



COVENANT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

CMI APPLICATION FORM: INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF CREDENTIALS

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Applicants should complete and sign the enclosed forms and send to Covenant Ministries International, Inc., (CMI) along with the \$75.00 application fee. Please make check payable to Covenant Ministries International, Inc. and send to:

**Covenant Ministries International, Inc.
2707 Main Street
Sayreville, New Jersey 08872**

Have three (3) ministers mail a reference form – one of the forms should be your Pastor. Please have these ministers send reference forms directly to Covenant Ministries International at the above address.

Covenant Ministries International, INC.

CRITERIA FOR CREDENTIALS

DEFINITIONS

The ministry is defined as specific areas of service resulting from the Divine Call upon an individual's life, which is recognized by the Body of Christ and confirmed by those in spiritual leadership, to perform the work unto which he or she has been called, including the performance of most or all sacerdotal duties as required by the Internal Revenue Service. This organization affirms the biblical provisions of the 5-fold ministry gifts according to Ephesians 4:11, i.e. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, and also recognizes the provision of 1 Corinthians 12:28, i.e. governments and helps which includes Sunday school, children's church, music ministry, etc.

Covenant Ministries International, Inc affirms the biblical requisites stated in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:7-9 for the ministry sets them forth as the optimal standard for those credentialed with Covenant Ministries International, Inc

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

In view of the principle of the sovereignty of the Local Church, Ordination and Licensing should be the responsibility of the home church of any minister desiring credentials. This builds upon the scriptural instructions of knowing those who labor among you (1 Thessalonians 5:12), and personal identity with the one who is ordained (1 Timothy 5:22). See also 2 Corinthians 8:16-24.

The only way a person can be truly known is for the person to have direct relationship with those who are setting him into the ministry. This is the very best guard against placing a novice into office, or ordaining someone who has no commitment in the local church.

We are held responsible if we are too hasty, or are careless in checking the qualifications of those whom we ordain. The best way, then, to see that this does not happen is to allow ordination to be the responsibility of each local church, to ordain, license and credential those whom they know to be qualified and faithful. If their local church is not interested in ordaining them, then we should not be either.

Pastors must take their responsibilities seriously in commissioning others into the work of the ministry. Consider the following verses:

1. **Matthew 9:36-38**
2. **1 Timothy 3:1-13**
3. **2 Timothy 2:1-2**
4. **Titus 1:5-11**

PROCEDURES

Those who are ordained, licensed and credentialed would then register by application their credentials with CMI as a referencing and supportive body. Upon qualifying, CMI would then issue an International Recognition of their credentials, namely: Licensed or Ordained Minister.

CMI's definition of Licensed and Ordained ministers is as follows:

A **Licensed Minister**, under the credentials of CMI, is defined as a volunteer, part-time (bi-vocational), or Full-Time Minister who functions as an assistant or apprentice to a functioning Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher (Ephesians 4), and assists in sacerdotal functions (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Communion), unless authorized to lead by an Ordained Minister.

An **Ordained Minister**, under the credentials of CMI, is defined as a Full-Time Vocational Minister who functions in the Scriptural office of either Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher (Ephesians 4), leads/oversees sacerdotal functions (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Communion), and has been a Licensed Minister for a minimum of 1 year (unless already Ordained by a recognized ministry).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All above references to the masculine gender is done so in a generic sense to include both male and female. Furthermore, no candidate for credentials shall be considered or rejected based on race, color, sex or nationality. Moreover, no one is expected to strive for a credential, nor will he be approved for a credential beyond the calling of ministry. However, credentials can be revoked for reasons of unethical behavior and/or disagreement with biblical teaching as demonstrated in CMI's bylaws.

APPLICATION DONATION

Each applicant must submit a \$75.00 application fee, and also pay an **annual renewal fee** of \$75.00.

CMI Application Checklist

- Complete Application with \$75.00 application fee
- Complete Applicant Reference Information (page 11)
- Contact all of the referencing persons and give one of the reference forms on pages 13-21. They should mail the reference forms to the CMI office
- Submit application, all biblical transcripts, fee, and photo to Covenant Ministries International office
- Follow-up and confirm the delivery to the CMI office

Applications will not be processed unless we receive all of the information listed above.



