

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

Application for Ordination and Ministry Association

Welcome to the application process!

We are so excited about your interest in becoming an Associate Ministry with FCF! This journey is about more than just paperwork—it's about partnership, shared vision, and walking together as you fulfill the call of God on your life and ministry.

This application packet includes everything you need to begin that journey. You'll notice this is a two-step process: first, becoming ordained, and second, applying to become an Associate. If you are already legally established as a church or ministry, this streamlined path is designed to connect you with a like-minded community of leaders and provide you with the tools, support, and encouragement you need to thrive.

The total cost for the Associate process is **\$897**. This covers both your ordination and your application to become an Associate Ministry. This fee can be submitted at the time you turn in your application materials. Once we receive your completed application and payment, we'll be in touch to schedule a vision-casting call with one of our leaders. We're eager to hear your heart and explore how FCF can walk alongside you in ministry.

If you have any questions along the way, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office. We are here to support and encourage you every step of the way. We look forward to welcoming you into the FCF family and partnering together to advance God's Kingdom!

With expectation and joy,

Faith Christian Fellowship International
Info@fcf.org
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VISION STATEMENT

We are the Premier Faith Leadership Organization! No one should do Ministry alone.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a global family of churches and leaders who are committed to a Spirit-filled life of faith. Through meaningful relationships we provide support and direction so leaders can thrive and walk in their destinies.

CORE VALUES

1. Help people succeed
2. Allow freedom in the Holy Spirit
3. Emphasize family
4. Live a life of faith
5. Practice continuous improvement



CORE VALUES DEFINED

Help people succeed

- We help people succeed by fostering healthy, life-giving relationships, and by providing coaching and resources so they can fulfill God's plan.
- Philippians 2:4 · Proverbs 3:27 · Hebrews 6:10 · 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Allow freedom in the Holy Spirit

- Our lives provide a welcoming atmosphere through which the Holy Spirit can be expressed.
- The account, testimony, and example of the early Church as recorded in the book of Acts – the outward manifestations and work of the Holy Spirit were commonplace and the expected norm.
- 1 Corinthians 14:1 | 1 Corinthians 14:12 | Mark 16:20


Emphasize family

- Family refers to individual family units as well as the global FCF family as a whole. We foster healthy relationships based on God's love. The family is a safe place that provides a sense of belonging and connectedness.
- Emphasizing family includes the spiritual and natural encouragement of one another and providing mutual care and help for each other.
- We believe the following adage accurately describes our approach to emphasizing family:
 - Healthy leader
 - Healthy family
 - Healthy church
- Individual families Ephesians 6:1-4 · Proverbs 23:24 · Deuteronomy 6:6-7 · 2 Chronicles 20:13
- The FCF Family Galatians 6:10 · Hebrews 13:1 · 1 Timothy 3:15 · Ephesians 2:19-22

Live a life of faith

- Ephesians 2:8-9 · Proverbs 3:5 · 1 Corinthian 2:5 · Mark 11:22 – 24
- We are devoted to a lifestyle of responding to the grace of God through believing and proclaiming.
- Through a vibrant relationship with God through His Son, we live according to who we are in Christ by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. We whole-heartedly place our trust in God and His Word as we bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to others.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 | Proverbs 3:5 | 1 Corinthians 2:5 | Mark 11:22-24

Practice continuous improvement

- We relentlessly pursue constant learning, growth, and development because of their dynamic impact on us (personally), the processes we utilize, and our organization as a whole.
 - 2 Peter 3:18 | 1 Corinthians 15:58 | Colossians 3:23-24 | Philippians 3:13-14
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TENETS OF FAITH

- The program and activities of Faith Christian Fellowship International shall be based upon and always shall be consistent with the following beliefs:
- The Bible is God's Word to all people. The Bible in its entirety is the inspired Word of God and the infallible rule of faith and conduct.
- There is one God manifested in three persons: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Satan has power over those who have not accepted the gift of salvation.
- God is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, Holy. It is in Him that we live, move, and exist. God is good. He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.
- Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, was buried, was resurrected, ascended into Heaven, is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, and is true God and true man.
- We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost. He is the promise of the Father for all believers as a definite endowment of power for service. The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the Church.
- The resurrection of the dead, the eternal life of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost.
- Personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
- Sanctification through the Word of God and by the Holy Spirit in personal holiness, purity of heart and life.
- Divine healing, through faith in the Name of Jesus Christ and that healing is included in His redemptive work.
- The soon-coming personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.





APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must be called of God to minister (Ephesians 4:11)
- Must be involved in the ministry
- Must have completed high school, or equivalent diploma
- Must agree with FCF International Tenets of Faith
- Each calendar year, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) need to be acquired before credentials are renewed with FCF

ORDINATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 23 years of age
- Must be called of God to minister (Ephesians 4:11)
- Must be involved in the ministry
 - A. Two years of college or formal Bible training
 - B. Two years in active full-time ministry
 - C. A combination of the above, totaling two years
- Must agree with FCF International Tenets of Faith
- Must complete the entrance exam
- Each calendar year, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) need to be acquired before credentials are renewed with FCF

Please return completed packet with application fee to the following address: PO BOX 26, Broken Arrow, OK 74013 or via email: Info@fcf.org

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Action will not be taken on any application until the fee and completed forms have been returned to the above mailing or email address.
All completed application packets must include the following:

- Application form
- Recent passport-size photograph
- Application fee of \$897.00 (total for both ordination and association)
- Authorization for Criminal records check
- Recommendation from a person who has known your ministry for two years
- Recommendation from your pastor or someone who has known you and your ministry for two years.
- Minister's Agreement to be signed after reading the FCF Tenets of Faith
- Statement of Ministry
- A detailed, **typed** resume, containing education, employment and ministry history
- Completed Entrance Exam

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The ordination process is not complete until hands have been laid on the applicant at an authorized ordination.
2. After the completed application has been received and reviewed, a telephone interview will take place. Following the interview, the application will receive a final review for approval. (this can take up to 60 days)
3. Ordination recognizes and confers upon approved applicants all the rights and privileges of ministry, including the authority to solemnize marriages, conduct communion, baptisms, burials, and other forms of religious worship and ministerial functions in accordance with the Tenets of Faith of FCF International. To perform marriages the applicant must comply with state and local laws.

ANNUAL RENEWAL PROCESS

1. All credentials expire annually on the first day of January. The Renewal fee is \$247.00.
 2. Completed renewal forms and renewal fee need to be sent to the FCF International Office in Tulsa and are due on or post-marked before December 31st to avoid a late fee.
 3. A late fee of \$50.00 will be applied to all renewals postmarked after December 31st and will not be processed until the late fee is paid.
 4. Ministers whose application is approved in the last quarter of the year will not pay a renewal fee for the following year.
 5. Credentialed married couples must each complete their own renewal form and fee. (Discount for couples)
 6. Renewal forms will be made available on the FCF International website www.fcf.org starting September 1st.
 7. Ministers whose renewals are not received by FCF International before April 1 will be placed on the inactive list and required to return their certificates
 8. Ministers are to complete assigned Continuing Education Units.
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LICENSE & ORDINATION APPLICATION

Please include a photo and a resume (complete education, employment, and ministry history) with this application. If you are credentialed with other organizations, include copies of certificates with the resume.



APPLICATION FEE: \$397.00 application fee

I am applying for (choose one): Licensing Ordination

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Do you want your information included in our directory? (only made available to current members) Yes No

Preferred Contact Method? Text Email Phone Mail Are you a citizen or legal resident? Yes No

Date you were born again: _____ Date you were filled with the Holy Spirit: _____

Are you: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's DOB: _____ Anniversary: _____

PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Name of Organization: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Type of Credential: License Ordination

Description of previous ministerial experience:

Have you ever had any civil or criminal proceedings against you? Yes No *If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.*

What is the best way FCF can maintain a relationship with you? Meetings Calls Emails Other

Which area in your personal life has the greatest need? _____

And in your ministry? _____

PRESENT MINISTRY INFORMATION

With what other ministerial organization (if any) do you currently hold credentials?

