

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION/CONSECRATION

I. Required Reading

- A. The candidate shall read through the entire Bible twice, using two different translations where available.
- B. A reading course shall be part of the preparation of the candidate for ordination/consecration. The candidate shall read all of the books on the official reading list for ordination/consecration which is prepared by Church Ministries, approved by the District Leadership Forum, and ratified by the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. This reading list shall be reviewed annually.

The first tier deals with Alliance distinctives and is meant to reinforce the candidate in the areas of personal values, theology, and vision. These books may not be substituted.

- *The Fourfold Gospel* – A.B. Simpson
- *Wholly Sanctified*—A.B. Simpson
- *Children’s Bread*—Keith Bailey or *The Gospel of Healing*—A.B. Simpson
- *A Basic Guide to Eschatology*—Millard Erickson
- *The Pursuit of God*—A.W. Tozer
- *All for Jesus*—Robert L. Niklaus, John S. Sawin, and Samuel J. Stoesz
- “Statement on Sanctification”—Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (Section H-8)

The second tier covers significant topics relating to the church and world missions. This is an open list that a district License, Ordination and Consecration Council (LO&CC) can adjust or tailor to the needs of a worker moving through the process. The following four books are required by the District LO&CC:

- *Power Through Prayer*—E.M. Bounds
- *Spiritual Leadership*—Sanders
- *A Concise History of the Christian World Mission*—J. Herbert Kane
or
A Biblical Theology of Missions—George W. Peters
- *Sanctification: An Alliance Distinctive*—Samuel J. Stoesz

The candidate, in consultation with their mentor, shall choose one of the following books:

- *Touch The World Through Prayer*—Dewel
- *The Church is Bigger Than You Think*—Patrick Johnstone

- *Growing a Healthy Church*—Dann Spader
- *Wingspread*—A.W. Tozer
- *Crisis of the Deeper Life*—George Pardington

During the first twelve months as a licensed worker, the candidate is required to read six of the twelve required books. A reading schedule shall be submitted to the candidate's ordination/consecration mentor and maintained as a priority. Each book shall be thoroughly read and the candidate is required to complete the book report summary and send it to their ordination/consecration mentor. A penalty book may be assigned if this work is not completed as scheduled. All books are required to be read and reported on at least one month prior to the oral exam.

II. Required Position Papers

Position papers shall be written by the candidate on the following subjects.

Candidates shall submit six position papers as listed below, including but not limited to the items listed under each theme. Each paper shall be an original, comprehensive treatment of the subject that includes the items listed under each theme, and should be no less than eight pages in length. The paper is to be a statement of the candidate's personal theological position. Any exceptions must be approved by the LO&CC.

a. Christ our Savior

- The nature of man and his final destiny
- The plan and purpose of the atonement
- The means and results of justification
- My personal experience of Christ as Savior

b. Christ Our Sanctifier

- The crisis and progression of sanctification
- Identification of the believer with Christ's death, resurrection and ascension
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit in sanctification
- My personal experience of Christ as Sanctifier

c. Christ our Healer

- The relationship of divine healing and the atonement
- The significance of prayer and anointing by the elders
- The ministry of healing in the local church
- My personal experience of Christ as our Healer

d. Christ our Coming King

- Defend the pre-millennial coming of Christ
- Trace the events surrounding the rapture of the Church
- Relationship between the imminence of Christ's coming and world missions
- My personal understanding of Christ our coming King

e. Christ's Body: the Church

- Mission and Purpose
- Relationship to Jesus Christ
- Leadership and authority in the Body
- Relationship to The Christian and Missionary Alliance
- Relationship between the members

f. Completing Christ's Mission

- The lostness of mankind
- The Great Commission passages: Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8
- Interaction with the "Growing a Healthy Church" philosophy
- Demonstrate a strategy that implements this philosophy in one's personal life
- The local church commitment to world missions
- The leader's role in mobilizing the local church in Great Commission Completion (evangelism, church multiplication, world missions)

During the first twelve months as a licensed worker, the candidate is required to write two of the five position papers. A penalty paper may be assigned if this work is not completed as scheduled. All papers are to be written and approved at least one month prior to the oral exam. Any exceptions must be approved by the LO&CC.

III. Missions Awareness

Candidates may fulfill the Missions Awareness requirement in one of three ways:

1. Provide a certified transcript from an approved Christian and Missionary Alliance educational institution indicating that they have completed at least one introductory college-level course on world missions.
2. Audit (as a minimum requirement) an approved "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" class OR complete the online Perspectives program.
3. Read the "Certificate Level" reading requirements in the textbook "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" and complete the appropriate interactive worksheets.

IV. Evangelism Training

The candidate shall provide evidence of having completed training in personal evangelism or be required to attend an evangelism training seminar approved by the district superintendent and the LO&CC.

The candidate shall complete "Growing a Healthy Church" training, either by attending a training event, or by completing the online class available at: <http://www.growingahealthychurch.com/>

V. Preaching/Teaching

During each year of preparation for ordination, the candidate shall present to his mentor at least one audio or videotape of a full-length sermon, preached at a regular church service, for the mentor's review of both content and delivery of biblical material. Candidate for consecration shall similarly present to her mentor at

least one full-length audio or videotape of her teaching at the church for the mentor's review of both content and delivery of biblical material.

VI. Oral Examination

The candidate shall satisfactorily complete an oral examination by the District Licensing, Ordination and Consecration Council.

VII. Denominational Orientation

Candidates shall be required to attend a New Official Workers Forum as a requirement for ordination/consecration or for the sustaining of the candidate's ordination/consecration if with another denomination. Additionally, candidates for ordination/consecration are to attend six training sessions at the District Office (February, June, October).

VIII. Additional Recommended Projects

The following projects may be required at the discretion of the Licensing, Ordination and Consecration Council.

1. Lifelong Learning

Develop a five-year learning plan to serve as a basis for lifelong learning. Identify the areas and delivery systems in which the learning will take place. Review the plan with your mentor.

Listed below are some suggested topics for lifelong learners:

- Devotional/Spiritual Disciplines
- Lifelong Learning Models
- Preaching
- Leadership: Masterplanning, Vision Casting
- Interpersonal Relationship Skills
- Creating Effective Change
- Pastoral Care/Shepherding
- Evangelism
- Missions
- Church Planting
- Growing Healthy Churches

2. Self-Understanding

Present a written analysis of your self-understanding using assessment tools such as GHC IV, IDAK, DISC, Ministry Competency Profile Guidelines, or a Gifts Inventory. Identify strengths, non-strengths, spiritual gifts, natural leadership style, work preferences, and related issues. Outline a strategy to bring strength and adequacy to your person and ministry. Present your finding to an approved counselor (or superintendent) and report results to your mento

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