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## Justice House of Prayer – Core Values

The following list constitutes the core values embraced by the JHOP community. We are mindful that our Christian life is not a performance or work of man-made efforts. Rather, we seek to walk out our faith in obedience by the grace of God and promote Biblical values and models.

### **Intimacy with Jesus**

Intimacy with Jesus is our ultimate goal and highest reward (Jn 15:1-11, Jn 17:24).

### **24/7 Worship and Prayer**

In the spirit of an unending chorus of worship and ceaseless prayer, we desire to minister to the Lord day and night and to cry out for “speedy justice” (Lk 18:1-8) from a dedicated geographical location. In essence, our desire is to move beyond the mindset of prayer meetings and to inspire and nurture a culture of prayer (Is 56:7, Mt 21:13).

### **The Holy Scriptures — The Word of God**

The Bible is the eternal (Mt 24:35), infallible (Ps 12:6), unhindered (2 Ti 2:9), and inspired (2 Ti 3:16-17) Word of God, and as such we desire to search out the Scriptures (Ac 17:11) to better understand them and apply them to our lives (2 Ti 2:15).

### **Nazirite Consecration — A Fasted Lifestyle**

Like the forerunner John the Baptist, we desire to live a fasted lifestyle because of our devotion to the Bridegroom, Jesus (Jn 3:29). We voluntarily refuse the legitimate pleasures of this world in exchange for the extreme pleasure of knowing God (Ps 16). This passion for Jesus is born not of legalism, but out of love. The vow of the Nazirite (Nu 6:1-21) is an Old Testament picture of the New Testament reality of the greatest commandment (Mt 22:36-38).

### **Intercession as Mission**

We believe that God challenges the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil (Ep 6:12) through His Church (Ep 3:10-11), and He sets intercessors in strategic places (Is 62:6-7) to contend for breakthrough and restrain wickedness. Intercessors are often called to take their prayers right into the center of crisis (Nu 16:46-48). History belongs to the intercessor. This is a vital part of the ministry of Christ’s body that serves the whole (1 Co 12:14-27).

### **Governmental Intercession**

Prayer and intercession “for kings and all those in authority” (1 Ti 2:1-4) is a priority. We desire to see our earthly government (Rm 13:1-7) transformed to reflect the values of the kingdom of God, which is built on righteousness and justice.

### **Community Living**

To us, community living is essential and not simply an option. We intentionally live in community because we desire to be one in heart and mind (Ac 2:42-47, Ac 4:32) in our pursuit of God and agreement in prayer (Mt 18:19-20).

### **Covenant Relationships**

The concept of covenant and covenant relationships is a profound Scriptural value that we desire to walk out within the community. Our relationships are not merely humanistic friendships, but God-centered and God-ordained. These bonds are not easily broken (1 Sa 18:1-4, 2 Sa 9:1-13, 2 Sa 21:7).

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## **Prophetic Ministry — Dreams and Visions**

We desire to be a “company of prophets” who seek to be friends that the Lord can share his secret counsel with (Am 3:7, Ge 18:17, Joel 2:28, Ac 2:17-18). We value prophetic ministry because it enhances our relationship with the Lord, it encourages us and it is a helpful and useful guide (1 Ti 1:18, Mt 2:13, 19-20, Ac 16:9-10).

## **Kingdom Influence through Spiritual Warfare — The Supremacy of Christ**

We believe that a primary calling of Christianity is to wrestle with and prevail over spiritual principalities, powers and demonic influences (Ep 3:10-11, Ep 6:10-13, Lk 11:21-22, Col 2:15) in the land. We engage in aggressive prayer, fasting and intercession in order to gain “air supremacy” for the in-break of God’s purposes (Mt 6:9-10), removal of demonic influences (Da 10:1-14) and societal reformation (Col 1:15-20).

## **Generational Transfer**

In the last days, the Lord promised to send the Spirit of Elijah who would “turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers” (Mal 4:5-6, Lk 1:17). We are committed to the principle of generational transfer through fathering and discipleship.

