

CANADIAN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

Credentials

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I am making application for the following credentials (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Licenced Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Pastoral Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordained Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Christian Worker |

If already Licenced/Ordained and this is a transfer, a copy of original certificate must be included along with complete address and phone number of contact person.

Your Ministry Gifts:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apostle | <input type="checkbox"/> Prophet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Process

Applications for credentials are reviewed twice each year. Completed applications, including all required supporting documentation and fee, must be received at Central Office *no later than April 15 or October 15*. Completed applications are forwarded to the Credentials Committee, and Central Office will notify the applicant regarding time and place for interviews.

Personal Information

Name _____
Given name
Middle name
Surname

Address: Street/R.R. _____ Apt. _____
 City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____
 Phone [Res.] (____) _____ [Bus./Ministry] (____) _____

Male Female Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Birthplace _____ Citizenship: _____

Single Married: Spouse's full name: _____

Date of Marriage: _____
 Number of Children Name Age Name Age

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Home Church _____
Name
Address

Resume

Please attach a resume of your life, work, and ministry experience.

Education

Elementary School High School College/Bible School University/Seminary

Degree(s) received: _____
(Please include copies of transcripts)

Other courses completed and Diploma(s) _____
(Please include copies of transcripts)

Course(s) (school/other) presently taken: _____

(Institution name and address; course being taken; years completed)

Personal Testimony

Please describe your conversion experience and when it happened; your church background afterwards; your call to the ministry; and your relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, please include a summary of your spiritual gifts. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach.

Personal Beliefs

On a separate sheet of paper, please specify your personal beliefs in these topics:

- A. The Bible;
- B. The Trinity;
- C. Salvation;
- D. The Holy Spirit (fruit/ministry);
- E. Justification by Faith/works;
- F. Obedience;
- G. Accountability,
- H. Witnessing;
- I. Baptism;
- J. Biblical Ministry.

References

Be sure to download and print the three reference forms (one Pastor/Church Leader; two General) to be completed by persons (not family members) acquainted with your ministry gifts and history of Christian service. One reference must be a pastor or church leader. Please have each reference mail the completed forms directly to Central Office.

Conditions For Credentials

Credentials with *CECC* shall be limited to all applicants who subscribe to the Doctrinal Statement (Nine Articles of Faith and the Apostles' Creed), and the Ministerial Covenant.

A. DOCTRINAL STATEMENT **NINE ARTICLES OF FAITH**

- ❶ The Bible as the Written Word of God
- ❷ The Virgin Birth
- ❸ The Deity of Jesus Christ
- ❹ The Trinity
- ❺ Salvation through the Atonement
- ❻ The guidance of our life through Prayer
- ❼ The death and resurrection of Christ
- ❽ The return of the Saviour
- ❾ The millennial Reign of Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

- I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
 - And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
 - Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
 - Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell;
 - The third day He rose again from the dead;
 - He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 - From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
 - I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 - The holy catholic* Church; the communion of the saints;
 - The forgiveness of sins;
 - The resurrection of the body;
 - And life everlasting. AMEN.
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B. MINISTERIAL COVENANT

Upon being granted credentials with *CECC*, I commit myself to God, to *CECC*, and to the other ministers to:

- ❶ Affirm the Nine Articles of Faith;
- ❷ Live a godly life as a witness in the community, by adhering to the Ministerial Code of Ethics in all aspects of my life and ministry, thus living a biblically moral lifestyle worthy of the Christian ministerial profession;
- ❸ Recognize my responsibility to *CECC* by supporting with regular offerings throughout the year;
- ❹ Maintain my credentials by annually renewing as required by *CECC*'s December 1st deadline;
- ❺ Attend the Annual General Conference held each year;
- ❻ Make myself known as a *CECC* minister, and encourage others to unity with *CECC*;
- ❼ Notify National Office of any significant changes to my ministry or in ministry;
- ❽ Assist to complete the work needed by *CECC* by making the needs of *CECC* part of my agenda.

Terms & Conditions

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read, agree to, and commit to the terms and conditions as set out by the Canadian Evangelical Christian Churches. I commit to the *Ministerial Covenant*. I acknowledge and affirm that the information provided by me in this application, including all attachments and exhibits, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if granted credentials with CECC, my credentials may be withdrawn or terminated by CECC at any time if any information is false or misleading, or my life and/or ministry does not conform to the *Ministerial Covenant*. I hereby authorize CECC and its agents to conduct a complete investigation of my background, character, reputation and fitness, both now and at any time in the future, in order to grant credentials at this time and to renew credentials each year.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Instructions

Please mail this application along with your non-refundable application fee of \$75.00 to:

CECC Central Office
410-125 Lincoln Road
Waterloo ON N2J 2N9

Write current-date cheque or money order to **Canadian Evangelical Christian Churches**. **DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL**. Upon acceptance into CECC, an additional yearly renewal fee of \$125.00 will be applied.

NOTE: Credentials are renewable each year based on the minister's life and conduct and adherence to the *Ministerial Covenant* in maintaining a supportive, cooperative relationship with the ongoing ministry of CECC.

Office Use

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CECC:

As members of the Credentials and Ordination committee, we have completed the initial interview with the applicant and hereby:

Recommend Do Not Recommend

IF NOT recommending, give reason: _____

Applicant to be granted credentials as;

Licenced Minister Ordained Minister Certified Pastoral Counselor Certified Christian Worker

Approved Disapproved Date: _____

Credentials Chairman: _____ General Superintendent _____

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