

INSTRUCTIONS

1) FILL OUT THE APPLICATION COMPLETELY AND NEATLY.
(Typed Applications preferred, but not necessary. However, Essay part of application must be typed, double-spaced, using size 12 Times New Roman Font).

2) SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION. (Please be sure to staple your Essay to the back of the Application on the upper left hand side).

3) INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED ALONG WITH YOUR FILING FEE, MINUS A \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE. (Applications which are re-submitted by the applicant will have to include another \$50 processing fee).

4) MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH A FILING FEE OF \$500 (Money Orders ONLY MADE OUT TO: CHRISTIAN CLERGY INTERNATIONAL) **TO:**

CHRISTIAN CLERGY INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Advisory Committee on Ordination
405 RXR Plaza
Uniondale, NY 11556

5) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$125.

NOTE: ANY APPLICATION MARKED UNSATISFACTORY BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU WITH COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS, ALONG WITH YOUR FILING FEE, MINUS A \$50 PROCESSING FEE WHICH IS NON-REFUNDABLE. APPLICATIONS MARKED "DO NOT RE-SUBMIT" MAY NEVER BE RE-SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT TO CCI. CCI RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ANY APPLICANT AT THEIR SOLE DISCRETION.



APPLICATION FOR ORDINATION

First Name

Last Name

M.I.

Address

City

State

Zip Code

More than 5 years at the above address? () Less than 5 years? ()

If less than 5 years, please list prior address:

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Numbers:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ S.S. # _____

PERSONAL HISTORY

Date of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Date you became a Christian or baptism date: _____

Name and Address of baptizing church: _____

Pastor at time of baptism: _____

Name, address and telephone of church where you are currently a member:

Name of your pastor: _____

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Provide the name of the high school, city and state or check here for GED ()

Provide the name of the college, city and state or check N/A ():

Date of graduation: _____ Degree: _____

Provide the name of the bible institute, city and state or check N/A ():

Date of graduation: _____ Degree: _____

Provide the name of the seminary, city and state or check N/A ():

Date of graduation: _____ Degree: _____

A course in History of the Christian Church is required. Provide the name of the school, the course and the instructor:

Date Course Taken: _____ Grade: _____

List any additional degrees or courses completed: _____

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Telephone: _____

MINISTRY RELATED EXPERIENCE

If you are a licensed minister, please provide name and address of issuing church, and date of licensing: _____

Pastor of issuing church: _____

Briefly describe any ministry related experience you have had already, whether paid or in volunteer capacity. Indicate location(s) and date(s) of experience:

Have you been offered or are you a finalist for a ministry related position?

Yes () **No** ()

If yes, give name of employer and job title:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

As a Christian I do hereby agree and accept the following:

- In one God, creator and sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally co-existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are the inspired and trustworthy Word of God, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of human beings, and the final authority for all matters about which it speaks.
- That human nature derives from two historical persons, male and female, created in God's image. They were created perfect, but they sinned, plunging themselves and all human beings into sin, guilt, suffering, and death.
- That the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ and His bodily resurrection provide the only grounds for justification, forgiveness, and salvation for all who believe, and only those who trust in Him alone are born of the Holy Spirit, true members of the Church, and will spend eternity with Christ.
- That the Holy Spirit is the agent of regeneration and renewal for believers in Christ, that He makes the presence of Jesus Christ real in believers, and that He comforts, guides, convicts, and enables believers to live in ways that honor Him.
- That ministry to persons also acknowledges the complexity of humans as physical, psychological, social, and spiritual beings. The ultimate goal of Christian ministry is to help others move to personal wholeness, interpersonal competence, mental stability, and spiritual maturity.

Signature

Print Name

Date

THE FOLLOWING PART OF YOUR APPLICATION IS AN ESSAY WHICH MUST BE TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED, USING SIZE 12 TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT ONLY!!!

The ordination paper is a confessional paper, not an academic paper. While the paper will reflect your academic preparation, you are not being asked to write an objective academic treatise for a graduate seminar. While footnotes and bibliographies are required when quoting secondary sources, the readers will be more interested in your point of view, rather than the viewpoints of others who are not appearing before the Advisory Committee on Ordination.

