadership team chaplains, and to follow their decisions when requested.
6. Time to devote to the office.
7. Willing to step aside quietly and peacefully if he or she cannot work within the guidelines, responsibilities, and expectations of the HBMM.

## **Duties of Officers**

If a pastor and church leadership decide to use officers within the chapter, the following duties will apply

1. The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of the chapter; to cooperate with the pastor to appoint the other officers, to serve as a member ex-officio on all committees; to call chapter business meetings to order, and at all times observe and enforce the provisions of the chapter.
2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to assume the role of the president in the event of an absence or vacancy, and to complete the term of the president in the event a vacancy does occur; to be present and/or assist at all business and/or officers' meetings.

3. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be to keep minutes of all chapter meetings and officers' meetings; record attendance at all chapter functions; take care of all correspondence by the chapter; receive and disperse all monies and render account of all receipts and expenditures; and file monthly reports to the sponsor church.
4. The duties of the Road Captain shall be to plan chapter routes for tours, runs, and campouts. Each chapter supported road trip should have an attendance record given to the chapter secretary to track active members.
5. These four officers will also, with the cooperation of the pastor, appoint necessary committee chairmen, as well as all other committees necessary during their term of office;
6. An expected duty of the Chaplain shall be to present a brief devotion at designated chapter functions.  
If there is not a chaplain or pastor within the chapter, then the president will either present the devotion or assign another member in good standing to present the devotion

## **Discipline of Chapter/Members**

Local chapters must police themselves to guarantee that the national ministry's integrity is upheld in the biker/motorcycle community. Any member that returns to using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco should be asked to turn their patch in for the prescribed time before re-issuing the patch. Failure to comply should be reported to a Motorcycle Chaplain serving on the National Leadership Team.

As with any organization, it is inevitable that there be differences from time to time. If an irresolvable dispute occurs, follow these guidelines:

1. Inform pastor of the situation causing concern. Multi Church chapters should report to host church pastor who should inform other church pastors involved.
2. Pastor(s) and/or church leadership will investigate concern and attempt to resolve the difficulty. Findings and action will be reported to HBMM District Leadership and if applicable to the HBMM National Leadership Team.
3. If required, the HBMM District Leadership and/or HBMM National Leadership Team may respond with a phone call, visit, or letter to try to clear up the situation. If there is no resolution reached, pastors may choose to suspend, restrict, or terminate the offending party's membership or place the member on suspension. A written copy of the final decision will be sent to the national leadership team.

4. If a member is placed on suspension it will be for at least 30 days but no longer than 90 days. At the end of the specified period, if the situation is not rectified the local leadership will make a recommendation to the national office and membership will be revoked. If the offense is cleared up, the suspension will be lifted.
5. The pastor(s) will notify the chapter membership of the final decision.

## **Policy – Membership relocation**

*How to deal with members who leave their church or move to a different church*

It should be noted that HBMM is a church based ministry and requires pastors to approve new members and the continuation of members from their church in HBMM

- Pastors or chapter presidents and district leadership team members must notify the regional chaplain when/if a member leaves the church where he is currently a member.
- If a member locates to another church where a HBMM chapter exists, he must...
  - o Get permission from the previous pastor to move his membership
  - o Get permission from the new pastor to be a member of the new chapter
  - o Get permission from the regional chaplain to move his membership
  - o If these are not possible then he is to turn in his patch to the regional chaplain
- If a member moves to a church where there is no HBMM chapter he must do one of the following:
  - o Have permission from the local pastor and HBMM leadership to remain in the same chapter as a multi-church member.
  - o Receive permission to establish a new chapter in his new church
  - o Turn his patch in to the regional chaplain

## **Members coming in from other groups**

*ie. other MM, MA, RC, or MC*

Verify if members are out good with their previous group

*If not, find out what it would take for the potential member to make things right*

Make sure previous leadership is ok with the move

*If not, how could this be achieved*

Waiting period before they can be patched HBMM should be discussed with previous leadership, but the following are our standards:

- Ministry Association (MA) No waiting period unless requested by previous group
- Riding Club (RC) No waiting period unless requested by previous group
- Motorcycle Ministries (MM) – Six months unless requested by previous group
- Christian Motorcycle Club (MC) – Six months unless requested by previous group
- Secular Motorcycle Club (MC) – One year unless approved by previous group

## **Basic Protocol for Colors / Back Patches**

A few suggested guidelines in dealing with your patch and other motorcycle club colors/patches. Back patches may be known as “rags,” “colors,” “cut,” or “vest.” There are some basic guidelines to follow when dealing with other motorcycle clubs. It’s always better to error on the side of caution than overstep boundaries. We are to be available for the Lord Jesus to minister through us and we need to earn this ability with the people we meet, before they will really take the time to listen to what we have to say. As Christians, we may be the only Bible people see. The biker culture have specific protocols regarding patches and earning their respect requires us to follow their protocols.

