



Jesus Grace Center Church

Grace Communion International in the Netherlands and Flanders

Grace Communion International is an evangelical church with members in over 90 countries. The church was founded in 1933 and exists since 1967 in the Netherlands. There are six congregations in the Dutch-speaking area: Almere, Zwolle, Antwerp, Tiel, Leeuwarden and Koog a/d Zaan.

As a church we primarily seek for an ever deeper and closer relationship with God, our Father and Jesus Christ. God has the highest place in both our personal lives and within our community of believers.

We want to be a church where the joy, grace and love of God are tangible and visible for everyone. We pray God to help us grow closer to Him and each other. And to grant us the strength, wisdom and love to do his work on this earth. We also want to provide our members with an environment where they can deepen their relationship with God and help them to reach their fullest and sanctification.

It is our prayer that our members will grow to be more Christlike in character and love and follow His example. That way, they can be a light to their environment and offer

hope and love to the many people who do not know God yet.

Mission of the Church

Grace Communion International participates in the mission of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to disclose His love and mercy and reconciliation made possible by Jesus Christ, to all of humanity. We live and share the gospel, in which we want to build all kinds of congregations, for all people, in all possible places. The Church strives to fulfill this mission by:

- **building healthy Christ-centered communities** that are safe places for worship, friendship, spiritual nourishment and pastoral care
- **offering healthy biblical teaching**, through congregations, modern media and personal involvement in relevant and meaningful ways for people of different backgrounds and ages
- **passing on God's love, in our daily lives** to everyone, through the work of the Holy Spirit
- **equipping people for Christian service** through involvement in alleviating needs in the community, so that the Gospel can be known, be understood and be experienced
- **sharing the gospel with the broader Christian community** in the knowledge that we can learn from each other and

know that the love of Christ has no denominational boundaries.



Vision

Being a Christian is not about complicated theories or doctrines, but about warm and caring relationships and a new way of life. All our relationships throughout our lives are rooted in God's love. From this love we change and as individuals and as a church we act differently with God and our neighbor. In addition to that, we are focused *upwards, inwards and outwards*.

The relationship with God

Our orientation "upwards" refers to our relationship with God. We give our Creator and Father the honor, glory, adoration and our gratitude. We talk with Him in our prayers, we listen to His Word through Bible study and meditation and we are in the service of His will and work. We do this individually, but also when we congregate as the Body of Christ. In our minds and our hearts we learn to love God with our whole being. We praise Him

and know that we depend on everything from Him. We confess with our mouth that Jesus is our Lord. And with our whole body we serve Him and do His will in this world. With everything we do, we belong to Him, and we learn step by step how to fully surrender to Him and ourselves to His will. Within the gatherings, and in our lives, the relationship with God is the most important. This is expressed concretely through attention to prayer. During services often a quiet time for prayer is observed, as well as time for testimonies and spontaneous prayer. By singing praise together, we give praise to God.

The relationship with each other

With our focus "inwards" we mean the relationships we have among ourselves as Christians; the care and friendship for the other members of the Body of Christ, regardless of language, tribe or nation. Because Jesus lives in us, we can build each other up, encourage, teach, help and serve each other. The Christian life is not isolated; it's not something we do alone. It is a life as member of the family of God. Followers of Jesus Christ can get along with others, precisely because God lives in them. Our life reflects Jesus' love for His brothers and sisters.

The relationship with the world

Our orientation "outwards" means evangelism. Evangelism is not necessarily something great and compelling. It is the way we go along with non-Christians in all circumstances – at work, at school, at the train station. Because we got to know the

goodness of God through the gospel, we are eager to share the joy and blessings of salvation with others. We should pray that God will open the hearts of our family members, our friends and our neighbors, and whether he wants to use us to reach them. We also can ask God to see whether and how we best speak to them about the hope that is in us. In addition, our words and actions are witness of a changed heart; the way we treat our family members and care for our neighbors, shows that we are new people. We are allowed to go to God and ask Him to fill us with His love. If that love dwells in us, we will always desire to sincerely seek His will – in everything we do – and also to share with our friends the joy and salvation from sin.

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Gemeente Jesus Grace Center (GJC) is part of Grace Communion International.

Core values of the congregations are:

Bible focused
Unity
Encouragement
Strong families
Prayer

The name of the congregation is based on Galatians 6:18, 2 Corinthians 13:13; Acts 15:11

The services are in English /Swahili with translation into Dutch.