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CREDENTIAL APPLICATION



Credentials Application

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Dear co-laborer,

What a blessing it is for us to know that God continues to call servants for the ministry! We thank you for attending the Call and approaching the ACROSS CONFERENCE to request the credentials and certificates necessary to formally serve in Ministry within our organization. We are very excited that you have decided to be part of the ministerial body of our Conference.

We believe in the gifts and ministries given by God for the edification of the Body of Christ and it fills us with hope to know that He perfects us for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4: 11-12). So, we rejoice that you join the group of collaborators of this Conference, whose mission is to expand the Word, honor and fame of our Lord Jesus Christ (Habakkuk 2:14).

We understand the great responsibility involved in assuming a ministerial responsibility, but we also know of the enormous joy that comes from bearing eternal fruit for our Savior (Psalm 126: 6).

In this package, you will find the information and the forms to initiate the request for licenses and ministerial certificates of the ACROSS CONFERENCE of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. If you prefer to fill most of forms online, please request the online packet.

Once again, we thank you for taking this important step to follow the Divine call. We are here to serve, support and help you. Please contact us if you have any questions.
Blessings!

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Application for Credentials

ACROSS CONFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Thank you for your interest and desire to gain membership in ACROSS Conference. In order to obtain credentials in this organization, an individual must satisfactorily complete the application process. This is in place to provide opportunities for those who are called and committed to service in Christ's Kingdom, and to provide qualified "laborers into His harvest" (*Matthew 9:38*).

Enclosed you will find the following materials:

- **Application form:** please complete and return as soon as possible.
- **Recommendation Forms:**
 - **Applicant for Credentials Reference form (3):** On each form you must either waive or reserve your right to examine the form, by signing on the line provided under the statement. Send one form to your local pastor, another to a businessman/employer, and another to a person of your choice, not related to you by family. Each of those persons is to mail the evaluation directly to **ACROSS CONFERENCE**.
- **Credential Requirements:** there is a required course of study for all ministerial applicants. There will be consideration given for ministry experience and any other applicable studies. A formal academic degree is not required. However, courses from academic institutions may be accepted in lieu of courses in the required three-year study Program. You may send transcripts of all formal academic work completed that you feel has a bearing on your qualifications as an applicant for ministerial license.
- **Credentials Fact Sheet:** This will provide pertinent information regarding your application process.
- **The other items of information included are essential reading.**
 - The Articles of Faith and the Covenant of Commitment of the IPHC
 - A statement of financial requirements of ministers in the IPHC

Note: Please include with your signed & dated application the following items:

- \$25 application fee (Checks made payable to ACROSS CONFERENCE)
- Final Decree of Divorce (if applicable)
- Tithing Report for past year
- Written personal testimony
- Purpose for pursuing Ministerial Credentials
- Signed Jerusalem Proclamation
- Academic transcripts
- Information Authorization and Release Form
- Current Credit Report

Again, thank you for your interest. May our Lord Jesus Christ guide and sustain you in this opportunity.

ACROSS CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS

Fact Sheet

Types of Credentials

- **Local Church Minister's Certificate** (*Specialty modules in the following areas*)
 - Ministerial
 - Church Education
 - Youth leader
- **Minister's License**
 - Minister
 - Evangelist
- **Certificate of Ordination**

Please attach a
passport style photo
of you.

Application Procedures For:

Local Church Minister's Certificate (LCMC)

- Letter of recommendation from church signed by Pastor and secretary.
- Must be a member of a local Pentecostal Holiness Church.
- Applicant must be certain of a definite call to Christian ministry.
- Submit a personal application form detailing personal history, family history, education history, church/religious history, and other general information that would assist in constructing an accurate profile.
- A recent photograph should accompany the application.
- Must successfully complete the prescribed courses of study - including 3 required courses:
 - MCP 1.01 Knowing & Studying the Bible
 - MCP 1.02 IPHC Articles of Faith & Government
 - MCP 1.05 IPHC History
- Will remain amenable to the local church and pastor. They shall tithe their income into the local church treasury as directed in the IPHC Manual 2013-2017

Minister's License

- Applicant must be a member of a local Pentecostal Holiness Church.
- Submit a personal application form detailing personal history, family history, education history, church/religious history, and other general information that would assist in constructing an accurate profile.
- A recent photograph should accompany the application.
- Recommendation forms are to be completed, signed and returned separately to the Conference Office. (*forms provided*).
- A letter must be written by the current pastor, recommending this candidate for Minister's License.
- Applicant must be certain of a definite call to Christian ministry.
- Applicant must successfully complete the prescribed study of the Ministerial Credential Program.
- Applicant shall report to the conference office monthly on provided report forms.
- Applicant shall be amenable to the Conference, and tithe monthly to the conference treasury on all income, both secular and ministerial. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of their license.

