

# Detailed Program for Ordination and Consecration

## Central District C&MA

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The Christian and Missionary Alliance Board of Directors have set national requirements for Ordination and Consecration. The Central District Licensing, Ordination, and Consecration Council have been charged with oversight and implementation of the process. Now that you have been assigned a Mentor we want to provide you with information regarding the Ordination/Consecration process and the requirements which you will need to complete.

### Education:

#### **Transcripts**

Your official transcripts which indicate your Bible/Theological/Ministry training must be on file at the Central District Office.

#### **Licensed with Conditions**

If you have been licensed conditionally this means that you have not yet completed the educational requirements of the 30 hours of Bible/Theology/Ministry. The license that you have been issued is a preparatory license to provide opportunity for mentoring by experienced pastors for the development of skills in ministry and church leadership. Reaching the education qualification is the most important focus in this preparatory stage of ministry development. The license with conditions will allow the needed time and focus to complete the required 30 hours of education.

#### **Alliance Polity Course**

If the Polity Course has not been completed prior to placement or fulfilled in previous educational experience, then the course must be completed as outlined in the Program/Checklist for Ordination and Consecration document.

For information and registration for the online course go to: [www.leadcma.org/polity](http://www.leadcma.org/polity). The cost is \$100.

### Reading Assignments:

#### **Bible Reading**

Read through the entire Bible twice, using two different translations where available.

#### **Required Books**

A reading course shall be part of the preparation of the candidate for ordination/consecration. The candidate shall read all of the books on the official reading list for ordination/consecration which is prepared by Church Ministries, approved by the District Leadership Forum, and ratified by the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. This reading list shall be reviewed annually.

- **Bible Reading 1**
- **Bible Reading 2**
- ***Wholly Sanctified***– A. B. Simpson (provided by CDO)
- ***The Fourfold Gospel***– A. B. Simpson
- ***Children's Bread or The Gospel of Healing***– Keith Bailey or *The Gospel of Healing* – A. B. Simpson
- ***A Basic Guide to Eschatology***– Millard Erickson
- ***The Pursuit of God***– A. W. Tozer (provided by CDO)
- ***All for Jesus***– Robert L. Niklaus, John S. Sawin, and Samuel J. Stoesz (provided by CDO)
- ***Relentless Spirituality***– Gary Keisling (provided by CDO)

- *“Statement on Sanctification”*– *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance*, H8
- *The Heart of the Gospel: A.B. Simpson, the Fourfold Gospel, and Late Nineteenth Century Evangelical Theology* – Bernie A. Van De Walle

## Papers:

### **Required Papers**

Candidates shall submit six position papers as listed below, including but not limited to the items listed under each theme. Each paper shall be an original, comprehensive treatment of the subject that includes the items listed under each theme, and should be no less than eight pages in length. The paper is to be a statement of the candidate’s personal theological position. When completed it is to be submitted to the reviewer (listed with each paper) to be graded, and also copied to the ordination/consecration mentor for his/her review. The graded paper will be returned to both the candidate and his/her mentors with comments and if warranted, request for further refinement. For helpful tips and examples of writing styles and formats: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu>. More detailed rubrics are available on our website under Resources/Ordination and Consecration Resources.

### **Christ Our Savior**

- The nature of man and his final destiny
- The plan and purpose of the atonement
- The means and results of justification
- Definitions, biblical support and practical application of the following: atonement, justification, redemption, regeneration, faith, and repentance.
- Your personal experience of Christ as Savior

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### **Christ Our Sanctifier**

- The crisis and progression of sanctification
- Why is sanctification important? How does sanctification fit with a biblical understanding of the old man / the flesh?
- Identification of the believer with Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension – explain and apply “The Christ Life”.
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit in sanctification
- Your personal experience of Christ as Sanctifier
- How should/does this truth impact your life, your marriage and family, your ministry?

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### **Christ Our Healer**

- The relationship of divine healing and the atonement
- The significance of anointing with oil
- The ministry of healing in the local church
- How to handle the hard questions and typical errors relating to the biblical teaching on healing
- Your personal experience of Christ as our Healer – how do you see this doctrine applying to your current ministry?

