

Policies

It must be understood that CNAL membership does not confer ordination or commissioning on a given apostle. CNAL does not “make” an individual an apostle. Only those who have previously been recognized as having the gift and office of apostle are accepted as members, and this recognition comes through and is maintained by the particular ecclesiastical network or apostolic ministry conferring the ordination or commissioning.

Because CNAL is a horizontal apostolic network, as over against a vertical network, CNAL does not provide “apostolic covering” or ‘spiritual covering” for its members. Although CNAL may not be a primary accountability structure for everyone, membership does imply a degree of apostolic accountability. Every member is accountable, in the broad sense of the word, to all other members and to the organization itself. When reproach comes upon one, potentially that reproach can come upon all.

Prospectus

Structure of CNAL

CNAL is apostolically led and prophetically influenced.

CNAL is primarily a professional society in which confirmed apostles are able to relate to and connect with each other. It is secondarily a training ground for “emerging” apostles.

CNAL focuses on the strategic development of creative strategies for combining apostolic efforts on the widest basis possible in order to fulfill Jesus’ great commission and mandates.

CNAL recognizes that autonomy is important for members of differing apostolic networks and business leaders. Leaders, who are the heads or “top” of networks, or marketplace CEOs, are technically “vertical” apostles. Vertical apostolic leaders have few mechanisms designed to fulfill their need to relate horizontally; to meet and work with their peers in anything other than a casual way. This is an important aspect of CNAL.

CNAL provides venues at the Annual Meeting to facilitate connections with like-minded apostolic leaders. These settings promote a structure of meaningful gatherings for peer-level apostles, representing both the nuclear and marketplace church. Here, apostles meet one another, build relationships, and exchange wisdom, knowledge, skills, and resources.

CNAL provides apostolic accountability

CNAL members are committed to maintaining the highest possible levels of integrity of personal character and operational methodology among its members. The CNAL Council gives oversight

and enforces the code of Biblical conduct required of each member to insure the standards of CNAL and maintain unity among the brethren (Psalm 133:1, Eph.4:3). This does not mean “covering.” CNAL does not ordain or cover individuals or groups of apostles.

CNAL Membership

Membership in CNAL is restricted to individuals who have been recognized by a significant segment of the church, including peer-level apostles, as having the gift of apostle and who have been ministering through this gift for a period of time.

Membership is attained only through the following process:

An invitation to join CNAL requires a nomination to be made and seconded by any two active CNAL members. Under extenuating circumstances where two nominators are not available, an explanation as to why there is no second nominee is weighed in the decision-making process. Nomination forms are available to CNAL apostles on the website, www.cnaleaders.com, or through the CNAL office.

Nominations by the two active members are then processed through the CNAL office and the Convening Apostle. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis as to whether official invitations will be extended.

When the invitation is accepted by the individual nominee, a membership application and related documents will be sent to the nominated apostle. This involves the nominee submitting a written application form as well as the payment of membership dues. The applicant is required to provide the contact information for a person who knows about the nominee’s ministry and to whom the applicant is accountable. CNAL will secure that person’s consent during the application approval process.

After the application is approved, the new CNAL apostle will be sent: a membership certificate suitable for framing, a unique password for access to the Members – Resources section of the website, and other relevant items and documents.

Annual Membership Fees

Membership fee is: N50,000.00

Fees may be paid in two instalments by cheque or cash.

Annual Meetings and Summits

The major structures for facilitating the interaction of apostles with one another are the Periodic Member Meeting and Annual Conferences in Nigeria as well as Annual ICAL Congress which currently takes place in the United States.

ICAL Annual Member's Congress

The Annual Congress is held in Dallas, Texas, the second week of November each year.

During the meeting, ICAL's Convening Apostle presents an annual State of ICAL and the Movement Report, the Apostolic Council is introduced and designated, and certain Ambassadorial Apostles may present Field Reports. The format also includes a mix of general sessions with individual speakers and panel sessions with as many as three members sharing on current relevant topics. Break and meal times are provided for meeting and networking.

ICAL is a professional society, therefore, only members are invited to speak or participate on panels in the annual meeting.

Speakers come at their own expense and are not paid an honorarium for their participation.

Each member is entitled to bring their spouse and anyone who is an apostle or someone whom they are mentoring/coaching, disciplining, or fathering in the apostolic.

There is no limit to the number of non-members a member can invite as long as they fit the above criteria for attendance. Members and guests will pay a registration fee (outlined in the Annual Conference details).

How CNAL is Administered

Coalition of Nigerian Apostolic Leaders is administered as a trustee religious organization and is registered at the Corporate Affairs Commission. Joseph Adewale Adefarasin is the Convening Apostle along with an Apostolic Council, made up of eleven other apostles, which gives advice and accountability. Thus, CNAL is governed by apostolic leadership in line with a strictly biblical-based form of government (episkopos and presbuteros).

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CNAL has an in-house Executive Administrator based in Lagos, Nigeria.

Apostolic Council

The Apostolic Council is currently composed of twelve (12) members which provides advice and accountability. CNAL members are free to bring any concerns which may arise to any or all council members.