Certificate of Ordination

- Candidates for ordination shall have been licensed for at least one year. The Conference Board may waive this requirement in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the General Superintendent.
- Candidates for ordination shall have successfully completed the additional prescribed courses of the Ministerial Credentials Program.
- A final evaluation and personal interview with the Conference Superintendent or District Director is required before ordination credentials can be recommended.
- A letter must be written by Conference Superintendent, recommending this minister for Ordination.
- The General Superintendent, or his appointee, in cooperation with the Conference Superintendent and/or District Director, shall arrange and conduct an appropriate ordination service in connection with the annual session of conference.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church

CREDENTIALS PROGRAM

Credentials Offered:

- **Local Church Minister's Certificate**

Candidates must be a member of a local church and recommended by that local church. The applicant must be certain of a definite call to Christian work. Those with a Local Church Minister's Certificate are amenable to the local church where they hold membership and are required to report quarterly to the Conference Office.

- **Minister's License** (*Three forms: minister's, church education, and music*)

Candidates shall be a member of a local church and recommended by that local church. Licensed ministers shall be eligible to participate in all conference benefits in the conference in which they have been issued a minister's license.

- **Certificate of Ordination**

Candidates for ordination shall have been licensed for at least one year. To qualify a candidate must be a member of a local church and recommended by that local church. Ordained ministers shall be eligible to participate in all conference benefits in the conference in which they have been issued a certificate of ordination.

Articles of Faith

Article One

We believe there is but one living and true God everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead there are three Persons of one substance of eternal being, and equal in holiness, justice, wisdom, power, and dignity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Article Two

We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and the manhood were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and perfect man, who actually suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile the Father to us, and to make atonement, not only for our actual guilt, but also for original sin.

Article Three

We believe that Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfections of man's nature and ascended into heaven and there sits until He shall return to judge all men at the last day.

Article Four

We believe the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

Article Five

We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, known as the Bible, composed of sixty-six books and divided into two departments, Old and New Testaments. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the full and complete revelation of the plan and history of redemption.

Article Six

We believe that eternal life with God in heaven is a portion of the reward of the finally righteous; and that everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord and unending torture in hell are the wages of the persistently wicked (Matthew 25:46; Psalm 9:17; Revelation 21:7-8).

Article Seven

We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins that are past, for the regeneration of penitent sinners, and for salvation from sin and from sinning (Romans 3:25; 1 John 3:5-10; Ephesians 2:1-10).

Article Eight

We believe, teach, and firmly maintain the scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone (Romans 5:1).

Article Nine

We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the complete cleansing of the justified believer from all indwelling sin and from its pollution, subsequent to regeneration (1 John 1:7-9).

Article Ten

We believe in sanctification. While sanctification is initiated in regeneration and consummated in glorification, we believe that it includes a definite, instantaneous work of grace achieved by faith subsequent to regeneration (Acts 26:18; 1 John 1:9). Sanctification delivers from the power and dominion of sin. It is followed by life-long growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:16; 2 Peter 3:18).

Article Eleven

We believe that the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is obtainable by a definite act of appropriating faith on the part of the fully cleansed believer, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Luke 11:13; Acts 1:5; 2:14, 8-17; 10:44-46; 19:6).

Article Twelve

We believe in divine healing as in the atonement (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:14-18; James 5:14-16; Exodus 15:26).

Article Thirteen

We believe in the imminent, personal, premillennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:1-4; Matthew 24:29-44), and love and wait for His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).

Article Fourteen

We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to dedicate his life to carrying out the work of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8).

