God has called independent local churches to stand firm in doctrinal purity and to be holy for His purposes. However this does not mean that the local body need stand alone. IFCA International exists to provide an arena for independent churches and organizations to participate in the common cause of advancing biblical Christianity. This mission is guided by these foundational principles:

**Doctrinal Integrity**

IFCA International has a long history of standing firm for the fundamentals of the Christian faith. We are committed to preserving, defending and proclaiming the truth of the inerrant and all sufficient Word of God. The Bible adequately equips the believer and the church with a world view that understands the true nature and need of man. We provide a means of responding to the theological imprecision and carelessness of our day.

**Independence**

IFCA International values and preserves the independence of local churches. To be autonomous, however, must not be an expression of selfishness. Independence provides the liberty to be compliant with Scripture apart from outside control. An independent church uniquely fulfills the New Testament local church model with spiritual leadership which should be neither autocratic nor arrogant. Independence preserves the freedom to serve as the Spirit of God directs according to His sovereign plan and purpose, with dependence upon Christ as the Lord of the Church.

**Interdependence**

A deep sense of interdependence within IFCA International provides many opportunities to share ministry without sacrificing the local church’s autonomy. This trusted network of 2,000 churches, organizations, and Christian workers provides resources for the independent church and pastor. We are poised to help and offer a hand in ministry partnerships to all who share our doctrinal convictions and ministry vision.

**International**

IFCA International provides a unique partnership with local churches in world-wide fellowship, an immediate expansion of your local church ministry in connection with other like-minded local church fellowships across the globe. International connection affords many opportunities for joint participation with those of like precious faith and practice. This dynamic broadens the vision of your local church with an international network of trusted ministries that share biblical conviction and mutual concern. Missionaries plant churches and the national leaders organize into national fellowships. IFCA International is networked with those other national fellowships.

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