Prepare an essay of 12 to 15 pages in length, typed, double spaced, Times New Roman Font, wherein you discuss the areas below:

Briefly describe your Christian experience, call to ministry and sense of call in Christ's ministry. Discuss how you identify as a Christian in terms of heritage and personal history, denominational or local church affiliation and ecclesiological perspective.

As a Christian minister, discuss your understanding of the following:

1. (God) Theology

- Who is God?
- What is God's nature?
- What is the work of God within the divine community?

2. Jesus Christ (Christology)

- Who is Jesus and what is His nature?
- What was the purpose of Jesus' early ministry?
- Who is Jesus Christ for the believer? And for the non-believer?

3. The Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is the Holy Spirit's nature and work?
- What is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and in the New Testament Church?

4. Salvation (Soteriology)

- What is salvation?
- What is the nature of salvation?
- What is the plan of salvation?

5. Church (Ecclesiology)

- What is the church?
- What is the nature and purpose of the church?
- What is the work of the church today?

6. Ordinances in the church

- What are the ordinances of the church?
- What is the biblical warrant for them?
- What is their purpose in the church of Jesus Christ?

7. Offices of the church

- What are the offices of the church?

8. Describe Your Theology of Ministry

- A theology of ministry has at least three inter-related parts to it:

Developing your Theology of Ministry

1. Foundations -- the theological foundations upon which the purposes and practices of ministry are based.
2. Praxis -- the translation of this theology into action.
3. Outcomes -- the effects, outcomes, consequences of the foundations and practices.

The outcomes, in turn, speak to the foundations and so forth. The image for this might be a circle, in which one part flows into the next. With no demarcated beginning or end, each part of the circle influences the rest.

Part 1:

1. Tell a story from your religious tradition that illustrates ministry to others.
2. What are the spiritual issues/values in the story? (Foundations)
3. What did the one ministering do? What did the one receiving it do? (Praxis)
4. What happened in the end? (Outcome)
5. What is the theology in the story? (Relate what happened in the story and the spiritual issues/values in the story to God, religious teaching, doctrine, etc)

Part 2:

1. What is Ministry?
2. What is the role of a minister? What does a minister offer to people?
3. What are the most important spiritual values to you? Do you make use of them in your ministry?

Part 3:

1. Tell a story that illustrates your ministry.
2. What are the spiritual values in your story? (Foundation)
3. What did you do? How do your actions embody your spiritual values? (Praxis)
4. What happened? (Outcome)

Part 4: Summarize your Theology of Ministry:

What is your theology of ministry?

How does it guide you in your pastoral functioning? What specific choices and actions result from your theology?

How do you understand the effects of your ministry in light of your theology?

Note: In order for your application to be complete, you must include all of the following documents. These materials should be mailed together and should be submitted to CCI for review by the Advisory Committee on Ordination. Please mail to the address below.

- (1) Please submit a copy of your minister's license or license to preach if you have one.
- (2) Please submit a copy of your high school diploma (or GED), college/university degrees, and biblical school diploma and seminary degrees.
- (3) Please provide a copy of any/all transcripts.
- (4) Please provide a sealed letter of recommendation from a church/biblical school or seminary professor.
- (5) Please provide a sealed letter of recommendation from an ordained minister.
- (6) Please provide a sealed letter of recommendation from your spouse or a friend of three years or more.
- (7) Two 2x2 photos (wearing cleric shirt or shirt and tie for men and conservative blouse for women).
- (8) Please submit a copy of your driver's license or passport or birth certificate.

Once your completed application has been received by our office, it will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Ordination. All applicants that satisfy or do not satisfy the necessary requirements will be notified.

Certification:

The information that I have provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I also do hereby authorize Christian Clergy International, Inc. (CCI), its administration and any assignees to do a back-ground check on me in regards to the validity of any and all documents I have, or may present to them, my credit history and any criminal history. I understand that any false information I may give on this entire application may cause my application to be denied. I also understand that a \$50 non-refundable processing fee will be charged to me in order to have my application reviewed, that the total filing fee is \$500, and that the annual Membership Fee is \$125. I fully understand and agree that CCI reserves the right to decline any applicant and to dismiss any member at their sole discretion.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Mail your completed application to:

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