Covenant of Commitment

The Pentecostal Holiness Church is committed to Jesus Christ and His kingdom. This commitment involves a biblical lifestyle. We believe that the Bible is God's infallible Word and the believer's guide and final authority for both faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We are totally committed to the Bible as God's written Word to man. We believe that a top priority of Christians in this world is to multiply believers and multiply churches as a means of extending the kingdom of God. We must, therefore, follow a lifestyle that gives impetus to this purpose. As members of the army of God we are involved in spiritual warfare, and thus under military discipline (2 Timothy 2:3-4). Other considerations must take second place to our primary purpose in life. We are mobilized on a wartime basis. Every facet of our lives must come under divine authority (1 Corinthians 10:31).

OUR BODIES

Since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and instruments of righteousness (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 6:13), we must keep our bodies clean and consecrated for the Master's use. From the beginning of our existence as a denomination we have expected our members to abstain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and addictive drugs. We have also maintained a strong position against premarital, extramarital, and deviant sex, including homosexual and lesbian relationships, refusing to accept the loose moral standards of our society. We commit ourselves to maintaining this disciplined lifestyle with regard to our bodies (Romans 12:1-2).

OUR MINDS

The mind is also the dwelling place of God. We believe that our minds should be kept pure and positive in the midst of an impure and negative world (Philippians 4:7-8). It is for this reason that our members are to govern their "mental" diet. The profanity and pornography that pervade our modern media- both print and video- make it imperative that Christians discipline their minds by refusing to feed upon that which is profane, vulgar, or hedonistic. Thus, Pentecostal Holiness members are to avoid material that panders to the profane and pornographic, while consciously replacing it with wholesome material that nurtures and strengthens the spiritual man. We hold a deep commitment to the study of the Bible.

OUR SPIRITS

Our commitment includes our spirits. The spirit of this world is hostile to the spirit of the Christian (Galatians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14). The spirit rulers of this present darkness are ever at work to establish strongholds in the minds of unsuspecting believers, to impose upon them the mind-set of the world. We must guard against the hatred and hostility that breed so easily in the human spirit. The greed and selfishness that motivate much of our modern culture is contrary to our Christian faith and testimony. We therefore urge all our members to exhibit the "mind of Christ" in all their attitudes (Philippians 2:5-11).

OUR SPEECH

Our speech reveals much about us (Matthew 12:34-37). The Christian should be known by his wholesome conversation. Our members are to refrain from speaking anything that is unclean, untrue, unkind, or unprofitable. We must make sure that our talk affirms, rather than hinders, our testimony.

OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Our relationships reveal our preferences and positions. Thus, our people are not to align themselves with organizations or movements that stand in contradiction to Christian principles (2 Corinthians 6:14-18). The believer's commitment to Jesus Christ stands above his commitment to any political party or economic structure or social institution. Any time there is a conflict between the Christian's commitment to Christ and his commitment to any other relationship, he must recognize that all other commitments are governed by this highest commitment (Luke 14:26-27). All our members are to be honest and ethical in all their relationships (Romans 12:17).

OUR FAMILIES

The family is the basic unit of society. The divine origin of the family makes it of vital concern both to the church and to society. Our commitment to a biblical lifestyle profoundly impacts the family. We give priority to the sanctity of marriage and to the biblical pattern of relationships in the home. While the husband is recognized as the head of the home, he is also commanded to love and cherish his wife as his own body (Ephesians 5:25, 28). Wives are to respect and honor their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-23). Parents are to teach and correct their children, but at the same time refrain from provoking them to anger and resentment (Ephesians 6:1-4). Children are to respect and obey their parents. Christian families should worship together, play together, and work together. The relationships in the Christian family should reflect the healing that Christ brings to all human relationships.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our commitment to Jesus Christ includes stewardship. According to the Bible everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). We are stewards of His resources. Our stewardship of possessions begins with the tithe (Malachi 3:8-10). All our members are expected to return a tenth of all their income to the Lord. This tithe is to be paid into the "storehouse." This storehouse is the treasury of the local church or conference to which this member belongs. In addition to the tithe, all our members are expected to give offerings out of the ninety percent of God's wealth which He allows them to use (1 Corinthians 16:2). Stewardship also includes our time, talent, and spiritual gifts, as well as our money (Ephesians 5:16; Romans 12:3-8; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27).

