



Allegheny Region Conference, CGGC
P.O Box 756, Latrobe, PA 15650
Application For Ordination

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____
 Date Considered _____
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PART I

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide all information on this application and forms to help us better understand your qualification and interest in serving in the Allegheny Region Conference. We will process your application after all completed forms are returned to the above address.

Date of Application _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name _____
 (First) (Middle) (Maiden, if applicable) (Last)

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ - _____ - _____ Work _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ - _____ - _____

Present church affiliation _____ How long a member? _____

Address _____

EDUCATION: Do you hold any degrees in religious and/or pastoral training? ____yes ____no.

If "yes" what degree, from what institute, and when did you receive it?

Regardless of obtaining a degree which of the following course topics have you taken and at what institute?

- ___ Old Testament at _____
- ___ New Testament at _____
- ___ Interpretation at _____
- ___ Theology at _____
- ___ Church History Survey at _____
- ___ Counseling at _____
- ___ Homiletics at _____
- ___ Pastoral Theology at _____
- ___ Spiritual Formation at _____
- ___ Evangelism and Missions at _____
- ___ Leadership at _____
- ___ Christian Worship at _____
- ___ Church Polity _____

For any courses that you have not taken, please describe how you have received training, i.e. by experience, mentoring, reading appropriate books, etc. Please describe in detail, using a separate sheet(s) of paper.

Ministerial/Pastor Experiences: List places of ministry beginning with current or most recent. On separate sheets of paper give details of your ministry experiences for each place. Please include the reason for leaving.

Month/Yr to Month/Yr

____/____ to ____/____ Current or last Employer/Pastorate _____
Address _____ Phone _____

____/____ to ____/____ Prior Employer/Pastorate _____
Address _____ Phone _____

____/____ to ____/____ Prior Employer/Pastorate _____
Address _____ Phone _____

____/____ to ____/____ Prior Employer/Pastorate _____
Address _____ Phone _____

Is your current employer/church aware of this application?

What positions have you held in your local church (other than pastor)?

What positions have you held in Local/Region Conference?

What positions have you held in the General Conference/denomination?

OBJECTIVE: Type of ministry you are interested in (check all that apply):

Senior Pastor _____; Youth _____; Education _____; Other (specify) _____;

Established church _____; Church Plant _____; Urban _____; Rural _____; Circuit _____;

Full time _____; Part time _____; Bi-vocational _____

Expected base salary _____; benefits (i.e. housing, utilities, etc.) _____

*Comments:

Indicate earliest date you would be available? _____

CURRENT CREDENTIALS:

License Date (Month, Day, Year): _____ By: _____

Ordination Date (Month, Day Year): _____ By: _____

Have you ever had your ministerial credentials suspended, revoked or recalled by a credentialing body? _____

Have you received credentials (license, ordination, etc.) to minister by more than one credentialing body? _____

Have you even been dismissed from any position with any church, religious institution or employment? _____

** If you answered yes to any of the above questions, explain on a separate sheet of paper (give details of whom, when, where, basis and outcome.)*

REFERENCES: List the name and addresses of references (do not list relatives).

Church Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____; E-mail: _____

Church Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____; E-mail: _____

Character Reference: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____; E-mail: _____

Additional references:

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PART II

Theology/Doctrine

The following section of your application addresses issues of theology and doctrine. Please answer all questions accurately. You may explain these further within your doctrinal statement or at your personal interview.

A. Doctrinal Statement:

Submit a doctrinal/personal theological statements on the following topics: the persons of the Trinity and the work of each, Sin/Atonement/Salvation, the Church, Creation, Humanity, the Resurrection, Scripture, and the Kingdom of God. Please be thorough and yet brief.

B. Personal Questionnaire: (limit your answers to 1 or 2 sentences)

1. How do you maintain regularity and consistency in your spiritual life?
2. What are your spiritual gifts? How do you know?
3. What are your greatest strengths?
4. Describe a particular experience when your strengths were utilized.
5. Describe a situation when you planned, organized and launched a new group or ministry.
6. Describe an experience where you helped coach or supervise an individual through a problem solving situation.
7. Describe a time when the Lord clearly directed you in ministry. How did you communicate that direction/vision to others so that they worked together along with you to see the mission accomplished.
8. What is your greatest weakness?
9. How do you overcome your weakness in a group or ministry situation?
10. What are your personal goals for the next 3 to 5 years? Beyond that time?
11. Tell about your passion. What really motivates you?
12. List and briefly summarize your personal core values.
13. What type(s) of people do you most enjoy being with?
14. What type(s) of areas would you prefer to live?
15. If God would grant you any wish in your personal ministry, what would it be?
16. As you understand Churches of God doctrine at this point, in your opinion, what are our strengths? What are our weaknesses?

C. Personal Ministry Statements: State your Philosophy and approach on each of the following:

1. Ministry and Mission of the Church
2. Pastoral Ministry and Mission
3. Evangelism
4. Christian Education and Discipleship
5. Worship

E. Spiritual Formation:

Prepare a brief written testimony (approximately a page) of your life. Include statements about your family as you were growing up and any applicable pre-Christian experiences. Tell how you became a Christian and subsequent spiritual growth experiences. How did you recognize God's call upon you for vocational Christian service? Include how your spouse and other family relationships have affected your response to that call. How did other life experiences and relationships contribute to your call to ministry? What is your vision for future ministry?

