

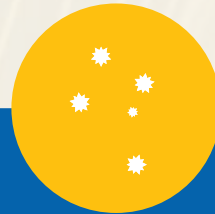


SOUTHERN CROSS

ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

To equip God's people for works of service.

EPHESIANS 4:12



Welcome to the Southern Cross Association of Churches.

The Southern Cross is a constellation in the Southern sky. Visible and distinct, the Southern Cross has for centuries been a directional beacon and symbol of hope. In the twenty first century, an amazing era of God's grace is unfolding. We are entering a time of divine acceleration. God has released His Spirit to bring the Church into fullness and destiny. This is a sovereign work of the Lord to prepare the Bride for the Bridegroom.

John & Elaine McElroy

A NEW PROTOTYPE

Southern Cross is a vibrant, innovative, relational, international network of Christian Ministries. Our goal is to see God's Kingdom established and to equip the saints for ministry. Southern Cross began in March 1999 in Perth, Western Australia. Since then, we have grown to include over 200 church and marketplace ministries around the world.

As an Apostolic Network, we are committed to returning to the priorities and practices of Jesus and the Apostles. We are developing prototypes and working models of ministries that are apostolically configured. Apostolic prototypes focus on four priorities: the Kingdom of God, building community, equipping and deploying.

Jesus' message was the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is the government of God, where His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. When Jesus sent His followers to disciple nations and teach them to obey all He has commanded (Matthew 28:18-20), He was giving a Kingdom mandate.

The Apostles established the community of the Kingdom, the local church. Churches have three priorities: building Kingdom communities, equipping the saints, and deploying the saints into the world. Our prototype embodies this apostolic pattern.



COMMUNITY



ADVANCING
THE KINGDOM
OF GOD

DEPLOYING

EQUIPPING



SHAPING KINGDOM COMMUNITIES



Within Southern Cross, we believe churches should be 'Kingdom Communities'. The local church plays a foundational role in shaping believers to be part of God's Kingdom. In our local church, we are taught to love God and His Word. In the local church we find a safe community where we learn how to advance God's Kingdom in the earth. Southern Cross equips our members in Ten Kingdom Priorities that transform churches into 'Kingdom Communities'.

TEN KINGDOM PRIORITIES

- 1 Making disciples of Jesus Christ who are mature and able to reproduce themselves (2 Timothy 2:2)
- 2 Advancing the Kingdom of God in every realm of society [the 7 mountains: Education, Religion, Family, Business, Govt., Arts/Ent., Media] (Matthew 28:18-20)
- 3 Restoring the function of the five-fold equipping ministries (Ephesians 4:11-13)
- 4 Understanding and living in our identity as New Covenant believers (Ephesians 2:6)
- 5 Building true biblical community on the pattern in the book of Acts (Acts 2:42-47)
- 6 Training believers to embrace a biblical, versus an atheistic or humanistic worldview (2 Timothy 3:16)
- 7 Restoring within the Body of Christ a culture of sonship and honour (Ephesians 5:21)
- 8 Training believers to understand and move in the supernatural power of God (1 Corinthians 2:4-5)
- 9 Turning the hearts of spiritual fathers and mothers to the children to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17)
- 10 Sending and deploying believers into missional activities outside the local church (Acts 1:8)

Five-fold Ministries
(Equip the Saints)

Ten Kingdom Priorities
(Making Disciples)

Local Church
(Kingdom Communities)

Discipling Nations



SOUTHERN CROSS VALUES

Jesus Christ is the Church's only foundation and His Gospel is the heart of our message. Southern Cross has no formal doctrinal statement. The following expresses our seven core values. ►





THE BIBLE

The Bible is our final authority. Our approach to life and ministry is guided by the counsel of the Old and New Testaments. [2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17]

PRAYER

Seeking God, listening for His voice, and submitting to His guidance formed the very foundation of Jesus' ministry on earth. [EPHESIANS 6:18]

UNITY

We are passionate about the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer for the unity of His Body and we work for Christian unity wherever we are. [JOHN 17:21]

EQUIPPING

Our mandate is to see all Christians be equipped and released to do the work of ministry in accordance with their gifts. [EPHESIANS 4:11-13]

SPIRITUAL PARENTING

We want to see the hearts of the fathers and mothers turned to their spiritual children. Our goal is to make disciples who make disciples. [MALACHI 4:5-6]

EMPOWERING RELATIONSHIPS

Empowering relationships should take precedence over programmes and busyness. Relationship is the basis of trust, and crucial to making effective disciples. [HEBREWS 10:24-25]

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

We respect God's call on the life of every believer and are committed to Kingdom relationships that are safe, respectful, honest, and genuinely beneficial. [2 CORINTHIANS 3:17]

THE BENEFITS OF SOUTHERN CROSS MEMBERSHIP

Official Endorsement and Ordination, Leadership Events, Apostolic Consultations, Regional Support Groups and Cutting Edge Resources.

OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT & ORDINATION

The Australian Federal Government has granted Southern Cross recognition as an official religious organisation. This enables the Association to nominate qualified persons for marriage celebrant status. We recognise God's call to ministry through conducting ordination services for our members.

LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Southern Cross hosts regular events featuring cutting-edge speakers who equip the saints through revelatory teaching and spiritual impartation. Nationally, we host Leadership Advance events in various Australian cities that bring together members in a retreat-type setting. Internationally, we provide opportunities for members to gather through regular online equipping events.



REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Throughout Australia, and in the nations of South Africa, Kenya, Brazil and Chile, support groups meet regularly to minister to each other. We conduct regular mission trips to visit and encourage these support groups around the world.

APOSTOLIC CONSULTATIONS

Through our network of ministries, we can arrange consultations with experienced leaders in various aspects of apostolic ministry.


CUTTING EDGE RESOURCES

Southern Cross is committed to providing our members with advice and support with the most up to date, effective and Spirit-led resources. Members can access resources, including videos and podcasts, through our website.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The expenses of running the Network are met from membership fees, income from special events, and voluntary gifts. Membership dues are paid annually, July to June, and based on the type of membership requested. A full description of membership types is available on our website.

HOW TO JOIN SOUTHERN CROSS



Prospective members can apply by completing the Membership Application form that is available through our website. Upon acceptance, new members will receive a Certificate of Membership and are entitled to all network services, discounts and benefits. Members will then be invoiced annually. Applications are welcome from any person in Christian leadership regardless of age or denominational affiliation (pastors, para-church ministries, lay persons, Christian business people, students, etc).

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Southern Cross is led by the Director,
Dr John McElroy and a team of regional
network facilitators: ▼

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The logo features a stylized Southern Cross constellation of seven white stars of varying sizes arranged in a cross pattern.
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