

## Welcome to the Yahad Congregational Membership

Our goal in the Yahad is to bring back insofar as possible the original movement of Yahshua (Jesus), Ya'aqov (his brother James) and all the apostles. Today we know this faith as Messianic or, more specifically Enochan Judaism, and commonly, the Essene Faith. In our association we have much diversity, as did the early followers of the Master.

Our primary directives include:

- the Revelation of the Elect of YHWH
- the Restoration of Creation
- caring for the oppressed
- staying unspotted from the immorality of our world.

We fulfill these directives to the best of our ability, as do you!

The Yahad has many resources to help and to grow a congregation. These include:

1. Many books and texts for download free or purchase at very low prices. Also siddurim and service music of all kinds for Shabbatot and daily prayer. Our services were created with the ancient Essenes in mind rather than the rabbinical stuff used in Messianic Jewry today.
2. We have a large group of thinkers, pastors and teachers, all well-versed in the canonical scriptures, the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient Nazorean literature and the priestly calendar. Many of these have extensive podcast and video as well as Youtube channels to help your congregation to learn the primitive way. To our knowledge, no other organization offers training from the materials of the 1<sup>st</sup> century Jerusalem assembly; materials such as the Didache, Epistle of Barnabas and 1 – 3 Enoch.
3. We have boot camps and festival gatherings several times a year in different locations. These are full of great teaching, fellowship, and other things to help you. Most of our events are either free or inexpensive. In 2016, we did at least six major events in different states so as to make it convenient for congregational leaders to attend. We would also be open to bringing the Boot Camp entourage to your city.
4. We have continual live educational events using the ZOOM communication client – often six per week. Subjects include pastoral care, ancient literature, apocalyptic and prophetic literature, calendar, history of many sorts - and much more.
5. We offer many of the books found in the Dead Sea Scrolls and others previously lost to history, and commentaries on them – rescued books such as *Clementine Recognitions* aka *Nazarene Acts of the Apostles*, *Slavonic Josephus*, *Secrets of Enoch*, and most of the Old and New Testament Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha including the *Temple Scroll*, from which we take some of the Torah.
6. We offer ministerial ordination in the Apostolic Succession and preaching / teaching licenses. If you want to do jail or hospital ministries, you need a license from a recognized covering organization. Indeed, the Vero Essene Yahad is chartered as a religious organization in Florida, is able to offer tax receipts for donations, all ow your organization to do the same. And of course, we offer you courses to ensure that you are ready for professional ministry.
7. Perhaps the greatest benefit for you and your congregation is the fellowship and support of some of the most wonderful people in the world – the Yahad – whose members always stand as one in unity despite personal diversity and beliefs, and unity without the conflict and strife-at-the-heart of so many religious organizations.

Here are some responsibilities of your congregation to be received and kept to remain in good standings.

1. Use of the Sacred names, Yahweh, Yah, Yeshua, Yahovah, etc. We do not use names like God, G-d, Lord, Hashem, Eyeh, etc. out of respect for the Father.
2. Observance of Sabbath and the biblical feasts per the commandment.
3. Must observe the biblical eating guide. No pork shell fish, shrimp, etc. so as to keep the body ritually clean. Some in our movement eat meat, others do not. This should not be a cause for division. If one eats meat, let him eat clean meat.
4. Each congregation must pay its yearly fee to keep in good standings. It is kept at a low rate so all may afford it. The VEY incurs cost in order to function. We share in the benefits and cost.
5. As stated above, all congregations must do their best to stay unspotted from this world, to live above reproach as our forefathers did. As an Essene Yahad, we are called to be a light and show the way.