The Churches of Christ in Christian Union

CCCU

Global Ministry Center

Official Application for Ministerial Credentials

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(Please respond and answer all questions completely and accurately to the best of your memory and ability.)

(*Please Print*)

1. NAME: _____

2. ADDRESS: _____

City/State/Zip _____, _____ _____

Home Phone: (_____)_____- _____ Cell Phone: (_____)_____- _____

Email: _____

Your date of birth: *(Month)* _____ *(Day)*_____ *(Year)* _____

3. TODAY'S DATE: _____

4. MARITAL STATUS:

A. (Place X in appropriate status) Married _____ Widow/er _____

Divorced _____ Single _____

B. How many times have you been married? _____

C. How committed is your spouse regarding your call to ministry?

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D. Does your wife or husband have a former husband or wife still living? Yes_____No _____

E. If divorced, do you have a former wife or husband living? Yes _____ No _____

F. Wife or husband's full name _____

G. List your children's names and ages still living at home: _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____ _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____ _____ Age _____

5. CITIZENSHIP RECORD:

A. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes _____ No _____

Place of birth: City _____ State _____

B. Is your citizenship a result of a naturalization process? Yes _____ No _____

C. If "A" is "NO," please attach a copy of your immigration documents currently in force for your U.S. residency.

D. If "A" is "NO," have you applied for U.S. citizenship or permanent residency?

Yes _____ No _____

6. EDUCATION:

A. High School Diploma Yes _____ No ____

B. GED Yes ___ No _____

C. Ministerial Preparation Study Course

Number of courses completed _____

Date certification completed _____

D. College: 1 2 3 4 College/University attended _____

Degree(s) completed _____

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E. Seminary: 1 2 3 4 Seminary attended _____

Degree(s) completed _____

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F. Graduate Studies Institution attended _____

Degree completed _____

G. Honorary Degrees Institution _____

Date Honorary Degree conferred _____

H. Other formal training or continuing education units not listed above. _____

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7. CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE:

A. I was converted: Year _____ Age _____ Place _____

B. I was sanctified: Year _____ Age _____ Place _____

C. I was baptized: Year _____ Age _____ Place _____

D. I first became a member of a local Church of Christ in Christian Union: Year _____ Church _____

E. I am now a member of the _____ Church.

F. I have been a member there for _____years.

G. Describe your personal devotional and prayer life. _____

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8. MINISTERIAL CALLING AND EXPERIENCE:

A. What evidences and confirmations have you received pertaining to your call to preach the Gospel? _____

B. When did you receive your call to preach the Gospel? Year _____

Place _____

C. Your first sermon was delivered, when? _____

Where? _____

D. Approximately how many sermons did you preach the past 12 months? _____

E. What were the visible results of those sermons? _____

F. Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts analysis? Yes _____ No _____

If so, what did the spiritual gifts analysis disclose regarding your giftedness? _____

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If you have not taken a spiritual gift analysis, are you interested in taking an analysis?

Yes _____ No _____

G. Have you ever pastored a church? _____ If you have, list pastorates and how long you served at each. _____

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H. Have you ever served as an evangelist? _____

1. If you have, approximately how many revivals have you held? _____
2. If you have served as a full-time evangelist, how many years did you serve? _____

9. OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

A. List any occupational experiences and how long you worked at each.
(Example: carpenter – 2 years; school teacher – 1 year; pastor – 3 years)

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B. How and where were you employed the past calendar year? _____

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10. REFERENCES: (Please furnish us with the names and correct contact information for four references)

A. Personal (Relative or other friend): _____

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B. Christian (Pastor, Elder or other church official): _____

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C. Educational (Professor, teacher or another friend that knows your background):

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D. Previous or current employer: _____

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11. RELATING TO RULES OF THE MINISTRY:

A. Are you willing to be governed by the rules pertaining to the ministry as printed in the Current *Manual of The Churches of Christ in Christian Union*?

Yes _____ No _____

B. Do you believe in and preach tithing? _____

C. Are you now practicing tithing? _____

D. Have you ever preached a sermon on the doctrine of entire sanctification? _____

E. Do you participate or are you involved with any of the following:

1. Use of tobacco (Consumption or sale of)? Yes _____ No _____
2. Alcohol (Consumption or sale of)? Yes _____ No _____
3. Gambling? Yes _____ No _____
4. Lottery? Yes _____ No _____

· If you answered "yes" to any of the following questions, please explain.

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F. Are you a member of any secret order or society? Yes _____ No _____

G. Have you had a BCI and a FBI background check in the last year? Yes _____ No _____

If answer is yes, please submit a copy of both to our office.

If answer is no, an application for this background check is obtainable from the local sheriff or police department in the county or state of your residence.

Use the following codes: BCI –Minister/Pastor - No Orc Other (example for Ohio) check your own state's code

FBI – NCPA/VA Volunteer Children's Act

MUST SUBMIT BOTH BCI AND FBI BACKGROUND CHECKS

12. RELATING TO PERSONAL BELIEFS:

A. The Churches of Christ in Christian Union believes that the new birth and entire sanctification are two distinct works of grace. What scriptural evidence do you have as an assurance that you have experienced these works of God's grace?

B. According to the scriptures, are the new birth and entire sanctification two separate works of grace or are they accomplished in one moment?

C. Do you believe it is possible to be cleansed from the carnal mind while you live in this physical body?

D. Define the biblical doctrine of sin.

E. Do you believe if one has been born again and entirely sanctified, he/she could fall from grace and be eternally lost? Explain.

F. Do you believe in a gift of "tongues" as generally identified and preached by the Pentecostal or Charismatic movements? _____

G. Do you believe in and practice any type of prayer language? _____

H. We anticipate and expect that our ministers will be loyal to The Churches of Christ in Christian Union. How would you define loyalty to the denomination?

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13. WITNESS:

I hereby acknowledge that the above answers are true and all responses correctly answered to the best of my ability and memory.

I also hereby promise that upon acceptance as a minister and given credentials, I will seek to conscientiously abide by the *Manual of The Churches of Christ in Christian Union*.

Signed: _____ Date: _____