OUR LOYALTY

Loyalty to Christ and His church are basic to the success of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The faithful participation of every member, both lay and clergy, and every local church and quadrennial conference in the various ministries of the church is necessary if the Pentecostal Holiness Church is to fulfill its mission. Loyalty involves commitment to all the ministries of the denomination. Since leaders should be role models, all those in leadership in the local church, the quadrennial conference, and the general church should set an example by their faithfulness in supporting the ministries of the church. Loyalty involves attendance at the gatherings of the church. This is vital at local church, quadrennial conference, and denominational gatherings (Hebrews 10:25). Loyalty involves financial support. Faithfulness in tithes and offerings is essential to the prosperity of God's people (Malachi 3:8-12). This applies to local church members, quadrennial conferences, and all other individuals and entities of the church. Loyalty involves affirmation. The morale of the church requires the positive affirmation of the leadership and ministries of the denomination. While negative criticism tears the church apart (Galatians 5:12-26), positive affirmation builds it up (Ephesians 4:16).

CONCLUSION

This Covenant of Commitment is intended as a guideline for all our members, not a system for monitoring and judging one another. Neither is this Covenant of Commitment to be considered an exhaustive statement concerning a biblical lifestyle. The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is our complete and final authority. A careful, conscientious, and continual study of God's Word will reveal to the believer a growing understanding of what it means to live worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus. Any member having difficulty in following a biblical lifestyle or this Covenant of Commitment should be given loving nurture and patient instruction in order to lead him to maturity and restoration, if needed (Galatians 6:1). There are times when, in spite of every effort to nurture and restore a member, no alternative but excommunication can be found. When a member refuses to heed the loving admonitions of the church to follow a Christian lifestyle, he or she must be excommunicated from the fellowship of the church. However, excommunication is a last resort, and is administered only in flagrant cases of heresy, divisiveness, or immorality (Matthew 18:15-17; Titus 3:10; Romans 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5). The primary purpose for this commitment to a disciplined lifestyle is to strengthen the position of our members as Great Commission Christians, and thus to firmly establish our denomination as a Great Commission movement. We feel that the Pentecostal Holiness Church has a vital part to play in world evangelism. Our aim is to make the multiplying of believers and the multiplying of churches a top priority of the denomination.

I have read and accept the Articles of Faith and the Covenant of Commitment.

Signature and Date

IPHC Tithing Policy & Procedure

Ministers Tithing Reports/Payments

Tithing reports are required for all licensed ministers on a monthly basis. Payment should be made on the first of each month for the previous month's income. This is critical in maintaining an active ministry license.

Since tithing is the biblical basis for the financial structure of the church (Genesis 12:20; Malachi 3:8-11; Matthew 23:23), ministers are to serve as leaders and role models for the church by setting the example in tithing. This includes retired ministers, to do so, they must pay full tithe (10 percent of all income) into the storehouse. Since tithing is a symbol of our submission to God, it is important to tithe on all sources of income without seeking any exceptions. The "storehouse" for the minister is the conference treasury (just as the "storehouse" for the church member is the local church treasury). In light of this position, all ministers are required to give a full tithe monthly into the conference treasury, the missionary fellowship treasury or general treasury, according to membership status, and to report monthly on forms provided.

- Those not on salary are to tithe on a projected income monthly, to be adjusted on annual inventory.
- The minister who does not comply with the tithing rule shall be dealt with in the following manner:
 1. If he has not reported and given the tithe for three months, the minister shall be required to meet with the conference board.
 2. In the event he does not meet with the conference board, or does not make satisfactory amends, he shall forfeit his credentials.
 3. Any minister forfeiting his membership for failure to tithe shall not be considered for license in any other quadrennial conference until he has been reconciled to the quadrennial conference in which he forfeited his membership.

I have read and accept the IPHC Tithing Policy & Procedure.

Signature and Date

FORMS

Applicant for Credentials,

Greetings in the Name of our wonderful Lord.

It is a delight to be informed that you decided to listen to the call of God for ministry. We look forward to the opportunity of assisting you along this journey.

