

Section 10 Qualifications for a Local License, General License, and Ordination

Part I: CREDENTIALS

Ministerial credentials offered:

- A. Local License:** Those persons who have been approved as having met the qualifications in Part III, paragraph A. This license is jointly issued through applicant's local church.

- B. General License:** Those persons, who have been approved as having met the qualifications in Part III, paragraph B.

- C. Ordination:** Those persons who have been approved as having met the qualifications in Part III, paragraph C and who have been licensed with Bethel Ministerial Association for at least one year. The Credentials Committee can approve Ordination without the one-year period for applicants with previous ministerial experience.

Licensing and Ordination are granted through Bethel Ministerial Association. In order for credentials to be transferred from another organization, they must be approved by the Bethel Ministerial Association Credentials Committee.

Part II: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Bethel Ministerial Association is available for those ministers who wish to obtain a Local License, General License or Ordination Credentials through the Credentials Committee. The annual Membership fee is \$100.00. For those over 65 the fee is \$50.00 annually.

Part III: QUALIFICATIONS

All candidates applying for Local License, General License or Ordination with Bethel Ministerial Association must give evidence of:

- *Born-again experience (John 3:3).
- *Water Baptism (Acts 2:38).
- *A Spirit-filled life (Ephesians 5:18, Acts 2:4).
- *A Divine call to the ministry (Titus 1:7).

In addition, all candidates for licensing or ordination must:

A. For a Local License:

- 1) Evidence spiritual and theological maturity.
- 2) Be actively involved in the ministry of helps.
- 3) Have practical experience in ministering to others.
- 4) Be in agreement with the "Ordinances" and "Articles of Faith" of this association.
- 5) Cooperate with all Sections 3, 4, and 13.

B. For General Licensing:

- 1) Evidence spiritual and theological maturity.
- 2) Purpose to devote time to the work of the ministry.
- 3) Have adequate practical experience in preparing or preaching the Word of God.
- 4) Be in agreement with the "Ordinances" and "Articles of Faith" of this association.
- 5) Cooperate with all Sections 3, 4, and 13.

C. For Ordination:

- 1) Evidence spiritual and theological maturity.
- 2) Be engaged in full-time ministry for two consecutive years.
- 3) Be in agreement with the "Ordinances" and "Articles of Faith" of this association.
- 4) Cooperate with all Sections 3, 4, and 13.
- 5) Agree to annually attend at least 1 regional meeting or summer camp meeting of the Bethel Ministerial Association (or have valid reason for not attending).

Part IV: PROCEDURE FOR SECURING LICENSE/ORDINATION

1. Applicant must meet qualifications of Part III, paragraph A, B or C.
2. Applicant must complete an application form and return it to **Rev Steve Owens** , Credentials Chairman, 627 Lincoln St
Lincoln, IL 62656.

3. Applicant must make sure a "Confidential Licenses Referral" is submitted by two Bethel Ministerial Association Members and returned within thirty days.
4. Applicant must enclose the \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee payable to Bethel Ministerial Association, along with annual dues of \$100.00 as stated in Part III.
5. Applicant will be notified usually within 30 days of the Credentials Committee decision. The Credentials Committee will verify references, previous support, and any involvement in this ministry.
6. A signed Ethics agreement from section 13 must be enclosed in your application.



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INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete the following sections:

<input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL LICENSE	Complete Sections A, B, C, F, and G
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL LICENSE	Complete Sections A, B, C, D, F and G
<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINATION	Complete Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, and G

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:					
Date of birth:		Phone:		Email:	
Current address:					
City:		State:		ZIP Code:	
Spouse:		Spouse date of birth:		Anniversary:	
Have you or your spouse been previously married?		If yes, please explain briefly:			
Yes No <i>(Please circle)</i>					
Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:
Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:

SECTION B: CHURCH INFORMATION

Church name:					
Church address:					
City:		State:		ZIP Code:	
Phone:		E-mail:		Fax:	
Pastor:		Your current position:			

SECTION C: DOCTRINAL POSITION

Do you believe in and teach the virgin birth of Jesus?		Yes	No	<i>(Please circle)</i>	
Scripture:					
Do you believe in and teach the atonement of the blood of Jesus for sin?		Yes	No	<i>(Please circle)</i>	
Scripture:					
Have you been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ?		Yes	No	<i>(Please circle)</i>	
When?					
Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46)?		Yes	No	<i>(Please circle)</i>	
Explain the difference between the baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit:					

Do you believe in and teach that Jesus is the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?		Yes	No	<i>(Please circle)</i>	
Explain:					

Please include with your application a 2500-word theme on your call and doctrinal position. Candidates may send audio, video, or typed (double-spaced) theme. Include in your theme an explanation, with Scriptural basis, supporting your differentiation between the baptism and the filling of the Holy Spirit. Also, please state your position in regards to "Eternal Security" and give Scriptural basis for your opinion. Please explain the terms "rapture of the church" and the "second coming of Christ" as you understand it from the Bible.

