



"The Churches of God Outreach Ministries provides leadership, information, and biblical teaching in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:19-20"

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CGOM STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The *Churches of God Outreach Ministries (CGOM)* is a voluntary association of independent local assemblies. *CGOM* is not a 'denomination', not 'a church' - there is no central human authority. We believe this is the Biblical structure for the whole church of God.

The chief purpose of the *Outreach Ministries* is for these local assemblies to voluntarily co-operate with one another on various agreed outreach (evangelistic) and support programs which need more than the resources of a single assembly or individual. This we do by means of active participation by the brethren in outreach projects proposed to and agreed by Conference, and by their financial support. We facilitate these projects and provide support for the brethren through our four Committees.

It is not within the remit of *CGOM* through its Conference to legislate doctrine or local practice. As our commonly-held foundation we all agreed to and accepted the basic *Statement of Beliefs* and traditions inherited from our previous association in the *Church of God International*. Through this *Statement* all of us are part of a worldwide brotherhood of shared faith.

Each local assembly and its individual members - answerable individually to Jesus Christ, and subject to his sanctions (Revelation 2 & 3) - is free to interpret the Scriptures according to conscience. No individual speaks for *CGOM* on doctrine. However, all are encouraged to maintain a unity of teaching. Any assembly which in general shares these fundamental beliefs is welcome to associate with *CGOM* in our mission.

ADDENDA

- The use of '*CGOM*' or its logo is for official statements/publications/projects agreed by Conference and by its delegated representatives. Thus *Fountain of Life*, *New Horizons*, *the CGOM Newsletter*, *Bible Basics*, *TODAY Newsletter*, and the *CGOM web-site* are 'official', having been accepted and promoted by Conference. Local newsletters, tapes, web-sites *etc* are issued under the name of the sponsoring local assembly, and are their sole responsibility. They should not be seen as necessarily reflecting a general *CGOM* position.
- *CGOM* sponsored Festival of Tabernacles sites are those designated by Conference.
- The services of the Research Panel are available for any brethren who seek guidance on any teaching. It is not the function of the Panel to make statements on behalf of *CGOM*, nor to present new teachings for Conference to debate.

It's our hope that co-operating assemblies and their leaders will abide by these principles. To ensure peaceful association, *CGOM* through its Conference of elders and stewards reserves the right to disassociate from those who breach these criteria. In order that the association is not brought into disrepute, it is expected that the leadership of those in association with *CGOM* will conduct themselves to the highest ethical standards.