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### **Christ Our Coming King**

- Defend the pre-millennial coming of Christ. Explain all three millennial views.
- Trace the events surrounding the rapture of the Church and the end times. Share your viewpoint of the rapture. There is not one right or wrong viewpoint that will cause you to pass or fail. It is expected that you can articulate why you hold to a certain position.
- Relationship between the imminence of Christ's coming and world missions
- Expound on the judgments.
- Your personal understanding of Christ our Coming King – how does this impact your daily living as a Christ-follower?

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### **Christ's Body: the Church**

- Mission and Purpose – how is the church to advance the Kingdom of God?
- Relationship to Jesus Christ
- Leadership and authority in the Body – what is the role of a pastor?
- Relationship to The Christian and Missionary Alliance
- Relationship between the members

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### **Completing Christ's Mission**

- The lostness of mankind
- The Great Commission passages: Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8
- Demonstrate a strategy that implements this philosophy in one's personal life. How is a pastor to live missionally?
- What is the place of church planting in Kingdom advancement?
- The local church commitment to world missions
- The leader's role in mobilizing the local church in Great Commission Completion. How is a pastor to lead a church/ministry to live missionally? (Evangelism, church multiplication, community impact, world missions)

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## Orientation and Ordination/Consecration Conference:

### **New Official Workers Orientation**

Candidates shall be required to attend one time, either a New Official Workers Orientation which is offered annually by the district, or Resonate which is offered annually by National Office, as a requirement for ordination/consecration or for the sustaining of the candidate's ordination/consecration if with another denomination.

### **Ordination/Consecration Conference**

While pursuing ordination/consecration, candidates are required to annually attend the Conference which is provided by the Central District.

## Missions Awareness:

Candidates may fulfill the Missions Awareness requirement in one of several ways:

- Complete the Strategies in Mission course offered by the C&MA (<http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/church/strategies-in-mission>). The cost is \$100.
- Attend a Perspectives course in person. Auditing it is acceptable. The cost is \$250.
- If available, take the Perspectives program online ([www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)). The cost is \$250.
- Read the "Certificate Level" reading requirements in the textbook "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" and complete the appropriate interactive worksheets.
- Provide a certified transcript from an approved C&MA educational institution, Christian college, or seminary, as evidence that at least one introductory college-level course on world missions has been completed.

## Evangelism/Church Health Training:

### **Evangelism**

- The candidate shall provide evidence of having completed training in personal evangelism or be required to attend an evangelism training seminar approved by the district superintendent and the LO&CC. (For example: Our District evangelism course, Evangelism Explosion, Sharing Jesus Naturally, The Way of the Master, Eternal CPR, etc.)

### **Church Health Training (2 options)**

- The candidate shall attend a "Growing a Healthy Church" training event which is offered by the district annually.
- The candidate shall read the book "Growing a Healthy Church" and complete accompanying worksheets from Moody Publishers. (This option needs DS approval.)

## Preaching/Teaching:

Develop the discipline of preparation and delivery of sermons and/or Biblical teaching. Each year, present at least one audio or videotape of a full-length sermon, preached at a regular church service, for the mentor's review of both content and delivery of Biblical material.

The consecration candidate shall present to the mentor two full-length audio or videotapes of her teaching at the church for the mentor's review of both content and delivery of biblical material.

### **Additional Requirements for Ordination/Consecration:**

- Engage in methodical scripture memorization.
- In the second year of the ordination process the candidate shall be required to take an online assessment called Leading from Your Strengths. This assessment can be found at <http://www.ministryinsights.com/leaders/leading-from-your-strengths-profile/>. There is some expense for this and it is the candidate's responsibility. Assessment results are to be shared and discussed with the candidate's mentor and a copy should also be forwarded to the district office.
- Serve acceptably for at least two years in The Christian and Missionary Alliance.
- Meet regularly with the ordination/consecration mentor (at least nine times each year). Their spouse should attend at least one of these meetings.
- The candidate shall invite the mentor to their home for one of their meetings.
- Possibly meet in the home of the mentor.

### **Examination for Ordination/Consecration:**

Upon completion of the above requirements, after submitting all 18 reports and with the recommendation of the elders of their church that they be ordained/consecrated, the candidate shall take both a written and oral examination. Upon successful completion of these examinations they shall qualify for ordination/consecration in the Central District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Important Note: Anyone who needs an extension past the date originally agreed upon for Ordination/Consecration must request approval for such extension from Jeffrey Miller, Central District Superintendent.