

International Missions Database for Churches of Christ

User's Agreement

The *International Missions Database* (IMD) is a cooperative venture of entities connected with Churches of Christ. It is coordinated by a Governing Council consisting of representatives of those entities and is chaired by the Executive Director of Missions Resource Network or his agent.

Purpose: The purpose of the IMD is to provide accurate statistical information about current and former missionaries to relevant organizations, churches, and individuals. "Relevant" is described in the restrictions listed below.

Security: Though the philosophy of the Governing Council is to share necessary information with all who may want it, we recognize the need to safeguard the personal information that missionaries have provided for the IMD. Access will therefore be limited to approved users only. The user name will be the Registered User's email address and the password will change monthly.

Approved Users: There are two groups of approved users:

1. Registered Users—Users who (1) agree to observe the restrictions below, (2) make application to and are approved by the Governing Council of the IMD and (3) pay the annual subscription noted below. The monthly password will be sent only to Registered Users.
2. Sponsored Users—Users who (1) are named by a Registered User, (2) agree to observe the restrictions below, and (3) are in the same organization as the Registered User. These may be colleagues or responsible students who need access to the IMD for purposes of research or providing assistance to the Registered User. Sponsored Users may range from short-term (1-30 days) or permanent access. Registered Users will distribute the monthly password only to their current Sponsored Users.

Restrictions: Registered and Sponsored Users may make general information in the IMD available to churches, organizations and interested individuals as they have need for it, with the following restrictions:

1. Only printed and oral information from the database, and not electronic access to the IMD, will be shared.
2. Information in the entire database shall not be given to anyone.
3. Information from the IMD shall not be used to create another database or to populate a competing database.
4. Information marked as "not for distribution" shall not be distributed to anyone.
5. Information shall not be given to individuals with known or suspected intentions of using it to hurt the work or endanger the missionaries.
6. An attempt shall be made to verify that the individual who is receiving data is who he or she claims to be, especially if there is any question that the data made available might be used to harm the work.
7. No more than the names of the missionaries in one country shall be made available for publication, either in a news account or other work, in written or electronic form, without express written consent of the IMD Governing Council. This does not exclude the publication of statistical tabulations made from researching in the database.
8. For safety reasons, no missionary names or their personal information gained from this database may be placed on a website without the written consent of the IMD Governing Council and the missionaries concerned.

9. Information in the database shall not be used for commercial purposes, nor shall it be distributed to individuals or firms who intend to use it for such purposes without the express written consent of the IMD Governing Council.
10. A Registered User may not have special computer routines and/or programs written to research the database without the written consent of the IMD Governing Council. Research from these computer routines and/or programs shall not be made public without the prior written consent of the appropriate Registered User or Users and the IMD Governing Council.