Let’s continue with our good example.

1. Remember, first and foremost. HBMM is a motorcycle ministry and not a club. If a dominant club in your area asks you to take off your patch, do not resist or take a stand for the sake of the patch. As a ministry, we are here to serve. Comply. Remove your vest and put it in your saddle bags.
2. Do not wear colors when traveling in an enclosed vehicle; i.e. car, truck, plane, etc. (not even a convertible). Colors are to be worn when on your motorcycle or at an event as an identity. When you get ready to enter your car, take your colors off, then fold and place them in the back seat, trunk, or even on the front seat next to you. If you are traveling with several others, it is suggested you place them on your lap as you would a coat or jacket. T-shirts or denim shirts with silk-screened or imprinted colors are not considered the same as colors. These items are soft wear, and are not the same as rags, cut, patch, vest, or colors that identify you as the member of an organization. Soft wear can be worn in an enclosed vehicle.
3. Do not lay your colors down, or place them on the back of a chair when at an event with other clubs, groups, ministries, or other riding organizations. It is too easy for another club to gain possession for your colors that way. These colors are yours, and they should have the same value as your country’s flag. You need to watch and keep track of your rags at all times. Treat your patch with respect at all times. You worked hard for it, why should another person gain it without the same work. Do not take your vest, rags, colors, patch off and lay it on the ground or hang it on your windshield. This too is disrespectful.
4. Do not allow other persons to wear your vest, rags, colors, or patch. Not even your children, spouse, or close friends. Again, these colors are to be treated with respect and to be kept in your possession at all times.

5. DO NOT TOUCH OR TAKE PHOTOS OF OTHER CLUBS' VESTS, COLORS, RAGS, OR PATCH WITHOUT FIRST ASKING PERMISSION TO DO SO.
6. Do not walk or run up to a club patch holder from behind and "pat on the back," grab, hug, or otherwise touch without first announcing your presence. This allows the patch holder to let down his guard and welcome you properly. Some people are a bit high strung and need some warning.
7. No territorial rockers are allowed (city, state, etc.) on the back of the vest. You may identify your church or chapter with a custom patch worn on the front of the vest.

*Note: If patches are turned in, this will include soft colors and any other HBMM materials.*

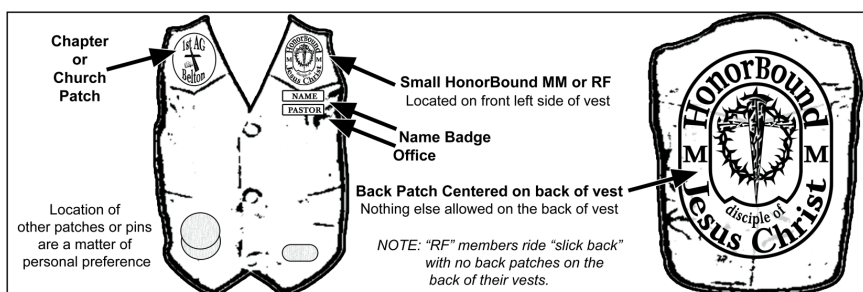
***Always show respect to other bikers...  
...especially when wearing your patch***

## **Proper Patch Placement and Rules**

The HBMM patch is to represent a ministry that must gain respect and favor from the secular community by being worn by those careful to follow Biblical standards in their walk and Christian integrity in their actions. Before you put on an HBMM patch consider the importance of all it signifies. The level of integrity of the HBMM and the witness of Jesus Christ will be determined by your actions while wearing the patch. What one does affects all of us.

