



ALL INDIA INDEPENDENT CHURCHES DIOCESE (AIIC-DIOCESE)

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AIMS OF AIIC—DIOCESE

Aiic- Diocese is the First independent churches Diocese in India. Until this time, the independent churches were scattered because they were not recognized by the main line churches .And at that time by the inspiration of God , in the year 2009,a Diocese was established by me which came into existence as All India Independent Churches Diocese, to look into the tribulations faced by the independent church pastors. Before the Aiic diocese formation, it was started as Aiic Union in the year 2006 by me. The reason to start this union was the atrocities faced by the independent church pastors in India at that time.

DIOCESE—Diocese means a congregation under the Supervision of A Bishop.

EPISCOPAL: Episcopal means the group of the Bishops. Christian administration means, administration of Churches administered by Bishops. This power was given by the Supreme Court of the India to the Bishops and Diocese to perform the marriages for the Christians and further were given to the Societies and the Churches which come under the purview of the Diocese to perform special marriages under 1872 Act and Orders were issued to all dioceses under the Christian marriages Act as envisaged in the Constitution.

AIIC-Diocese : There are about 10,000 independent churches working under this Diocese. Several churches have been registering their names every month. Independent churches are under the control of AIIC and are preaching the Gospel , not only in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states but also in Maharashtra,Karnataka,O rissa,Chattisgarh,Bihar,Punjab,Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

The 1872 Act is limited only to the Dioceses viz...(R.C.M)Roman Catholics, Protestants, C.S.I, C.N.I, Lutherans, Methodist, Syrian Orthodox etc. The Independent churches and the pastors are being looked down by the above Dioceses. The pastors of the Independent churches are being put to mental trauma on the premise that they are not recognized Churches. Due to the above reasons, AIIC—DIOCESE is registered with the Central Government and got affiliated to the EPISCOPAL group, as per the International standards.

AIIC—DIOCESE INDIAN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES ACT 1872

An Act in regards to Christian marriages was brought into existence by decoding the terms in the following manner.

The 1872 Act was enacted by the migrated British rulers. Thousands of English Christians got settled in India by that time for various reasons. Because of the Preaching of the Gospel by the Christian Preachers, lakhs of Gentiles Embraced Christianity. The Word “Christians” suggests foreign Christians who settled here and the word “Indian Christians” suggests to those who embraced Christianity from other religions.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ONLY ENTITLED FOR PERFORMING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES.

1. If the Pastors/reverends are appointed through the Aiic- Diocese, the marriage should be performed according to the terms and conditions of the concerned Church and according to the rites and customs of the diocese.
2. If it is the Clergymen of the Scotland, the marriage should be performed according to the Convention that is practiced in Scotland.
3. The clergyman of the Church in Scotland and any Priest is in Scotland Licensed to perform the marriages under the Act.
4. The marriage should be performed in the presence of the Registrar of Marriages appointed under this Act.(In case of marriages performed in the Office of the Registrar, the details of the Couple will be put on

the Notice Board One month before the marriage. The marriages will be performed after 30 days).

5. Aiic-Diocese pastors, reverends are authorized to issue certificates in respect of the marriages between Indian Christians.
6. Registrar General of Birth ,Death and Marriage certificates means Registrar General appointed under the Birth ,Death and Marriage Registrations Act, 1886.According to the 1886 Act, The pastors who are authorized from the Aiic Diocese can issue the Birth, Death and Marriage certificates.

Note: It is relevant to know here that under clauses 1 & 2, the Church shall appoint the Priests. According to these clauses and according to the Orders issued by the Government, the pastors are given authority to perform the marriages under the Aegis of AIIC—DIOCESE.

CONDITION: The marriage should be held strictly in the Church. Even though there is no caste in Christianity, there are different denominations. The marriages of the people of a particular denomination should be held in accordance with the rites and customs of the denomination. The marriage should be held in the Minister of Religion by the pastors or Reverends (Father). This is a Compulsory. Otherwise the marriage should be held in the presence of the Registrar of marriages or the authority concerned who is competent to issue the marriage certificates.

“Minor” means a Girl who has not completed 18 years of age. And a Boy who has not completed 21 years of age.

THE PASTORS WHO ARE AUTHORISED TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGES THROUGH THE DIOCESE SHOULD STRICTLY FOLLOW THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GIVEN BELOW.