Following is a list of what needs to take place as you go through this application process:
A \$25 application fee must be submitted with the actual credential application that is enclosed in this booklet. (**Checks made payable to ACROSS CONFERENCE*) This will process your application and aid in the cost of the Background Search that we will do for you.

A memo will then be mailed to you confirming any information received and requesting additional information needed to complete the application. The application is not considered complete until all required material is received in the conference office - see checklist on following page.

Once we have received and approved your completed application, guidelines for studies will be outlined to help you complete the licensing process in a timely manner. (i.e. books, readings, tests, etc.)

If you have any questions, you may contact us, and we will gladly serve you promptly.

May the Lord bless you as you seek to serve Him.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Signed and dated application
- ☐ (Final divorce decree if applicable)
- ☐ Signed and dated Jerusalem Proclamation
- ☐ Information Authorization and Release Form
- ☐ Current Credit Report (Applicant Provides)
- ☐ Written Personal Testimony
- ☐ Tithing record for past year
- ☐ Purpose for Pursuing Ministerial Credentials
- ☐ Academic transcripts
- ☐ \$25 Application Fee
- ☐ Signed permission for a background check

Credentials Application

ACROSS CONFERENCE
PO BOX 50717
Minneapolis, MN. 55405

PLEASE ATTACH
A RECENT
PHOTOGRAPH OF
YOURSELF
HERE.
PASSPORT STYLE.
OR EMAIL TO THE OFFICE

Application For:

(Please Check the License Type You Desire)

☐ **Local Minister**

☐ **Minister's License** *(3 Types).*

☐ **Ordination**

☐ Reinstatement

☐ Transfer (Must complete entire application in addition to transferee's section p. 25)

Demographic Information

NAME:		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
ADDRESS				
CITY/STATE/ZIP				
HOME PHONE		CELL		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH		EMAIL ADDRESS
GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		ANIVERSARY DATE (IF APPLICABLE)		
MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW/ER				
HAVE YOU HAD ANY PREVIOUS MARRIAGES? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If YES, please give details along with circumstances on separate paper, include a copy of the final divorce decree)				
HOW WAS YOUR MARRIAGE TERMINATED? <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT				
SPOUSE'S NAME:		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH			SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
HAVE YOUR SPOUSE HAD ANY PREVIOUS MARRIAGES? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If YES, please give details along with circumstances on separate paper, include a copy of the final divorce decree).				
HOW WAS YOUR SPOUSE'S MARRIAGE TERMINATED? <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT				
NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN				
GIVE THREE REFERENCES: INCLUDE (1) PASTOR; (2) A BUSINESSMAN/COLLEAGUE; AND (3) ONE OTHER PERSON NOT RELATED TO YOU. (Reference forms provided in this packet)				
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	PHONE/EMAIL	
1				
2				
3				
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHARGED AND/OR CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR? (Excluding minor traffic offenses) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If YES, please explain):				
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ACCUSED OF CHILD MOLESTATION, ASSAULT, OR SEX OFFENSES OF ANY NATURE? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If YES, please explain the nature of accusation, charge, or conviction):				
You are responsible for obtaining and including with this application a current Credit Report				
NAME OF APPLICANT		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE



Employment and Education History

CURRENT OR LAST PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (Secular and/or Christian Service)			
COMPANY NAME		EMPLOYER ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP			
ANNUAL SALARY	DIRECT SUPERVISOR		PHONE
OTHER EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST TEN YEARS			
COMPANY/CHURCH	TITLE/RESPONSIBILITY	SALARY	YEARS
1			
2			
3			
EDUCATION			
CIRCLE HIGHEST GRADE/LEVEL COMPLETED			
	High School	8 9 10 11 12	Year graduated _____
	College	1 2 3 4	Year graduated _____
	Graduate/Seminary	1 2 3 4	Year graduated _____
LIST THE BIBLE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, OR SEMINARIES YOU HAVE ATTENDED. <small>FORWARD COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS TO THE ACROSS CONFERENCE</small>			
SCHOOL NAME	DATES	COURSES COMPLETED	DEGREE
HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH'S MINISTERIAL TRAINING COURSE? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> SECOND YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> THIRD YEAR			
HAVE YOU HAD EQUIVALENT TRAINING? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If YES, please give details):			
IF DEEMED NECESSARY, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TAKE ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO ACHIEVE YOUR PREFERRED LEVEL OF CREDENTIALS? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			
NAME OF APPLICANT	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE

