

SUSTAINING OF PREVIOUS ORDINATION – Northeastern District

A mentor is appointed to each candidate for sustaining of previous ordination. The District tries to make the appointment so that the mentor will be in close proximity to those to be mentored. The candidate should meet with his mentor monthly. The candidate should feel free to consult with his mentor about any matter pertaining to the sustaining of ordination process. The mentor should encourage the candidate to complete the requirements for sustaining of ordination as quickly as possible.

I. Requirements

The Requirements for Sustaining of Ordination must be completed before the oral exam.

1. The candidate for sustaining of previous ordination is required to complete the **C&MA Polity Course** (normally done prior to accreditation) unless he has completed an Alliance distinctives course at a C&MA college/seminary (transcript required).
2. The candidate, prior to sustaining of ordination approval, shall be required to attend **Resonate – New official workers Forum**. Registration and travel costs are the responsibility of the candidate's church.
3. Provide a **Sustaining of Ordination Report** each month of preparation (12 months). The candidate is to report monthly to the District Superintendent with a copy to his/her mentor. Monthly Report forms are given to the candidate for this purpose.
4. Attend two district **In-Service Training** days during the time of preparation. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Child care will not be provided.
5. The candidate must meet at least nine times with their mentor during the time of preparation.
6. At least one year of acceptable service in an officially appointed ministry is required prior to Sustaining of Ordination. Part-time service will require two years experience.
7. A formal request for Sustaining of Ordination by the church is required. A form for this purpose will be sent to the church board of elders.
8. **Oral and Written Examinations** for Ordination/Consecration:
The written exam is to be completed no less than six weeks prior to the oral exam. The written exam lasts a maximum of eight hours. The mentor must request a copy of the exam from the District Office.
The LO&CC conducts the oral exam dealing with all phases of training, spiritual and practical experience, and all the doctrines of the church. Questions for Ordination/Consecration will be provided to the candidate, and mentor, at the beginning of the Sustaining of Ordination process. It is essential to go over each question with their mentor. Candidates will be expected to articulate the doctrines clearly and give Scriptural backing. Spouses are required to attend the oral examination. Child care will not be provided.
9. The LO&CC may make additional requirements of those who are ordained by non-recognized bodies or independent churches.