1. The authority given for solemnizing the marriage should not be transferred to other pastors for solemnizing the marriages.
2. Both the bride and the bridegroom should be majors(Women should be of 18 years and the men should be of 21 years of age).
3. The divorced should get certificate from the court and widowed and widower should get death or required certificates issued by their specified Municipalities and should be produced before one month of the marriage.
4. Marriages can also be performed for those who migrate from the Western countries.
5. The marriage declaration should be announced before the Congregation on three Consecutive Sundays.
6. The marriage certificate should be issued to the Couple as declared.
7. The Couple should be given marriage certificate by filling up the details in the form No. IV Schedule.
8. Form No.4 should be given to the Government marriage Registrar of your village within 10 days and the Form No. IV should contain the Signatures and the rubber Stamp, Photostat copy of this form should be sent to the office of the Diocese.
9. At the time of depositing of the form No. IV and at the time of performing the marriage, the Pastor should wear a clergy shirt, a stole. Otherwise the marriage will not be valid.
10. The marriage certificates can be sent through the Registered post. It should be sent only through acknowledgement due and the acknowledgement card should be carefully preserved.
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12. The For Stamp Seal should be prepared as follows:-

(a) Name of the Church	:	Ex. For CCF Church
(b) Signature	:	
(c) Name of the Reverend	:	Rev. Abraham Peter
(d) Aiic—Diocese Ordained Minister	:	AIIC-DIOCESE Ordained Minister
(e) Mandal, village & District	:	Vijayawada—1 AP

12. Round Stamp Seal should be prepared.
 - 1) Name of the Church, Village, District and state should be given inside the Seal : ROUND SEAL
 - 2) There should be AIIC—DIOCESE in the middle of the Seal.
 - 3) License No. Should be given. In the center of the Round seal Ex. 0011/AP/2012.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR GETTING LICENSE

1. Your Original Baptism certificate to be attached.
2. You should get certificate on letter head from a pastor of your area showing that you have worked as a pastor for 5 years (Certificate).
3. Your postcard size photo showing you in front of the Church Board.
4. Post card size photo of your Family.
5. Your Testimony containing not less than five pages to be attached.
6. 7th Class or 10th Class School certificates to be attached. Otherwise your birth certificate to be attached.(Issued by Tahsildhar or Medical Officer).
7. Civil Supplies Card,Aadhar Card,Voter Card and your Church registration Certificate to be duly attached.
8. 20 passport size photos and Aadhar Card to be Submitted.
9. You should get your Shirt Stitched or You can have the Clergy shirt by paying Rs 700/- to the Diocese.
10. You should wear the stole. You can have it by paying Rs 700/-(you should not wear the other Stoles).
11. Each Baptism Certificate Book costs Rs 100/-.
12. Each marriage bond Certificate costs Rs 100/-.
13. The CD containing songs of Worship costs Rs 50/- each and the DVD containing videos songs will cost Rs100/-.

Note:- If you want above said materials you can get them By paying extra postal charges. (Conditions apply)

BENEFITS OF AIIC—DIOCESE

1. Each Independent church gets affiliation through DIOCESE.
2. Recommendations will be made to the Funding Agencies through Bishops of AIIC—DIOCESE for getting Funds for charity works i.e..voluntary service Programmes.
3. Power to perform the marriages of those who come in the purview of the DIOCESE.
4. Protection shall be given to every Independent Church and they will be protected from riots.
5. Certificates related to Theology like D.Th, B.D, M.Th, and D.D shall be issued to the Independent pastor according to their qualifications (conditions apply).
6. Those who want to become Bishop from each district can contact us and they will be consecrated by THE ARCHBISHOP.
7. Registration shall be done to your Church through DIOCESE(Conditions apply).
8. PAN Cards will be issued to the members and auditing shall be done by A Chartered Accountant, through DIOCESE(Conditions apply).
9. You will get relief funds through DIOCESE under F.C.R.A.,12-A and 80 G.
10. Recommendations shall be made for Construction of the Churches through Government and state Minority Corporation.
11. Group marriages for poor Christians shall be performed by the government and the amount shall be arranged through the Government to meet the marriage expenses.

12. Free Accommodation shall be arranged in the guest house at Hyderabad Central DIOCESE Office for the pastors who come from other districts,states,countries.

DETAILS OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT TO THE DIOCESE OFFICE AND REGISTRAR OFFICE AFTER PERFORMING THE MARRIAGES

1. Marriage certificate—Form—4 Original copies to be sent.
2. Xerox copies of the Certificates to be attached before the First Bann Announcement.
3. Xerox copies of the Certificates to be attached after the Announcement.
4. Certificate copies of the Baptism of the bridegroom and the bride to be attached.
5. Consent Agreement to be executed by the bridegroom and the bride on bond paper and to be attached.
6. Consent Agreement to be executed by the parents of the bride on bond paper and to be attached.
7. Consent Agreement to be executed by the parents of the bridegroom on bond paper and to be attached.
8. The Pastor should wear Clergy shirt and the Stole. On the wedding day a photos should be taken along with the Bridegroom and the Bride, which is to be duly attached.
9. Proof of the sending of documents to the Registrar's office and wedding card to be sent to the DIOCESE Office.
10. License to be duly renewed every year.
11. Rs 200/- to be paid for each marriage and renewal fee of Rs 500/- to be duly paid.
12. As Evidence of the age of the bride and the bridegroom,Xerox copy of the ration card and their Study certificates along with the above mentioned certificates to be sent to the DIOCESE office as well as to the Registrar of Marriages duly within 30 days.

CENTRAL DIOCESE OFFICE TO WHICH DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT

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Note:- All disputes' are subjected to Hyderabad Jurisdiction