Church Experience

WHEN DID YOU ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR? <i>(Please include a handwritten or typed personal testimony with your application).</i>		MM	DD	YY
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IPHC?				
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				
NAME OF CHURCH	ADDRESS	PASTOR	PASTOR PHONE/EMAIL	
QUESTIONNAIRE				
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD CREDENTIALS WITH THE IPHC OR ANOTHER DENOMINATION?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If YES, please give details):</i>		
HAS YOUR SPOUSE HELD CREDENTIALS WITH THE IPHC OR ANOTHER DENOMINATION?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If YES, please give details):</i>		
HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THE INITIAL EVIDENCE OF SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES? (Acts 2:4).		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
DO YOU KNOW WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT YOU ARE CALLED FROM GOD INTO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED IN WATER ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 28:19?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
DO YOU BELIEVE YOU LIVE A GODLY LIFE? <i>(please explain):</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
HAVE YOU READ THE BIBLE THROUGH AT LEAST ONCE?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE THE INERRANT WORD OF GOD?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
HAVE YOU EVER, FOR ANY REASON, BEEN DISMISSED FROM ANOTHER ORGANIZATION OR HAD YOUR CREDENTIALS REVOKED?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If YES, please give details):</i>		
WHAT IS YOUR MINISTRY CALLING?				
<input type="checkbox"/> PASTOR <input type="checkbox"/> EVANGELIST <input type="checkbox"/> TEACHER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>(please explain):</i> _____				
HAVE YOU READ THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE IPHC MANUAL?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
ARE YOU IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE IPHC?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
ARE YOU IN AGREEMENT WITH THE COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF THE IPHC?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
WILL YOU COOPERATE WITH THE DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAMS AT THE LOCAL, CONFERENCE, AND GENERAL LEVELS AND LEAD YOUR PEOPLE BY EXAMPLE? <i>(This includes reporting systematically and consistently on forms provided)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
WILL YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING, INSTRUCTION, INFORMATION, AND INSPIRATION?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
WILL YOU BE FAITHFUL TO THE SACRED TRUST OF THIS MINISTRY BY DILIGENCE, BY UPRIGHTNESS IN BUSINESS MATTERS, BY MINISTERIAL ETHICS AND COURTESY, BE SELF-SACRIFICE, BY PURITY, BY AVOIDING THE VERY APPEARANCE OF EVIL, BY CHERISHING THE ANNOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, EVEN UNTO DEATH?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
WILL YOU COOPERATE WITH THE DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAMS AT THE LOCAL, CONFERENCE, AND GENERAL LEVELS AND LEAD YOUR PEOPLE BY EXAMPLE?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
IF YOU REACH A PLACE WHERE YOU ARE OUT OF HARMONY WITH THE MINISTRY VISION OF THE IPHC, WILL YOU SURRENDER YOUR LICENSE/ORDINATION CERTIFICATE TO YOUR CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
ARE YOU, AND WILL YOU BE A FAITHFUL AND CONSISTENT TITHER?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
CURRENT MINISTRY (IF APPLICABLE)		SUPERVISOR		



GIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR EXPERIENCE IN LEADERSHIP (YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER)

Please include a handwritten or typed answer to the following question: (YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER)
Why do you want to pursue Ministerial Credentials and how will this help you accomplish your goals?

NAME OF APPLICANT

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Mission Statement

JERUSALEM PROCLAMATION

God is calling the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to become a kingdom of worshipping priests who will worship Him with all their beings – *spirit, soul and body*. We are to live lives of worship, giving praise continually unto the Lord. Our churches are to be noted for their praise and celebration. We are to learn a worship lifestyle that will model for the whole world what it means to love God with all your might, mind and means.

