

CALVARY MINISTRIES, INC., INTERNATIONAL

CMIGLOBAL

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**CMIGLOBAL Credential Policy**

**For Your Information**

- A "completed" application must be submitted to the CMIGLOBAL National Headquarters. An incomplete application will not be considered.
- When the application is completed, the applicant **may** be scheduled to meet for an interview, **which would be set by the National Headquarters.**
- **When an interview is required** the interviewer(s) will make their recommendation to the Council of Overseers. CMIGLOBAL desires to work with all credential applicants and will give consideration to unique scheduling needs.
- The CMIGLOBAL National Headquarters will then write to the applicant informing him or her of the decision of the Council of Overseers. If approved, the applicant will receive a CMIGLOBAL clergy card at that time and will be scheduled to be a part of the next "Laying on of Hands" service in the Annual Convention.

**Preamble**

CMIGLOBAL is a fellowship of churches and ministers dedicated to reaching the lost by proclaiming the whole Gospel to the whole man. CMIGLOBAL wants to join hands with all those of like precious faith who share in this greatest of endeavors. Because the base of this Gospel testimony, both here and abroad, is the Church (Matthew 16:18), CMIGLOBAL holds as a primary purpose the establishment and strengthening of the local church and best fulfills this principle best by strengthening leaders and helping churches, globally.

It is with these goals in mind, and in an effort to promote accountability, to produce excellence in ministry, and to provide spiritual covering and authority, that the following procedures and criteria for membership credentials are delineated.

**Definitions**

**Ordination:** Permanent credentials granted in recognition of a demonstrated apostolic/divine call, which is by nature fruitful in life and ministry as well as permanent.

**License:** reissued annually: To fulfill I Timothy 5:22, "Lay hands on no man suddenly," to become acquainted, to provide opportunity to demonstrate permanence and fruitfulness in ministry.

**Apostolic/Divine Call:** As seen in Scripture in I Corinthians 1:1, Romans 1:1, Ephesians 4:11, an apostolic/divine call is:

1. From God, impressed upon the heart of man, whose duty of response is first to test and prove the call and then to fulfill it.
2. A call to the ministry of the Word of God and prayer.
3. A call to leadership, which can be both general and specific
  - a. General - as a leader within the Body of Christ, as a whole.
  - b. Specific - as a leader within a church or ministry.
4. A call which is by nature a vocational call that is permanent and without repentance.
5. A call that manifests itself within the life of the minister as a call to holiness and devotion to God in both mind and body.

**Full time:** Full time means that a Licensed member is receiving 51% of his/her income from their ministry or is working ten (10) or more hours weekly in that ministry.

**Equivalent:** CMIGLOBAL approved 2-year Bible college program which offers as a minimum for credentials a 72-credit course of preparation, which totals 780 actual hours of classroom study, majoring in Biblical Studies. Paul & Timothy is an additional program of practical study and preparation which consists of at least one semester of classroom study in conjunction with a working assignment under an approved local church pastor.

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**Membership:** Calvary Ministries, Inc., International is a fellowship comprised of churches, fellowship groups, and credentialed ministers. Credential holders of CMIGLOBAL are also legal members of the Fellowship with full rights and responsibilities.

**What CMIGLOBAL Credentials Provide**

Provide authority by:

- Authorizing to teach and preach the Word.
- Authorizing to administer the ordinances of the Church.
- Authorizing to conduct services of marriage and funerals in compliance with the laws of their state.

Provide credibility by:

- Recognizing a call of apostolic/divine nature upon a person's life and ministry.
- Recognizing a commitment to that call that has manifested itself in proper preparation for total devotion to ministry.
  - Renewals operate on a calendar year.
  - The responsibility for renewal rests upon the credential holder.
  - Renewal forms will ask for such information so as to confirm continued involvement in ministry.

Provide accountability by:

- Providing a body of recognized apostolic/divine leadership to direct and correct the general membership of CMIGLOBAL in matters of ethics, doctrine and spiritual life.
- Providing a membership within a body of peers for fellowship and mutual support.
- Providing established Scriptural methods and standards for ethical and spiritual ministry within the Body of Christ.
- Providing each member a voice in the fellowship through his or her vote in duly-called business meetings of the general membership.
- Providing avenues of training in preparation for vocational ministry and for continuing education.

**Criteria for Credentials**

**License Categories:** A Ministerial License with CMIGLOBAL allows the holder to preach and teach, marry and bury, administer the ordinances of the Church and otherwise fulfill all the requirements of ministry with full rights and responsibilities. CMIGLOBAL issues two Certificates of License:

**Recognition of License:** For those who have already been licensed.

- The approved applicant for Recognition of License will have:
  - Carried a current and valid License from a recognized licensing body, which otherwise meets the qualifications and criteria for licensing with CMIGLOBAL.
  - Submitted a completed application for credentials with all the supporting material and appropriate fees to the National Headquarters Office of CMIGLOBAL.
  - The approved applicant will have participated in an interview, *if required*, and the "Laying on of Hands," in the Annual Convention.

Renewal of Membership (Recognition of License)

- To remain current and valid, *the Recognition of Licensed member must renew membership annually.*
- Renewals operate on a calendar year.
- The responsibility for renewal rests upon the credential holder.
- Renewal forms will ask for such information so as to confirm continued involvement in ministry.
- Renewals must be accompanied by all the necessary supporting information and the appropriate fees.

