

Proposal for Reorganization of Alliance Bible Quizzing

The following proposal suggests a framework for reorganizing Alliance Bible Quizzing. Quizzing is an international ministry. District teams from both Canada and the United States compete in an annual event in addition to competitive meets within each participating district. Although not all districts actively promote quizzing, the program continues to play an important role in Alliance youth ministry in both countries. At its best, quizzing fosters Bible literacy, develops Christian character, and encourages healthy competition. It has proven to be an important component in the development of leaders, especially within the C&MA of Canada.

Life Impact Ministries (LIM), an office within Church Ministries in the United States, currently provides general oversight of International Bible Quizzing Competition. LIM is tasked to provide logistical support for disciplinemaking events hosted by various offices within Church Ministries—the most significant of which is LIFE, a national conference for youth in the United States. However, the office receives no funding from the Great Commission Fund. It maintains a unified operational budget encompassing expenses related to the administration and logistics for all sponsored events. Programming costs for each event are budgeted independently.

Life Impact Ministries has primary responsibility to provide logistical support and managing oversight for the annual International Bible Quizzing Competition. The LIM staff works in cooperation with a quizzing committee to coordinate the program for the International Bible Quizzing event. It has been directly involved in the management of the program even though quizzing is sponsored by the U.S. Alliance Youth Office.

This proposal segregates programming responsibilities from event planning responsibilities. It empowers a representative leadership team to assume responsibility for programming decisions, as well as matters of policy related to international competition. LIM continues to assume responsibilities in keeping with its mandate to facilitate disciplinemaking events for Church Ministries and to manage costs in order to remain financially viable and make each event self-supporting.

No doubt Quizzing would benefit from appointment of a full-time director as some have suggested. However, the proposal does not include provisions for the position since the U.S. Church Ministries is unable to provide even partial funding for such a post.

Policy for Alliance Bible Quizzing

1. Scope

This policy provides a collaborative framework for the development and governance of Alliance Bible Quizzing. It is intended to suggest a means by which quizzing and quizzing events can be promoted and coordinated. The policy assigns matters of program, policy, and procedure to a leadership team. Responsibilities for logistical support remain with the Office of Life

Impact Ministries (LIM).

2. International Quizzing Leadership Team (IQLT)

An international leadership team will give oversight to quizzing and coordinate policies and procedures in both Canada and the United States as follows:

A. Responsibilities

The IQLT will promote, coordinate, and provide general oversight for Alliance Bible Quizzing including but not limited to

- Developing and maintaining uniform policies
- Promote quizzing in districts in Canada and the United States
- Developing and managing an annual program budget
- Planning and giving oversight to the International Quizzing Competition
- Coordinating question writing, editing, and distributing the same
- Maintaining records and databases as necessary
- Maintaining the program's Web site

B. Composition

The IQLT shall consist of five persons chosen from among the district team leaders and/or adult coaches of district quizzing teams. Two members of the IQLT shall be chosen from Canadian team coaches to represent the interests of Alliance churches and districts in Canada. Three members shall be chosen from among U.S. team coaches. The director for Life Impact Ministries shall serve ex officio as an advisor to the leadership team to coordinate programming and appropriate support for the International Quizzing Competition.

C. Election

An election for team members shall be held annually or as often as the International Quizzing Competition is held and shall be by a majority vote of the participating district coaches. Each participating district shall be entitled to one vote.

D. Chairperson

The chairperson shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the team members.

C. Term

With the exception of the director for LIM who serves ex officio in an advisory capacity, members shall be elected to serve for a period of four years and shall be eligible for election to two successive terms.

3. Life Impact Ministries

Life Impact Ministries shall provide logistical support for the International Quizzing Competition and the director for LIM will provide operational oversight of the event.

- A. Life Impact Ministries shall recommend venues for the International Quizzing Competition to the IQLT for approval.
- B. Life Impact Ministries shall coordinate the International Quizzing event and act as the sole liaison between the IQLT and the staff of the venue.
- C. Life Impact Ministries will provide bookkeeping services, including billing and paying expenses for the IQLT as requested.

4. Budget and Finance

The IQLT shall prepare a balanced annual programming budget including operational expenses and fees for LIM's services. A copy of the budget shall be forwarded to the vice president for Canadian Ministries and the vice president for U.S. Church Ministries for their information. The IQLT shall provide annual financial reports to each respective national C&MA Church Ministries office.

5. Audit

The IQLT shall conduct an annual audit of the team's financial records and report to the vice president for each respective national C&MA Church in Canada and the United States. A three-member committee chosen by election at the annual quizzing competition by district quizzing leaders will perform a review of all financial records.

6. Amenability

The IQLT shall be responsible to the vice president for Canadian Ministries and the vice president for Church Ministries in the United States jointly.