

# OUR SACRED TRUST

*I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night...<sup>7</sup> Give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:6-7)*

*The sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary...shall come near...to minister to Me. (Ezek. 44:15)*

We consider our prayer room commitments as a sacred responsibility before the Lord for two reasons:

1. The Lord is “setting” watchman (intercessors) in place to pray 24/7 leading to the time when Jerusalem becomes a praise in the earth at Jesus’ return. Being “set” in place is sacred to us because the Lord Himself does it. This promise is specific to 24/7 prayer ministries in the generation in which the Lord returns. Jesus referenced this promise when He spoke of night and day prayer in the generation He returns (Lk. 18:7-8).

2. In May 1983, the Lord said audibly that He would establish 24-hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David. Thus, we consider it to be a sacred trust from the Lord to “keep” a 24/7 sanctuary of worship.

It takes 84 two-hour prayer meetings each week to maintain a 24-hour worship sanctuary. We ask each one to specify the prayer room hours that they are designating as being “set” by God on the wall of intercession.

We consider all of our staff to be *intercessory missionaries* as their vocation. David paid 4,000 singers and musicians and 4,000 gatekeepers to serve in the house of God as their full-time occupation (1 Chr. 23:5).

Building our missions base around the occupation of an intercessory missionary implies three things.

1. Each staff member is to establish a foundation of prayer in their personal life.
2. Each staff member is to participate in our sacred mandate to keep a 24/7 worship sanctuary.
3. As part of our job, each one engages in prayer for the work of the kingdom to go forth more effectively.

Those with an “*Anna calling*” can substitute as many service hours with prayer room hours as they want. Anna spent many hours each day in the house of prayer (Lk. 2:37). The “Anna calling” is our most intense expression of an intercessory missionary (less than 10% of the IHOP staff identify this as their calling).

Only designate the prayer room hours that are part of your occupation as an intercessory missionary, not those that extend beyond your vocational commitments that express your private devotion to the Lord.

**INTERCESSORY MISSIONARY STAFF – VOCATIONAL:** *(minimum weekly commitments)*

- FULL-TIME STAFF:** 50 hours a week  
12 prayer meetings (24 hours), 24 service hours, and Partner Development (2 hours)
- PART-TIME STAFF:** 25 hours a week  
6 prayer meetings (12 hours), 12 service hours, and Partner Development (1 hour)
- STUDENT STAFF:** 12 prayer meetings (24 hours), student requirements, and Partner Development

**INTERCESSORY MINISTRY TEAM – VOLUNTARY:** *(minimum weekly commitments)*

- PRAYER ROOM STAFF:** 6 prayer meetings (12 hours), Monthly All Staff Meeting *(optional)*
- COMMUNITY INTERCESSOR:** 2 prayer meetings or more; list the total number: \_\_\_\_\_

**General requirements for full-time and part-time staff:**

1. Attend all prayer meetings on your Sacred Trust.
  2. Honor the service hours to which you commit.
  3. Attend the monthly All-Staff meeting and one FCF service each weekend (as part of staff training).  
*FCF services can qualify as service hours (or prayer room hours if you serve during the ministry time).*
- The exceptions to these requirements are for travel, sickness, emergencies, or IHOP sanctioned events.***

# INTERCESSORY MISSIONARY STAFF - VOCATIONAL

**By the grace of God, for the next 12 months I make three specific commitments:**

1. I purpose to help keep charge of the sanctuary by faithfully attending the prayer meetings that I designate on my Sacred Trust. The exceptions are for travel, sickness, emergencies, or IHOP sanctioned events. I commit to acknowledge to my supervisor each time that I do not attend a prayer meeting on my sacred trust.
2. I purpose to honor my service commitments knowing that others are counting on my work.
3. I purpose to attend the monthly All-Staff Meetings and one FCF service each week (as part of staff training).

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** If I do not submit this form before June 1, I am communicating my desire to exit IHOP staff and relinquish my privileges and responsibilities as a staff member, including payroll, as of July 1, 2011.

## INTERCESSORY MINISTRY TEAM *(applies to prayer room staff and community intercessors)*

For the next 12 months, I purpose to help keep charge of the sanctuary by attending the prayer meetings as I designate on my Sacred Trust (exceptions are for travel, sickness, emergencies, or IHOP sanctioned events).

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYER MEETINGS PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Prayer Room*

*Only list the prayer meetings that fulfill your Sacred Trust commitment. Do not list more than 12*

<u>Day &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
e.g. Monday, 10 am	e.g. GPR
Friday, 6 pm	FCF
Friday, 8 pm	FCF
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____
11. _____	_____
12. _____	_____

### *Service Hours*

*Service hours include all department activities, outreaches, team meetings, Bible studies, and training events (EGS, FCF, IHOPU), etc.*

<u>Department/Ministry</u>	<u>Hours</u>
e.g. Marketing	12
Ushering	4
Shuttling	8
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- *Ushering in the sanctuary may be designated as prayer or service hours, but not both.*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION** *(Please print clearly)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

***Please check this box if your Sacred Trust info or schedule has changed.***