

## Better Together

The local church in every nation standing as the first answer for vulnerable children.

### THE OPPORTUNITY:

Visionary Christians in countries around the globe yearn to see the local church open wide as a place of welcome and care for orphaned and vulnerable children.

The CAFO Global Network aids these national leaders in their calling – working with them to connect and equip local churches, NGOs, and advocates for wise, effective care for vulnerable children in local communities.

### THE WORK:

Around the world, local followers of Christ see the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children each day and long to respond. *They do respond.*

Many have stepped up to serve and care for these children in remarkably self-giving ways. Yet often, they have labored in isolation, lacking both community and guidance. It's amazing to see what a difference small things make for these faithful servants and the children they serve.

The CAFO Global Network builds these local champions (helping their network develop from Emerging Movements into effective, sustainable Bridge Networks) through:

**Curated information.** Lack of information was once a major problem for leaders. Today, the problem is often the opposite. In a world flooded with data and noise, what learners desperately desire are trustworthy sources that help identify and filter the most valuable information and then share it in highly accessible, actionable forms.

**Facilitated community.** Good information becomes far more powerful in our lives when we're able to absorb and apply it alongside others. CAFO seeks to weave into every learning experience opportunities to interact and process with both experts and peers. From simple Q&A sessions and strategic planning workshops to mutual-learning cohorts, this enables learners to receive (and to share!) a much wider range of insights, skills and ideas. Meanwhile, ongoing relationships also provide accountability, encouragement, and cross-pollination of learning as ideas are applied, tested and refined.

### THE ONGOING VISION:

While every Bridge Network is unique, each serves as the hub of a vibrant local movement, connecting churches as well as NGOs, government agencies and other allies. Bridge Networks work especially to equip congregations to provide emotional, spiritual and practical support to adoptive, foster and biological families. They often lead awareness and advocacy campaigns, offer foster and adoptive family recruitment and training, guide churches in development of post-adoption/foster care support for families, and more.

As part of the CAFO Global Network, each Bridge Network is encouraged not only to receive, but also to share with other networks. As a result, leaders both access and share excellent resources, training and connections around the world.

Guided by participating local leaders, the CAFO Global Network identifies critical needs, coordinates new resource development and delivery, and provides targeted support to help each network achieve its own unique vision and goals.

*Learn more at [cafo.org/join/globalnetwork](https://cafo.org/join/globalnetwork)*

## Membership Opportunities for 2021

The CAFO Global Network serves as a connecting and equipping platform for local networks around the world. Local Networks may choose to join the CAFO Global Network as either a Movement Supporter or as a Bridge Network.

	Movement Supporter <i>for emerging local networks</i>	Bridge Network <i>for maturing and thriving local networks</i>
Annual Dues	free	\$250
Access CAFO Global Network forums, resources, courses	✓	✓
Global Collaborate and CAFO Summit Discount	\$50 off Registration	\$50 off Registration
Scholarships for Collaborate and Summit <i>(travel expenses not included)</i>	TBD	TBD
Scholarships for Virtual Collaborate Annual Pass Register ONCE for ALL Virtual Collaborate Topics in 2021! <i>(12 Sessions Total: quarterly topics with LEARN, DISCUSS and FIRESIDE CHAT sessions for each topic)</i>	4	8
Coaching & Consulting Program	Group coaching via global forums	One-on-one calls & group coaching
Listing on CAFO website, including global map, network details and links	✓	✓ Priority Listing
Website Profile and Member Portal	✓	✓
myNETWORK Hub: Connect local champions through your custom-branded resource portal <i>(resources, courses, private forums, news and events)</i>	✓	✓
Exclusive online forum dedicated for your local champions	✓	✓
Event calendar to share your network's local events	✓	✓
Listing in Next Steps booklet, given to Summit attendees		✓
Coordinated Connections at Collaborate/Summit and online		✓
Use of Bridge Network seal, subject to terms and conditions		✓
Seat on Global Network Advisory Board		✓

## Criteria and Standards

The CAFO Global Network serves global leaders of local networks in nations around the world. Each network is unique and at a different level of development. By offering curated information and facilitated community, the CAFO Global Network helps emerging movements to develop into effective, sustainable Bridge Networks.

As part of the membership application, networks must meet the following criteria and standards. CAFO staff and current network members stand ready to help networks grow to meet these shared standards.

<b>Movement Supporter</b> <i>for emerging local networks</i>	<b>Bridge Network</b> <i>for maturing and thriving local networks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide a list of Churches (including denominational affiliation), NGOs (including their categories of service) and Advocates that are affiliated with your network.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If a Board of Directors exists, provide a list of current Board Members and their roles, including names and email addresses.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If available, provide Vision/Mission Statement, Core Principles and Statement of Faith.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Describe the national effort to promote/support Orphan Sunday (or similar campaign), including the number of churches that participated during the last year.</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimum Requirement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 4 network churches agreeing to work together as an informal network</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimum Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 25 Churches and 5 NGOs Represented</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated collaboration among these members</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Denominations Represented Within Network</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local President and Active Board of Directors Representing Multiple Churches and NGOs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written Vision/Mission Statement and Explanation of Affiliation/Membership Requirements for churches and NGOs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Documented Commitment to Fiscal Integrity, Good Governance and Gospel-Centered Ministry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commit to Community Mapping (identifying local services and resources available for vulnerable children and families, along with the churches/organizations that provide those services)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Self-Assessment using principles from the <i>CAFO Network Framework</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participate in an independent network assessment (provided through CAFO)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Annual Dues</li> </ul>