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**Ministerial License:** A Ministerial License with CMIGLOBAL can be either part time or full time.

- When changing from part time to full time, the License holder needs only to mark the appropriate box on the Annual Renewal Form. This should be done the next renewal after becoming full time.
- The part time License carries all the rights and responsibilities of the full time License.
- The approved applicant for Ministerial License will have:
  - Demonstrated by faithfulness and fruitfulness in ministry an apostolic/divine call upon his life.
  - Shown he or she is prepared by fulfilling minimum educational requirements of CMIGLOBAL (i.e., Approved CMIGLOBAL Bible College and Paul & Timothy or their equivalent).
  - Demonstrate a commitment to Christlikeness and moral purity in life and ministry.
  - Submitted a completed application for credentials with all the supporting material and appropriate fees to the National Headquarters of CMIGLOBAL.
  - Participated in an interview.
  - Participated in a service of the "Laying on of Hands," in the Annual Convention.

Renewal of Membership (License)

- To remain current and valid, ***the Licensed member must renew membership annually.***
- Renewals operate on a calendar year.
- The responsibility for renewal rests upon the credential holder.
- Renewal forms will ask for such information so as to confirm continued involvement in ministry.
- Renewals must be accompanied by all the necessary supporting information and the appropriate fees.
- Those not renewing by the 30th of June will be moved to inactive membership status. (Article IV, Section 3 of Bylaws)

**Ordination Categories:** Ordination granted by CMIGLOBAL recognizes the call of God on an individual's life to full time vocational service within the Body of Christ. Ordination with CMIGLOBAL is permanent and without repentance (Romans 11:29). Ordination recognizes the rights of the holder to preach and teach, marry and bury, administer the ordinances of the Church and fulfill all the necessary duties of his calling. CMIGLOBAL issues two Certificates of Ordination:

**Recognition of Ordination:** For those who have already been ordained into full time Christian ministry.

- The approved applicant for Recognition of Ordination will have:
  - Carried a current and valid Ordination from a recognized ordaining body, which otherwise meets the qualifications and criteria for ordination with CMIGLOBAL.
  - Submitted a completed application for credentials with all the supporting material and appropriate fees to the National Headquarters of CMIGLOBAL.
  - Participated in an interview and the "Laying on of Hands" by the Council of Overseers of CMIGLOBAL during the Annual Convention.
- Renewal of Membership (Recognition of Ordination)
  - To remain current and valid, ***the Recognition of Ordination member must renew membership annually.***
  - Renewals operate on a calendar year.
  - The responsibility for renewals rests upon the credential holder.
  - Renewal forms will ask for such information so as to confirm continued involvement in ministry.
  - Renewals must be accompanied by all the necessary supporting information and the appropriate fees.

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**Ordination:** Ordination by CMIGLOBAL is granted by invitation from the Council of Overseers of CMIGLOBAL at their discretion.

- Consideration for Ordination is initiated by the Council of Overseers of CMIGLOBAL.
- The Licensed member who is approved for ordination will be notified by mail through the National Headquarters and asked to submit a letter of acceptance or no acceptance to the National Headquarters of CMIGLOBAL.
- The Licensed member who is approved for ordination may be required to participate in an interview.***
  
- The approved applicant for Ordination will have:
  - Carried a **full time** License with CMIGLOBAL for at least three consecutive years, having fulfilled all the designated requirements for a License.
  - Submitted a letter of acceptance to the National Headquarters of CMIGLOBAL.
  - Participated in an interview ***if required.***
  - Participated in a service of the "Laying on of Hands" by the Council of Overseers of CMIGLOBAL in the Annual Convention.
  
- Renewal of Membership (Ordained)
  - To remain current and valid, ***the Ordination member must renew membership annually.***
  - Renewals operate on a calendar year.
  - The responsibility for renewals rests upon the credential holder.
  - Renewal forms will ask for such information so as to confirm continued involvement in ministry.
  - Renewals must be accompanied by all the necessary supporting information and the appropriate fees.
  - Those not renewing by the 30th of June will be moved to inactive membership status. (Article IV, Section 3 of Bylaws)

**The Application Process:** Following is the normal flow of the credential process once the appropriate application has been completed and returned to the National Headquarters of CMIGLOBAL:

- An applicant interview ***if required*** will be set.
- If an interview is required*** the interviewer(s) will make their recommendation to the Council of Overseers.
- The applicant will be notified of the decision of the Council of Overseers.
- If approved for credentials, the applicant will receive a temporary clergy membership card valid until the next "Laying on of Hands" service.
- The approved applicant must attend a service of the "Laying on of Hands" by the Council of Overseers of CMIGLOBAL to receive full membership status. The credential holder will receive a certificate of credential membership at this time.
- CMIGLOBAL desires to work with all credential applicants and will give consideration to unique scheduling needs.

**Accountability and Authority:** All credentials of CMIGLOBAL are issued under the authority of the Council of Overseers and at their discretion, as detailed in the bylaws of Calvary Ministries, Inc., International. All membership matters are governed by the bylaws of Calvary Ministries, Inc., International.

**Fees:** Fees are set by the Council of Overseers of CMIGLOBAL and are listed on the application for credentials. Fees are subject to change without notice.