

ORDINATION/CONSECRATION – Northeastern District
(LO&CC January 23, 2018)

I. ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES for Ordination/Consecration (C&MA Manual, pg. E4-2)

- A. Candidates who are called of God to pastoral or theological ministries shall be eligible for ordination.
- B. Candidates without formal theological training shall, in order to be eligible for ordination, first complete a training program through the Church Leadership Academy as approved by Church Ministries.
- C. Candidates for ordination shall give full time to the ministry of the church. Any exception must have the approval of the district superintendent and the Licensing, Ordination, and Consecration Council (LO&CC).
- D. Candidates for ordination must serve acceptably in licensed ministry for at least two years in The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
- E. A candidate's ordination shall be recommended by the local church elders to the district superintendent, who shall request the candidate's ordination to the LO&CC. In certain instances, the district superintendent may recommend ordination without local church recommendation.
- F. A seminary graduate may be considered for ordination after one year of serving acceptably in licensed ministry as a pastor, provided that he has been licensed for at least one year during seminary training.

II. REQUIREMENTS for Ordination/Consecration

1. Monthly Reports

The candidate is to report monthly to the district superintendent with a copy to his/her mentor. Twenty-four Monthly Report forms are given to the candidate for this purpose. These reports become a File of Reference for the LO&CC. They are a record of the candidate's ministerial activity through the course of the ordination/consecration process.

2. 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. 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 have been approved by the District Leadership Forum and ratified by the Board of Directors to better acquaint the candidate with The Christian and Missionary Alliance and 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 of Sanctification" – *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*, H8
 - *The Heart of the Gospel: A. B. Simpson, The Fourfold Gospel, and Late Nineteenth-Century Evangelical Theology* – Bernie A. Van De Walle

The second tier covers significant topics related to the church and world missions. The candidate is required to read FOUR books from the following list:

- *Power Through Prayer* – E. M. Bounds
- *Touch the World Through Prayer* – Duewel
- *Spiritual Leadership* – Sanders
- *A Concise History of the Christian World Mission* – J. Herbert Kane
- *A Biblical Theology of Missions* – George W. Peters
- *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
- *Sanctification: An Alliance Distinctive* – Samuel J. Stoesz
- *Historical Drift* – Dr. Arnold L. Cook
- *The Spirit of the Disciplines* – Dallas Willard
- *Every Man's Battle* – Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker
- *The Purpose Driven Church* – Rick Warren
- *Christ Is All* – David Bryant

Candidate may substitute one book in the second tier list with approval of the mentor.

3. Missions Awareness

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

- A. 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.
- B. Successfully complete the online Alliance Strategies in Mission course provided by the National Office.
- C. Other – as approved by the National Office.

4. Verification of Education

A Transcript of the candidate's academic credits shall be forwarded to the district superintendent.

5. Required Position Papers

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

Candidates shall submit six position papers as listed below, included 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.

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)

6. Evangelism/Church Health Training

- A.** The candidate shall provide evidence of having completed training in personal evangelism or attend an evangelism training seminar approved by the district superintendent and the LO&CC.
- B.** The candidate shall successfully complete one of the following:
1. Participation in a Live 2:6 group for a complete cycle of training
 2. Attendance and participation in the two Eternal CPR seminars (*The Everyday Commission* and *The Everyday Commandment*)
 3. Completion of the six *Growing a Healthy Church* online training modules

7. Preaching/Teaching

During each year of preparation for ordination/consecration the candidate shall present to his/her 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. The 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.

8. Written and Oral Examinations

The candidate will be required to submit to a written and an oral examination. The License, Ordination and Consecration Council conducts these examinations, dealing with all phases of training, spiritual and practical experience, and all the doctrines of the church. Candidates will be expected to articulate the doctrines clearly and give Scriptural backing. There will be no

trick questions. The written examination lasts a maximum of eight hours, the oral, about 1½ to 2 hours. The written exam for ordination/consecration must be completed no less than six weeks prior to the oral exam at a regularly scheduled License, Ordination and Consecration Council meeting. Where applicable, spouses are required to attend the oral examination. Child care will not be provided.

9. Denominational Orientation

Candidates shall be required to attend a New Official Workers Forum (Resonate) as a requirement for ordination/consecration or for the sustaining of the candidate's ordination/consecration if with another denomination. National C&MA Church Ministries will send an invitation during the first year of ministry. Registration and travel costs are the responsibility of the candidate's church.

10. In-Service Training

The In-Service Training program is held at Delta Lake Bible Conference Center (DLBCC) under the oversight of the District LO&CC. Candidates are required to attend a minimum of four training seminars which are held in the Spring and Fall each year.

11. Projects

Completed projects are to be sent to the District Superintendent for approval.

A. 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; Stewardship

B. 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 mentor.

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