1. The back patch should be centered on the back of the vest.  
No other patches are allowed on the back of the vest.
2. The small MM or RF patch should be worn at the top of the left side front of the vest. Nothing should be worn above this patch with the exception of the American flag with permission.
3. Name/Road Name should be worn immediately below the small MM patch on the left side. If you hold an office in your club or organization, the proper place to put that patch is right under your name. This is where other patch holders typically look first to determine who you are and what your position is.
4. Local church/chapter custom or identity patches should be worn at the top right side front of the vest.
5. HBMM members do not wear support patches for other motorcycle clubs or organizations. Since we are a national organization, someone seeing a support patch on an HBMM member in one part of the country may assume that we all support that organization. Although it might benefit you in your local area, it may cause difficulties for other HBMM members in other parts of the country. Do not wear, display, or attach support material on yourself or your vehicle.

6. HBMM members do not wear patches that are immoral or otherwise unbecoming of our Christian witness. If you have a patch that offends other HBMM members, you will be asked to remove the patch.
7. There are no rules or regulations regarding other patches or pins, i.e., memorial patches for fallen riders, event patches, Christian messages, etc. Location of these patches or pins are a matter of personal preference.



## SERVUS FIDELIS MEMBERSHIP

For some, becoming a member of HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry (HBMM) will be the start of a life-changing ministry. This select group may choose to become nationally recognized members of the HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS. The most important requirement for this membership is a definite call to minister to lifestyle bikers. Currently the Christian motorcycle world is full of groups that have some members very serious about ministry to lifestyle bikers and others who just want to fellowship and minister to motorcycle enthusiasts, but not to get involved in this type of outreach ministry. The HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS exists to reach the lifestyle biker culture. There will always be opportunities to reach weekend riders and those not living the biker lifestyle, but there is also a need for motorcycle ministry members that can and will reach into the culture of lifestyle bikers.

While it is not necessary to be a lifestyle biker, HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS members must be ready to step outside the four walls of their church and seek the lost in some very dark places. To do this, it is very important to understand and respect the cultural nuances of the biker world. HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS members should be known and mentored by the nationally endorsed missionary chaplains and should work with them, as well as area appointed leaders, as much as possible.

Members of the HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS will wear the back patch of the HBMM and the SERVUS FIDELIS bar.



This combination will constitute the back patch of HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS. HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS members will not be allowed to hold the back patch of any other Christian riding fellowship or club. All patches remain property of HBMM / HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS and must be returned to area leadership if requested



## **HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS membership**

### **Requirements:**

- A. Completed the requirements for the HBMM.
- B. Have been a member in good standing of HBMM for a period of at least 1 year and have shown evidence of a commitment to service within the lifestyle biker community.
- C. Have a call and passion from God specifically to motorcycle ministry.
- D. Complete all training and continuing education required by national leadership, including the following courses:
  - [21st Century Discipleship: Getting Started](#)
    - *Getting started right is one of the keys to success in all areas of life, including following Jesus Christ. This course contains practical lessons that will help you capitalize on the joy and excitement of being born again.*
  - [21st Century Discipleship: Facing Issues](#)
    - *This course contains practical lessons that will help you identify and deal biblically with challenges to experiencing the joy and excitement of a relationship with Christ.*
  - [21st Century Discipleship: Making a Difference](#)
    - *This course contains practical lessons that will enable you to understand the role you play in serving God and others as you strive to live out the scriptures. These courses can be downloaded for free from [www.HBMM-National.org](http://www.HBMM-National.org)*
  - Read and demonstrate understanding of "A Little Biker Education" from [www.HBMM-Narional.org](http://www.HBMM-Narional.org)
- E. Have recommendation of at least one national leadership team member and demonstrate willingness to follow instructions.
- F. Support the HBMM SERVUS FIDELIS regional missionary with a minimum of \$20.00 a month.
- G. Participate in at least four secular ministry activities annually.
- H. Have pastor's full endorsement and support for ministry activity.
- I. Members are encouraged to actively participate in all local HBMM activities, and may serve chapter officers if needed.
- J. Members cannot have issues in vocation that would interfere with participation in ministry to lifestyle bikers.
- K. To apply for membership, contact the HBMM Leadership Team member for your region
- L. Currently we do not add women to SERVUS FIDELIS.  
This is not to discriminate against our ladies in ministry, but due to the male dominated attitude of lifestyle bikers.