God is calling the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to become an army of witnesses who will live to share the good news. Our whole lifestyle is to be built around the compassion to witness. We are to feast in order to witness. We are to witness as we travel, as we study, as we eat, as we work, and as we play. We are to choose our vocations, our homes, our church sites, our dress, our language, our friends, and our neighbors in order to better witness to this generation. We are to change our lifestyles in order to become more effective witnesses. God is calling us to a witnessing lifestyle.

God is calling the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to become a unique instrument of world evangelization which will penetrate many unreached people of this earth with the gospel. We are to gear up like an invading army to go into the strongholds of the enemy with our lifestyle of worship and witness in order to spread the kingdom of God and the reign of King Jesus. We are to go on a wartime basis in order to carry out this God-given mandate.

This threefold calling is the foundation for Target 2000. Failure to respond to this call will doom the mission. It will make its mission impossible. Response to this threefold call will assure the possession of our promised land, it will guarantee the taking of our mountain.

Affirmed by those present as an expression of what the Lord spoke to us in Jerusalem.

DO YOU ACCEPT THE ABOVE PROCLAMATION AS THE VISION FOR THE IPHC?

☐ NO ☐ YES

NAME OF APPLICANT

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Information Authorization and Release

I, the undersigned, having filed an application for credentials with ACROSS CONFERENCE of the Pentecostal Holiness Church consent to have an investigation made as to the conduct of my personal affairs, my moral character, professional reputation, fitness for the ministry, and such further information as may be received by or reported to the above-named Conference. I agree to give any further information which may be required in reference to my past history.

I authorize and request every person, firm, company, corporation, governmental agency, court, association, church, educational facility, or institution having control of any of my documents, records or other information regarding charges or complaints filed against me, for-mal or informal, pending or closed, and permit the above-named Conference or any of its agents or representatives to inspect and make copies of such documents, records, and other information.

I hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, its agents and representatives and any person furnishing information from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the furnishing or inspection of such documents, records, and other information or the investigations made by or on behalf of the above-named Conference. The Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church shall not be required to verify any information received during the course of its investigations and shall not be liable for acting on the basis of any information which later appears to have been false or incomplete.

I have read and signed the foregoing Authorization and Release as my own free act and deed.

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State of _____ County of _____.

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____.

Permission to Obtain a Background Check

*(This form authorizes the church to obtain background information and must be completed by the applicant.
The church must keep this completed form on file for at least two years after requesting a background check.)*

I, the undersigned applicant (also known as “consumer”), authorize ACROSS CONFERENCE through its independent contractor, to procure background information (also known as a “consumer report and/or investigative consumer report”) about me. This report may include my driving history, including any traffic citations; a social security number verification; present and former addresses; criminal and civil history/records; and the state sex offender records.

I understand that I am entitled to a complete copy of any background information report of which I am the subject upon my request to ACROSS CONFERENCE, if such is made within a reasonable time from the date it was produced. I also understand that I may receive a written summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

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Identifying Information for Background Information Agency

(also known as "Consumer Reporting Agency")

NAME:		FIRST	MIDDLE		LAST	
OTHER NAMES USED (ALIAS, MAIDEN, NICKNAME)						
GENDER		DATE OF BIRTH				
CURRENT ADDRESS						
STREET/PO BOX		CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTY	DATES --
FORMER ADDRESS						
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PHONE			SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER			
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Transfer ONLY

APPLICANT TRANSFERRING FROM: <i>(Denomination/Fellowship)</i>			
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD CREDENTIALS WITH THE IPHC? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If YES, When?):</i>			
CURRENT POSITION/PLACE IN MINISTRY		SUPERVISOR	
POSITION HELD <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR PASTOR <input type="checkbox"/> MISSIONARY <input type="checkbox"/> CHURCH STAFF <input type="checkbox"/> EVANGELIST <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>(please explain):</i> _____			
CHURCH ADDRESS		CITY	STATE/ZIP
PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE POSITION YOU SERVE			
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Evaluation

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

To your knowledge, has the applicant lived a consistent Christian life?

- ☐ YES ☐ NO (If not, please explain; use the opposite side of this sheet if necessary).

Please give your evaluation of the applicant by rating him/her on the following items (**1** being worst, **5** being best):

Seriousness of Purpose	1	2	3	4	5
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Would you recommend this applicant's ministerial character without reservation?

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