

8.21 CHURCH OF GOD APPLICATION FOR MINISTRY CREDENTIALS

PERSONAL HISTORY

Name: _____ Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Have you ever applied for ministerial credentials before? yes no

Current marital status: Married Single Divorced Widowed

Have you been previously married? yes no How many marriages _____

Have you been divorced since becoming a Christian? yes no

Name of spouse: _____

Name and age of children: _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name	Location	Degree	Dates Attended
High School	_____	_____	_____
College	_____	_____	_____
Graduate	_____	_____	_____

WORK HISTORY

(List last ten years; begin with current job. Use back of page as needed.)

Workplace	Location	Position	Supervisor	Dates
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CHURCH HISTORY

(Last ten years; begin with current church. Use back of page as needed.)

Church	Location	Position	Pastor	Dates
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Give the highlights of your salvation experience:

Give the highlights of your call to ministry:

Describe the ministry in which you are currently engaged:

Are you currently serving in a recognized, staff position where you attend? yes no

How does the ministry you are currently performing require formal recognition and ministry credentials?

What ministry are you currently doing or anticipate doing that you could not do without ministry credentials?

Why do you want formal recognition in the Church of God?

Are you familiar with the doctrinal teachings that have been historically held by the Reformation Movement of the Church of God? At what points do your doctrinal beliefs differ from those teachings? For example, do you believe in eternal security (once in grace always in grace)? Do you believe that Jesus is coming back to establish his Kingdom on earth? What do you believe about speaking in “unknown” tongues and being slain in the spirit? Do you believe that a person can be saved apart from the shed blood of Jesus? (Give very BRIEF answers on a separate sheet and attach to this application.)

BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE

This portion of the application is an integral part of the covenant relationship between the Credentials Committee and the ministry applicant.

1. Applicant’s sexual orientation is: heterosexual homosexual bisexual

2. I affirm that the granting of any ministry credentials to me places me in a covenant relationship and a position of accountability to the (Assembly Name Credentials Committee) for as long as I hold such credentials.

Yes No Comments:

3. Have you ever been, or are you currently, the subject of any official proceedings by any church you have ever attended that resulted in disciplinary action or where such action is currently pending.

Yes No Comments:

4. Has your application for ministerial credentials from another church body ever been denied?

Yes No Comments:

5. Have you ever been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings by a professional association or credentialing body that resulted in disciplinary action or that may now be pending?

Yes No Comments:

6. Have you ever been censured, disciplined, or had your ministry credentials suspended, revoked, or terminated by any credentialing body?

Yes No Comments:

7. Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or returned your ministry credentials?

Yes No Comments:

8. Has a civil law suit alleging that you attempted or actually engaged in sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, sexual misconduct, physical abuse, child abuse, or financial misconduct ever been filed in court against you?

Yes No Comments:

9. With respect to your driving record since you became a Christian have you ever had your license suspended or revoked due to reckless driving or driving while intoxicated and/or under the influence of a controlled substance?

Yes No Comments:

10. With respect to matters not addressed in items 8 and 9 above, have you ever been found guilty or plead guilty or no contest to criminal charges?

Yes No Comments:

11. Has your employment ever been terminated because you attempted or actually engaged in sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, sexual misconduct, physical abuse, child abuse, or financial misconduct?

Yes No Comments:

12. Have you ever terminated your employment or professional credentials in order to avoid facing or to avoid being terminated because of charges of actual or attempted sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, sexual misconduct, physical abuse, child abuse, or financial misconduct?

Yes No Comments:

13. Have you ever been involved in an adulterous relationship or had sexual relations outside the bonds of marriage since you became a Christian?

Yes No Comments:

14 Have you in the last two years used tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or frequently viewed sexually explicit or pornographic materials in magazines or the Internet?

Yes No Comments:

15. In your judgment, are there any facts or circumstances involving you or your background that would warrant further review before you are entrusted with the responsibilities of ministry on behalf of the Church of God with general offices in Anderson, Indiana?

Yes No Comments:

To the best of my knowledge the statements contained in this application are true and complete.

Signature _____ Date _____