## **Holy Activism**

Because of the urgency of the hour, we believe that the House of Prayer needs to be a staging ground for holy activism and “putting feet to our prayers” (Ja 2:18-24). We believe that God initiates divine mandates with secret strategy for the purposes of effectively advancing His kingdom and the liberation of people held captive by wicked power structures, destructive cultural mindsets and policies and oppressive behavior.

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## Howells Initiative – Standards and Guidelines

### **BASIC GUIDELINES**

#### **Teachability / Servanthood**

We ask that each intern be teachable, willing to learn, and sincere in his or her pursuit of holiness. Each intern's commitment to God and to one another is to walk in love, service and humility during the entire time of the internship.

#### **Dating**

Interns cannot date or court during the internship. Exception: interns in a prior relationship before beginning the internship may continue in the relationship.

#### **Vacation**

Under normal circumstances, interns cannot take personal breaks during the internship. Interns should plan ahead and keep their time here as a focused season to seek the Lord.

#### **Vehicle / Transportation**

Interns cannot bring their own vehicles to the JHOP DC internship due to parking constraints. Transportation during the dates of the internship will be provided and included in tuition for required activities. We will also provide transportation to pick you up and take you to approved airports if you are accepted into the program.

#### **Housing / Community**

Housing is provided by JHOP DC and included in the cost of tuition. One of JHOP DC's core values is a strong sense of community. Staff and Interns live in the housing provided. Separate rooms and restrooms will be provided for each gender. We ask that you be good stewards of the property God has given us. Daily/Weekly chores around the house are a regularly scheduled part of your internship.

#### **Personal Expenditures**

Interns are required to have sufficient funds to cover all personal and living expenses incurred throughout the internship; i.e. toiletries, dining out, free time expenses, etc.

#### **Food**

All Meals are provided during your internship. If you wish to have snacks of your own please make sure to keep them labeled and limited.

#### **Flexibility**

Flexibility is key. JHOP DC will do their best to honor the schedule in place. Due to spontaneous and unforeseen events, there may be necessary changes in community circumstances and prayer assignments. Be prepared for adjustments in schedules and assignments.

#### **Fasting**

Fasting is encouraged at JHOP DC. We believe that fasting brings breakthrough and a tenderness to the heart in an accelerated way. God is able to use our weakness in fasting to bring forth glory to His name. There will be at least one "corporate fast" during your internship at JHOP DC. All "personal fasts" lasting longer than one week must be discussed with leadership ahead of time. Special food needed for "personal fasts" must be purchased by the individual.

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## **Consecration / Holiness**

The JHOP DC leadership expects staff members (including interns), to make a personal commitment to live counter to prevailing worldly mindsets.

Sexuality:

- We do not participate in, advocate, support, or condone sexual activity outside of marriage.
- We uphold the New Testament view of the sanctity of sex in the context of marriage between one man and one woman. We uphold the teachings of Jesus and the apostles as outlined in the Bible as our primary authority and moral guide. We seek to lead lives of sexual purity, which includes calling actions of sexual union outside of the marriage covenant "sin." Such sinful actions include premarital and extramarital sex, be it heterosexual or homosexual in nature. We honor the dignity and rights of all whose opinion differs from ours and work with many who may hold such differing views.
- We affirm that marriage is exclusively between one man and one woman as set forth in Scripture.

Alcohol:

We choose to abstain from alcohol as a voluntarily fast.

Tobacco / Illegal Drugs:

- We choose to abstain from tobacco as a voluntary fast.
- All illegal drugs are forbidden. Any use of illegal substances will result in the immediate termination of your participation and provided housing.
- Prescription drugs are allowed if under doctor supervision. We will honor your privacy, but please make us aware in advance of any conditions that may effect your involvement in the program.

## **Weapons**

No weapons are allowed during your time in Washington DC.

## **Questions**

We encourage healthily discussion for spiritual maturity and growth. When difficult questions arise, whether personal or theological in nature, please direct them to leadership.

## **Leadership**

It is expected that all interns will be responsive to those in authority, maintain good attitudes and show respect at all times for teachers, administrators, and personnel in charge of a given area of leadership.

***Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. (Rm 12:10-11)***

## **Guests**

Personal visits must be limited to free time, not interfering with the regularly schedule program.

## **Guest Housing**

We cannot provide housing for guests.