## Servus Fidelis Basic Information addendum

*Everyone who wears this patch will have to earn it.*

This bar was the result of months of work by the HBMM National Leadership Team with feedback from 1%ers and final approval by the AG General Council. It allows HBMM to meet the requests of 1%ers without changing what we are able to do with the majority of our members who generally work with motorcyclists in the local church. This is something that gives incentive for those who are willing to work with bikers and not just motorcyclists and will in the future help identify them as such. *In some ways, this is just another safety step by HBMM.*

All of these guys in a Chaplain's region will be known well enough personally by the regional chaplain to give them the patch. It will not come from Springfield, it will come from the chaplain. They have the authority to fine tune additional requirements based on the region they work in.

It is important to 1%ers that these members not have an occupation that is not accepted by lifestyle bikers such as law enforcement, DA, JP, etc. Although people with these jobs may be accepted by local groups in some areas, this is frowned on in the majority of the country. This is a safety issue for the rest of our members.

They will also need to own and ride a motorcycle such as a cruiser, touring bike, etc. It does not have to be a Harley. Metrics are just as accepted.

Additional requirements including working with the regional chaplain on secular events.

They are required to:

- Be comfortable working with the local \*Confederation of Clubs and attend their meetings.
- Be at the \*Confederation of Clubs state rally.
- Work at least two more secular biker events.  
This will be approved local work.
- Attend the annual regional event in their region.
- Work at the regional events planned or sanctioned by the regional chaplain such as bike washes, rest areas, etc.

*\* In areas where there is an active Confederation of Clubs.*

<p><i>This is not to minimize those who work only with motorcyclists. We need both groups.</i></p>
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## USE OF HBMM LOGOS AND ARTWORK GUIDELINES

HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry is the exclusive owner of all materials produced with HBMM artwork, including the back patch, chest patch, banners, promotional materials, etc. and as such has the right to control and/or approve any of its uses. HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry grants a non-exclusive license to official HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry Chapters only to use this artwork, hereafter referred to as "logos," for promotional purposes. The use of this logo for commercial purposes or for use for any other event or purpose other than official HBMM events is not authorized. *(Artwork for approved uses is available from the HBMM National Leadership Team)*

### **Authorization is subject to the following terms:**

1. Use of the logos on anything other than flyers, business cards, post cards, tracts, etc. must be approved by national leadership prior to use.
2. When using the HBMM logo on a business card, the titles reverend, chaplain, pastor, etc. may only be used if you are a nationally credentialed minister.
3. You may not use the logos in any manner that may possibly disparage, bring into disrepute, or derogate the HonorBound MM or its members.
4. You may not alter the appearance of the logos in any way. The logo must stand by itself so as to avoid unintended associations with any other objects, including, but not limited to, type, photographs, illustrations, borders, and edges. You may not incorporate the logo or any of its parts into any other logo.
5. You may not use the logos in any manner that implies sponsorship or endorsement of any other event, product or service that is not directly related to HonorBound MM.
6. Membership agrees to indemnify HonorBound MM for any loss or damage caused to the local chapter or its members arising out of your use of this logo.
7. HonorBound MM reserves the right to review your use of the logos and may at any time require you to discontinue your use of the logo.
8. No apparel of any kind with the logo can be sold and/or provided to any non-member of HBMM. Only fully patched members of HBMM may purchase and/or wear the apparel with logos that are provided by official providers designated by the HBMM National Leadership Team.
9. Apparel with the logo or any portion of the logo is under the direct oversight of the HBMM National Leadership Team.
10. HonorBound MM reserves the right to revoke and terminate the use of logos, in which case you will immediately thereafter cease any and all usage of the logos and shall not use any name or trademark similar in design or color.

# MINISTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCHES AND HBMM CHAPTERS INTERESTED IN MINISTRY TO MOTORCYCLISTS

Ministry to motorcyclists begins at three different/overlapping levels:

- Fellowship
- Activities
- Discipleship

### I. FELLOWSHIP

Motorcycle Ministry in the local church can begin by scheduling fellowship events for the riders that already attend.

**Examples would include, but not be limited to:**

- Meeting at the church for a Saturday morning ride together for breakfast.
- Encouraging motorcycle riders to ride their bikes to church, complete with riding apparel, and providing a special place for bikes only parking. This could establish a "biker friendly" atmosphere which will help visitors who ride feel welcome and comfortable.
- Encourage riders in the church to bring their bikes to other church functions. People are fascinated with motorcycles.
- Meet at the church to ride to other motorcycle events in the community.

