

INDEPENDENT AND SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has Supporting Ministries but no Independent Ministries.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

- ❖ They work in harmony with our church.
- ❖ They help our church to advance its mission.
- ❖ They do not take the offering and tithes of our members to run their ministries and for themselves.
- ❖ They turn their tithes in to the Conference.
- ❖ They do not speak against the church, undermine the church, divide the church, pull away from the church, or hurt the church.
- ❖ They do not criticize the church leaders.
- ❖ They do not seek to get a following for themselves.
- ❖ They do not run a parallel movement that conflicts with the churches' services and other activities.
- ❖ They work in harmony with the teachings and policies of the church.
- ❖ Maranatha International and 3ABN are supporting Ministries of our church.

CHARACTERISTICS OF INDEPENDENT MINISTRIES

- ❖ They do not work in harmony with the church.
- ❖ They do not help the church to advance its mission.
- ❖ They criticize the church, undermine the church, divide the church, and hurt the church and draw away members from the church.
- ❖ They seek to get a following so that they can get the tithes and offerings of the members of the church.
- ❖ They would run services and other activities that conflict with our church services and activities.
- ❖ They do not evangelize to get their own members; they work on new converts and weak members of our church to win them over on their side. They use CD's and DVD's and private Bible studies in homes.

- ❖ They believe they have a mandate from God to keep the church straight.
- ❖ They teach a lot of funny things that are not Bible-based.
- ❖ Leaders and members need to watch out for these people, point them out to members, stay away from them, and put them out of the church if they come to disrupt the church service and distribute their false doctrines.