Is your 2500-word theme included with your application?		Yes	No	<i>(Please circle)</i>	
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SECTION D: MINISTRY BACKGROUND

Ministry: Please describe your current ministry and your relationship with your Senior Pastor and local church:

Giftings and Abilities: Describe the spiritual gifts that are operating in your ministry. Also, what natural giftings and leadership abilities do you possess?

Leadership Experience: Outside of ministry, describe other areas where you have had leadership experience. Include vocational skills and training:

SECTION E: PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Pastoral Experience: Please list previous churches/ministries where you have served. Include dates, the capacity in which you served, size of the congregation/ministry and a brief description of your responsibilities:

Dates:	Organization:	Description:
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Education and Training: List any schools you have attended beyond high school level (university, seminary, Bible school) with degrees or certificates.

Dates:	School:	Degree:
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Dates:	School:	Degree:

Ordination: If you are currently ordained or licensed, please provide the ordaining body and dates

Date	Organization:	License Type:
Date	Organization:	License Type:



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SECTION F: REFERENCES

See "Section 12" of the Minister's Manual.

Please list two ordained ministers as references (preferably at least one being a member of the B.M.A.):

Name	Address	Phone

SECTION G: SIGNATURE

I am in full agreement with the vision, purpose and requirements of the Bethel Ministerial Association, Incorporated. By signing this application, I am indicating my desire to become a committed member of this organization.

I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form as to my experiences and education. I also authorize the Bethel Ministerial Association, Inc. to obtain a credit rating evaluation. I have maintained a copy of this application for my records.

I have enclosed my \$35.00 non-refundable application fee: Yes No *(Please circle)*

I have enclosed my \$100.00 annual membership fee: Yes No *(Please circle)*

I have enclosed a current photograph: Yes No *(Please circle)*

I have enclosed the signed **Code of Ethics** ("Section 13" of the Minister's Manual): Yes No *(Please circle)*

Signature of applicant:

Date:



Please return this application to:
Rev Steve Owens
Chairman of Credentials Committee
627 Lincoln St
Lincoln, IL 62656
(217) 735-5621



Bethel Ministerial Association

Ministerial Referral Form

General Information

Candidate:		Date:	
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License Applied for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Local License	<input type="checkbox"/> General License	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordination
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You have been identified as a reference for the above candidate, who is applying for credentials with our Association. Your candid and careful consideration to the following statements and comments will be appreciated. This information is private and will be held confidential. If you prefer to decline to answer any of these questions, simply leave them blank. Thank you for your assistance.

Candidate Evaluation

	Poor	Fair	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
Honesty/Integrity – Known to be honest, fair, and upright to others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doctrine – Has a fundamental, full gospel approach to the Scriptures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education – Related Education or Training for ministry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience – Related or similar experience in the ministry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Life – Has an exemplary marital and/or family life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Accountability – Has demonstrated Biblical financial stewardship.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Strengths – Most Impressive Characteristics:

Weaknesses – Areas for Improvement:

Ministry – What do you know about this applicant's call to the ministry?

Overall Recommendation

Yes, I recommend this applicant for credentials with the Bethel Ministerial Association:

No, I do not recommend this applicant for credentials with the Bethel Ministerial Association:

Additional Comments:

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Signature	Title	Date

If you care to elaborate on any of the above or can comment further on the applicant's qualifications, please enclose it with this form.

We thank you for your honest and deliberate attention to this matter. Your suggestions and comments are appreciated. You are also invited to participate in any and all of the activities of the Bethel Ministerial Association.

Please return this completed form to:

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CODE OF ETHICS

Each member of BMA will agree to the following ethical standards in all aspects of life and ministry. **I will:**

- Maintain high standards of moral, financial and business integrity in all my life and ministries in order that the work of the Lord not be blamed;
- Actively pursue relationships and fellowship with the other ministries and churches within my locality, state, and nation, in accordance with the commands of Holy Scripture;
- Respect each person's differences in doctrine, style, and personality as they follow the Lord Jesus;
- Maintain a teachable spirit, and a willingness to learn from other leaders in the Fellowship;
- Speak only in an edifying manner regarding other ministers and ministries of the Body of Christ;
- Have no part, directly or indirectly, in contributing to a church split;
- Not establish nor seek to establish any other ministry in close proximity to any established church in which I have served as a member, volunteer staff or paid staff unless I have approval in writing from the senior pastor of the local church. I will have no part whatsoever in attracting or seeking to attract any member or attendee of my previous church to be a part of my new ministry. If there is a problem, I will speak to the BMA representatives: circumstances and demographic differences may vary and need consideration.
- Support and give my loyalty to any pastor under whom I serve. If I cannot provide this commitment of support and loyalty, I will advise the pastor of that fact stating my reason(s) in a Christ-like manner and withdraw from the local church and seek to affiliate with another local church in which I can join in good conscience;
- Follow the process as commanded in Scripture (Matthew 18:15-20 and I Corinthians 6:1-8) when faced with a brother or sister in violation of this code or other biblical or moral standards;
- I have read the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws and Code of Ethics of Bethel Ministerial Association and agree to abide by them.

Please sign and return with application:

Signature

Date