### II. ACTIVITIES

**Biker specific events** can be scheduled to begin establishing a relationship with the motorcycle riders in your community. Men and women already involved in fellowship activities may be ready to take their fellowship rides to the next level. Decide whether these events are intended to be evangelistic outreaches or fund raisers. It is very difficult to combine the two. One thing that really tears down walls that exist between the church and the world is to not charge or accept donations. It provides a perfect opportunity to explain "Free Grace".

**Biker Sundays** - Like any other special event at church, success will depend upon individual involvement. Simply declaring any given Sunday to be a "Biker Sunday" may not guarantee success. Non church riders will come because they have been personally invited by someone in the church.

Encourage church folks to dress casually for that service, provide special parking and a free meal after church. Information is available from HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry on how to put on a bike show or hold bike games. Share the gospel and provide an opportunity to respond.

**Biker Church** – Create regular biker specific worship experiences like “Thursday Night Biker Church” at the local church or nearby community buildings under the covering of the local church.

**Bike Show** - A free bike show complete with free food and trophies will attract local riders. HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry can provide information on how to best conduct such an event. If your church is located on a main street or highway in your community, the church parking lot may be a good choice. If not, shopping center or supermarket parking lots are often available. End with a brief presentation emphasizing God's love and forgiveness.

**Hospitality Tent** - If your church is near a major motorcycle event or on a heavily traveled route to or from one, you may be able to set up a tent to give out free coffee, ice water and snacks. Evangelism material can be available as well as someone willing to pray with anyone in need. Highway rest areas, motorcycle dealerships, swap meets and bike races are all possibilities. Permission is always needed. Sometimes you may have to pay a fee to set up as any other vendor.

**Bike Blessings** - This can be done in conjunction with other events or as an event of its own. We're not really blessing a machine, but praying for the rider and passenger. Ask if there is anything specific you can pray about for them. If someone invites you to pray with them about anything they have opened their heart just a little to receive more of God farther down the road.

**Free Bike Wash** - This means free, no donations, no tips. Offer them a cup of water or coffee while you wash their bike. Provide and encourage them to read a short evangelism tract you have ready. When finished offer to pray for them about anything. Be prepared to answer their questions about "Why are you doing this for free?"

**Toy Runs** - A toy run is a motorcycle ride usually of less than 100 miles with the intent of collecting toys for kids around Christmas time. Bikers donate a new toy to be able to make the ride. Free food is good. Some of the hardest bikers have a soft heart when it comes to kids. What better chance than to explain what Christmas is really all about.

**Hospital Visits** - If you have a way of knowing about bikers who have been in accidents in your area and have someone in your church that can relate and is willing to make these visits, incredible ministry opportunity is available.

**Motorcycle Riding Fellowship** - Motorcycle riders within the church who wish to identify as a group for the purpose of fellowship and evangelism within the motorcycle community. The motorcycle community, like many other sub groups within our culture, has its own set of rules and protocol. HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry is available to help any church who would like to establish a motorcycle ministry or riding fellowship.

**Patching Services** – Honor and respect as well as a commitment to the ministry can be shown by presenting patches to new members of HonorBound MM in a Sunday service or other special occasion at the church.

**Charity Events** – It always builds relationships within the local biker community to participate in charity events put on by other groups that fall in line with your group's concerns.

*There are any number of ideas that may grow out of the motorcycle ministry in your church. For churches with small group ministries, it may be possible to use the motorcycle ministry in your church as a small group itself specializing in the teaching and fellowship for this group to work in the motorcycle culture and to bring the group to a level of maturity unseen in many motorcycle ministries today.*

### III. DISCIPLESHIP

Make sure you have the right leadership is in place to begin the next step.

Do you have men and women who are true disciples? Riders in the church who are maturing believers with a love for motorcycles and the people who ride them, with a desire to commit to more than fellowship, more than an occasional outreach to the local biker community?

Jesus' disciples did more than just enjoy His teachings and one another's company. They brought others to Jesus. They were recognized in their community as disciples of Jesus.

The next step in motorcycle ministry is a core of committed riders called to ministry to bikers, willing to become informed in the rules and protocol of the biker world and ready to do what ever it takes to bring unsaved bikers to a relationship with Jesus. These individuals may be interested in becoming a part of HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry.

Now would be the time to contact the Assemblies of God US Missionary Chaplain serving as the HonorBound Motorcycle Ministries chaplain for your area.

