

APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME:				
STREET ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:	EMAIL ADDRESS:		DATE OF BIRTH:

FAMILY INFORMATION

MARITAL STATUS:	IF MARRIED, NAME OF SPOUSE:	MAIDEN NAME:
<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED		
NAME & AGE OF CHILDREN:		
NAME	AGE	NAME
		AGE
HOW DO YOUR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN FEEL ABOUT YOU ENTERING MINISTRY AND/OR PURSUING CREDENTIALS?		

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

HIGH SCHOOL:	LOCATION:	DATES ATTENDED:	DEGREE:
COLLEGES:	LOCATION:	DATES ATTENDED:	DEGREE:

WORK HISTORY

List last ten years beginning with the most current

EMPLOYER:	LOCATION:	DATES EMPLOYED:	POSITION:	SUPERVISOR NAME:

CHURCH HISTORY

List last ten years beginning with the most current

NAME OF CHURCH ATTENDED:	LOCATION:	DATES EMPLOYED:	INVOLVEMENT:	PASTOR NAME:

BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE *(use the overflow space on the last page if needed)*

This portion of the application is an integral part of the covenant relationship between you and the credentialing bodies of the Church of God

1. I affirm that granting of any ministry credentials to me places me in a covenant relationship and a position of accountability to the credentialing body of the state in which I reside, for as long as I hold such credentials.

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

2. Have you ever been, or are you currently, the subject of any official proceedings by any church you have ever attended that resulted in disciplinary action or where such action is currently pending?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

3. Has your application for ministerial credentials from any church body ever been denied?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

4. Have you ever been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or credentialing body that resulted in disciplinary action or that may now be pending?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

5. Have you ever been censured, disciplined, or had your ministry credentials suspended or terminated by any credentialing body?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

6. Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or returned your ministry credentials?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

7. Has a lawsuit alleging that you attempted or actually engaged in sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, sexual misconduct, physical abuse, or financial misconduct ever been filed in courts against you?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

8. Has your employment ever been terminated because you attempted or actually engaged in sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, sexual misconduct, physical abuse, child abuse, or financial misconduct?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

9. Have you ever terminated your employment or professional credentials in order to avoid facing or to avoid being terminated due to charges of actual or attempted sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, sexual misconduct, physical abuse, child abuse, or financial misconduct?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

10. With respect to your driving record since you became a Christian, have you had your license suspended or revoked due to reckless driving while intoxicated and/or under the influence of a controlled substance?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

11. With respect to matters not addressed in item 8 above, have you ever been found guilty or pled guilty or "no contest" to criminal charges?

YES COMMENTS:
 NO

BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE (continued) *(use the overflow space on the last page if needed)*

12. Applicant's sexual orientation is: Heterosexual Homosexual Bisexual

Are you familiar with the COG beliefs and practices regarding homosexuality?

YES Please describe what you believe these beliefs are:
NO

13. Have you been married previously? YES NO How many marriages?

If divorced, please explain the circumstances involved in the termination of this marriage:

14. Have you ever been involved in an adulterous relationship or had sexual relations outside the bounds of marriage since you became a Christian?

YES COMMENTS:
NO

15. Have you, in the last two years, viewed any sexually explicit or pornographic materials in any media format?

YES COMMENTS:
NO

16. Have you in the last two years...

Used tobacco or any tobacco products? YES NO COMMENTS:
Consumed any alcoholic beverages? YES NO COMMENTS:
Used any illegal drugs? YES NO COMMENTS:

17. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

YES COMMENTS:
NO

18. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?

YES COMMENTS:
NO

19. Have you ever filed a lawsuit?

YES COMMENTS:
NO

20. Are there any facts or circumstances involving you or your background that would warrant further review before your being entrusted with the responsibilities of ministry on behalf of the Church of God? Is there anything that you believe your credentials committee should know about you before a ministerial credential is granted to you?

YES COMMENTS:
NO

SPIRITUAL AND MINISTRY BIOGRAPHY *(use the overflow space on the last page if needed)*

1. Give the date and highlights of your salvation experience.

2. How are you committed to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in lifestyle and vocation?

3. Give reasons why you feel you are a mature enough Christian to enable you to give spiritual guidance to others.

4. Describe your call to ministry and give the highlights of this call.

5. In what ways are you committed to the central teachings of the Church of God? With what teachings do you differ? (Salvation, sanctification, millennial views, tongues, women in ministry, etc.)

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS (use the overflow space on the last page if needed)

1. What is your understanding of the work of the State and National Ministry offices?

2. In what ways do you intend to be related to your State Ministry?

3. What are your convictions about ecumenical relationships/involvements?

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY

By my signature below, I am stating that I understand the following:

1. I am willing to submit myself to the accountability of my state's Credentials Committee and my peer ministers, including the completion of all requirements established by the Credentials Committee and the General Assembly of the Church of God.
2. If ministerial credentials are approved, I will be expected to:
 - a. Abide by the expected code of conduct as outlined in the *Church of God Credentials Manual*.
 - b. Register for the *Church of God Yearbook* annually.
 - c. Attend state and district ministerial meetings and participate in other state-sponsored seminars, conventions, training opportunities, etc.
 - d. Attend and participate in a local Church of God congregation.
3. All preceding information given by me is true and accurate to the best of my ability.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

OVERFLOW SPACE

Please use this space to add any information that you could not fit in the provided space for questions. Please reference which question or statement you are continuing in this space here.