<p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p>DATE REC'D _____</p> <p>FEE REC'D _____</p> <p>REFERENCES REC'D _____</p> <p>METHOD OF PAYMENT:</p> <p>___ CHECK, CASH, CREDIT CARD</p> <p>___ MONEY ORDER</p> <p>CREDENTIALS GRANTED:</p>
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Date of Application: ____/____/____

Credential Level Requested:

Licensed Minister

Ordained Minister

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Gender: Male Female

1. Name of Applicant:

Last	First	M.I.
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2. Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / _____

3. Address: _____

4. City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

5. Country: _____

6. Phone: () _____

7. Personal/Church e-mail: _____

PART II: CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Year of Salvation: _____

Have you received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues? _____

Church you most regularly attend or where you minister:

Name: _____

Pastor: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If not CMI affiliated, state affiliation of church/organization _____

Present ministry/ministries:

Pastor _____ Minister _____ Evangelist _____ Missionary _____

Teacher _____ Administration _____ Church Staff Member _____

Volunteer/Christian Worker _____ Worship Team _____

Other (explain):

Length of time engaged in ministry: _____

Present credential level (check one):

Licensed Minister _____ Ordained Minister _____ Other (explain):

Name of credentialing denomination, fellowship/organization/church:

Are they tax exempt under the provision of the IRS code 501(c)(3)?

Yes _____ No _____

Have your credentials ever been revoked? _____ If yes, please explain:

Summarize your work in ministry _____

What special gifts or ministry do you feel you possess? _____

PART III: EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Highest form of education completed: _____

Are you a FITS or an ACTS Graduate?

YES NO

High school _____ # of years _____

Bible school _____ # of years _____

Bachelor _____ # of years _____

Seminary _____ # of years _____

Master _____ # of years _____

Doctorate _____ # of years _____

List all academic awards, degrees, or special recognition honors you have received:

Languages spoken (other than English): _____

PART VII: PERSONAL COMMITMENT AND SIGNATURES

Are you willing to submit to the Scriptural counsel of those who are over you in the Lord? Yes _____ No _____

Are you willing to faithfully contribute financially to support Covenant Ministries International to the best of your ability? Yes _____ No _____

Are you willing to abide by the decisions of the General Council of Covenant Ministries International, Inc.? Yes _____ No _____

Are you presently engaged in a program of continued education/development of your ministry? Yes _____ No _____

I certify that I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge, and I hereby apply for the International Recognition of the credential level requested.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Furthermore, I hereby grant permission to the Officials of CMI to circulate my application and any other related data with it, as part of a packet of information about me, to all responsible persons who will be reviewing the guidelines and data which is required in the granting of International Recognition credential.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Applicant's Reference Information

Below please provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the persons who will be your references. You must use a person who is currently licensed or ordained as your reference. Your Pastor must be one of the three references (*except for EPIC Church International members. EPIC Church Intl members should have any other minister as a reference*).

1

Reference Minister's name: _____

Name of church: _____

2

Reference Minister's name: _____

Name of church: _____

3

Reference Minister's name: _____

Name of church: _____

REFERENCE FORMS

Please give one form (Each Form is 3 pages) to each referencing person you have listed on page 11. They should mail or e-mail the completed Reference form to:

Covenant Ministries International, INC.
2707 Main Street
Sayreville, New Jersey 08872

OR

evasquez@epicchurchintl.org

Covenant Ministries International, Inc.

Recommendation Form for Ministerial Credentials

Name of Applicant

Date



Name of Reference

Date

Phone: () _____

Personal/Church e-mail: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity (i.e. pastor, colleague, friend, etc.)? _____

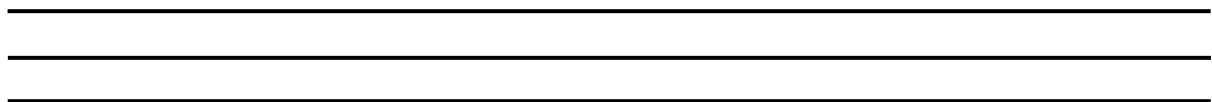


Do you feel you know the applicant well enough to evaluate his/her eligibility for ordination? _____

In your opinion, do you feel the applicant is called to be a minister?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments or Concerns



To your knowledge has the applicant made a meaningful personal commitment with Jesus Christ?

Yes _____ No _____

In your estimation what are the applicant's strengths?

In your estimation what does the applicant need to improve?

Please check all the characteristic that apply to the applicant:

- Patient
 Hard working
 Kind hearted
 Offensive
 Passionate
 Rude
 Competitive
 Good listener
 Spiritual
 Loving
 Tactful
 Indiscreet
 Impulsive
 Gentle
 Anointed

Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Have Not Observed
Leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Emotional Stability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Is there any reason that you would not recommend this applicant for ministerial credentials?

Does the applicant have any personality, mental health, or moral issue that would impair him from ministry?

Yes No I do not know

Please share with us any information about the applicant that would help us in our evaluation. The information could cover recent or past experiences in the applicant's life.

- I recommend the above-mentioned applicant for ministerial credentials
- I recommend the above-mentioned applicant for ministerial credentials with RESERVATION (Please explain)
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Signature

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