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Make sure you qualify for membership, then:**

**DOWNLOAD, FILL OUT, AND PRINT  
THE APPLICATION  
AND  
PASTORS RECOMMENDATION  
TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

DOWNLOAD HERE:

[http://www.hbmm-national.org/HBMM\\_Application-Guidelines.pdf](http://www.hbmm-national.org/HBMM_Application-Guidelines.pdf)

REMEMBER:

Those who do not meet the standard yet on being drug, alcohol, and tobacco free for a full year may still apply and receive the Riding Fellowship (RF) until they qualify for full membership.

Pastors may also require members to start at the Riding Fellowship (RF) Level as noted in the membership requirements

Applications without a completed Pastoral Letter of Approval will not be considered for membership.

*IF YOU ARE A SENIOR PASTOR AND YOU ARE APPLYING FOR YOUR OWN MEMBERSHIP IN HONORBOUND MM: Please attach a letter on church letterhead to the application stating that you are the senior pastor of the local church. If you are not the senior pastor, have the senior pastor fill out the Pastor's Letter of Approval and send it in.*

## HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*Please read HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry Guidelines before completing this form. – Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ / /  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a committed follower of Jesus Christ? ☐ YES ☐ NO When saved (what year)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did you make your commitment to follow Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you been drug, alcohol and tobacco free for at least one year? ☐ YES ☐ NO (if "NO" request Riding Fellowship Patch)  
Have you read, understood and do you accept the Statement of Faith of HonorBound MM? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
Do you faithfully attend and financially support a local church? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ / /  
Church Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Brief testimony of when you made a commitment to follow Christ:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(use separate sheet if needed.)*

Why are you seeking membership in HonorBound MM?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(use separate sheet if needed.)*

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## Sample Application Page 2

# HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### CONTINUED

Name \_\_\_\_\_

A study course in evangelism is required for membership such as "Personal Evangelism" by Grand University, available on-line at <http://www.honorboundmmtexas.org/PersonalEvangelismCourse.html> or you can request a copy from HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry for \$5.00.

If another evangelism course has been completed, please give the name of the course and when completed.

Give an example of someone you have led to a closer relationship with Christ:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(use separate sheet if needed.)

Do you currently own a motorcycle? ☐ YES ☐ NO Number of years riding experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

FEES INCLUDED: Registration: ..... \$ 25.00

Motorcycle Ministry Full Back Patch (\$25.00) must meet all qualifications ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle Ministry Chest Patch (\$10.00) must meet all qualifications ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Riding Allowance Chest Patch (\$10.00) for those who do not meet all qualifications yet ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEES** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Patches remain the property of HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry and wearing privilege may be revoked if requirements are not maintained. Riding Allowance (RA) patches do not wear a back patch - Only those qualified for MM patches wear the back patch.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete back page of application and mail in with "Pastoral Letter of Approval", Registration, and Patch fees

**Note: Applications without a Pastoral Letter of Approval will not be considered**

IF YOU ARE A SENIOR PASTOR,

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# Sample Pastoral Letter of Approval

## HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry Application for Membership PASTOR'S LETTER OF APPROVAL

*(To be completed by your current pastor)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's full Name)

*The above named individual is applying for membership in HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry.  
HonorBound MM is an outreach ministry to America's bikers and motorcyclists.  
Members attend secular motorcycle events  
with the purpose of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with America's bikers and motorcyclists.*

Is the applicant a maturing believer in Jesus Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
and a faithful supporting member of the church which you pastor?	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
To your knowledge has the applicant been free from alcohol,	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
tobacco, and illegal drugs for the last twelve months?	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
<small>(If the answer is "NO" then the applicant must request only the Riding Fellowship Patch (RF) until they meet this standard)</small>	
Has the applicant demonstrated a burden for evangelism?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you wholeheartedly recommend this individual for membership?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSITION

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

*Complete both pages of the Application form, include Pastor's Letter of Approval.  
Include Registration and Patch fees and mail to:*

General Council of the Assemblies of God  
Chaplaincy Department  
HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry  
1445 Boonville Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65802-1894

***Applications that do not include a completed Pastoral Endorsement will not be considered or processed***

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## Submitting the application

*Check the membership requirements to see if you qualify for membership in HonorBound MM.*

- *Complete both pages of the Application form,*
- *Include Pastor's Letter of Approval.*
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***If your application for a new chapter  
or you are a member in a church that does not currently  
have members in a multi-church chapter  
contact your regional chaplain  
prior to sending in your application***