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP SURVEY

The following list identifies various concentrations of regular ministry activity. Rank these items in the order of priority that best describes your strengths and ministry emphasis. Place a number before each one, ranking them 1 through 10 (1 is most important, 10 is least). Each church will also complete a similar report. Comparing your answers with a church will assist you and us in finding a good match that will enhance healthy church and pastor ministry.

- _____ Administration
- _____ Counseling
- _____ Discipleship Training
- _____ Evangelism and Outreach
- _____ Home visitation of church members
- _____ Hospital visitation
- _____ Music/Worship leading
- _____ Pulpit preaching
- _____ Teaching
- _____ Youth
- _____ Other - please list, _____

One of the more visible responsibilities of the pastor is preaching. Indicate the type of sermon delivery you feel would best describe your preaching style. Check one in each category.

Preaching Style:

- Lecture: (stand still behind pulpit)
- Evangelistic: (gesture with hands and animation)
- Hell Fire: (extremely animated and confrontational)

Sermon Style:

- Expository/Exegetical: (select particular Bible passage, and explain specifically what it says)
- Exhortation: (speak from a particular Bible text, use illustrations relevant to everyday life)
- Social Reform: (speak on topics relevant to contemporary social and world issues)

How do you, or would you, choose what Bible text or topic to preach on each week?

What are your personal goals of ministry?

Any additional comments you would like to make (use back of form if necessary):

REQUEST, AUTHORIZATION, CONSENT AND RELEASE FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please type or print

I, _____
Last name First Name Middle Name (Please include Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.)

Understand that in conjunction with my application for employment, ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE will use the services of an outside agency to research and verify the information I have provided on my application for employment including my personal background, character, professional standing, work history and qualifications. This agency will provide a report to the ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE. ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE uses Backgrounds Online, a consumer reporting agency, as an agent to perform background verifications.

Backgrounds Online will utilize various sources of information it deems appropriate including but not limited to: credit reporting agencies, Workers Compensation records, Department of Motor Vehicles records, criminal conviction records, current and former employers, military records, education records, professional and personal references. I request, authorize and consent to the release and disclosure of any and all information including but not limited to the above to ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE and Backgrounds Online.

I request, authorize and consent to the procurement of an Investigative Consumer Report and understand that it many contain information about my background, mode of living, character, personal characteristics and general reputation. This authorization in original or copy form shall be valid for one year from the date indicated next to my signature. According to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, I will be notified by ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE if employment is denied because of information obtained from a Consumer Reporting Agency. Additionally, I understand that if requested within 60 days, I will be given a full and accurate disclosure as to the nature and substance of all information provided to ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE. I further understand that when requesting a copy of the report, proper identification will be required and I should direct my request to: Backgrounds Online, 1915 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811, phone: 800-838-4804.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER ENTITIES FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHEN CHECKING PUBLIC RECORDS. IT IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES. I HEREBY RELEASE ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE AND ITS AGENTS, BACKGROUNDS ONLINE, AND ALL PERSONS, AGENCIES, AND ENTITIES PROVIDING INFORMATION OR REPORTS ABOUT ME FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF THE REQUEST FOR OR RELEASE OF ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED INFORMATION OR REPORTS.

Signature _____ Today's Date _____

Printed Name _____ Position Applied For _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Driver's License Number _____ State _____

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS

Current Address: Street Apt. # City State Zip Code How long here?
Former Address: Street Apt. # City State Zip Code How long here?
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May we contact your current employer _____ Yes _____ No

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

In consideration and evaluation of this application by the Allegheny Region Conference, CGGC, I agree and affirm that:

1. The information contained in this application is accurate in every way to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that providing false or misleading information on the above stated forms is grounds for my immediate dismissal, if I am appointed to ministerial service.
2. I authorize any references, schools, current or former employers, current or former supervisors, churches or denominational agencies, record custodians, or any other person or organization, whether or not identified in these forms, to give you any information (including opinions) regarding my character and fitness for ministerial service. I hereby release the same from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, or my family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization, excepting only the communication of knowingly false information. I further state that **I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS FOREGOING RELEASE AND SIGN IT AS MY OWN FREE ACT.**
3. Should my Application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the Constitution and Policies of the Allegheny Region Conference Churches of God, General Conference, and to refrain from any conduct in violation of the Conference's teachings.
4. I understand and agree that nothing contained in this Application for ministerial service or in any interview, is intended to or shall create an agreement between myself and the Conference for either ministerial appointment or providing any benefit.
5. **I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND AGREE TO THEM.** A facsimile or photocopy of this Application shall be as valid as the original.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

(unsigned Applications will not be considered)

Please return this completed Application and the Request, Authorization, Consent and Release for Background Information Form to:

Allegheny Region Conference

P.O. Box 756

Latrobe, PA 15650

Please Include with this application:

- 1) A letter of recommendation for ordination from your pastor, mentor, or Administrative Council of the church where you are ministering. If your current church is not aware of your applying, then a letter should come from someone in your conference that has oversight over you.
- 2) Copies of your most recent (not more than three years old) PA criminal and child abuse clearances, as well as the FBI clearance.
- 3) Copies of transcripts and any diplomas.