Name of Organization: _____

Type of credential: License Ordination

Name, address and telephone number of the ministry in which you are working:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

Size of congregation (if this is a church): _____

Are you currently in an officially recognized ministerial position? Yes No

Present primary field of ministry. Check One:

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|---------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> Helps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe | | |

Are you: Full-Time Part-Time

What are your current ministry responsibilities?

Your Pastor's Name: _____ Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

Describe the call of God on your life and the vision for accomplishing this.

Have you ever personally been involved in a church split? Yes No *If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.*

INVOLVED IN ANY WORK OUTSIDE THE MINISTRY? PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

In what type of employment are you involved in? _____

How many hours per week do you work at this job? _____

Do you plan to attend an FCF Conference in the future? Yes No

Are you or your ministry interested in financially contributing to the global vision of FCF? Yes No

IF YOU ARE A SENIOR PASTOR, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Did you: Start the Church Take an existing work Other Explain other: _____

Date of first service: _____ Length of time in this pastorate: _____

Why have you chosen FCF International for ministerial credentials?

We love to serve you and network with other ministers. Would you like to schedule a time to have one of our FCF leaders to come and speak in your church? Yes No

SIGNATURE

I certify that this application is filled out honestly and to the best of my ability.

Signature

Date



AUTHORIZATION FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

I, _____, hereby authorize Faith Christian Fellowship International Church to have the following background check screening reports processed through the agency contacted by the church and/or its agent or representative for employment or volunteer purposes: Application Verification, National Criminal Report, Sexual Abuse Registry and County Court Report.

I am aware that the background check screening report I consent to have prepared may include information obtained from a variety of sources, including but not limited to government agencies, and others. I am aware that I may obtain a complete disclosure of the nature and scope of any report prepared about me if I make a written request to Faith Christian Fellowship International Church within a reasonable time after I execute this authorization.

I understand that a photocopy or facsimile of this signed document shall be considered as valid as an original.

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name: _____

All other names that have been used (ex: Maiden Name):

Social Security Number: _____

DOB: _____ State of Birth: _____ Gender: Female Male

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ County: _____





MINISTER'S AGREEMENT

I am in accord with all the Tenets of Faith, vision, mission, core values and the credentialing requirements of Faith Christian Fellowship International Church, Inc. I will always conduct myself in a manner becoming to Christ Jesus and His Kingdom; in word, in spirit, and in conversation. I will never give cause for accusations to be made against me in conduct of my personal affairs or public ministry. I am willing to accept counsel and advice from Faith Christian Fellowship International, submitting myself in love, understanding that Faith Christian Fellowship International has the authority to revoke my ministerial rights and privileges if my conduct becomes reproachful.

Philippians 2:4 | Proverbs 3:27 | Hebrews 6:10 | 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Signature

Date



STATEMENT OF MINISTRY

Complete this form to establish that you will be, or currently are, involved in ministry

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If you, the applicant, are a senior pastor or president of a ministry, check here and proceed directly to Section Two. Complete Section Two for yourself.

If you, the applicant, are in any other ministry position, Section One and Section Two are to be completed by the person directly responsible for your involvement in the ministry, i.e., the president of a ministry, the pastor of a church, etc.

Section One:

_____ (applicant's name) will be

working with us in the following capacity: *(Please be as detailed as possible)*

Section Two:

Effective on the following date: _____

Name (please print): _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Signature

Date

ASSESSMENT

The following section is an assessment as well as a self-evaluation. The FCF Tenets of Faith are laid out for you to read. The Word of God asks, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. As an Ordination applicant you need to know what we believe and we need to know what you believe. Then, when we are in agreement, we can walk together. You will need to write a paragraph explaining your belief and stand on each point, including a scriptural reference. This assessment will need to be submitted along with the other required elements of the Ordination Application.

1. The Bible is God's Word to all people. The Bible in its entirety is the inspired Word of God and the infallible rule of faith and conduct.

2. There is one God manifested in three persons: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. Satan has power over those who have not accepted the gift of salvation.

4. God is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, Holy. It is in Him that we live, move, and exist. God is good. He is our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.

5. Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, was buried, was resurrected, ascended into Heaven, is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, and is true God and true man.



6. We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost. He is the promise of the Father for all believers as a definite endowment of power for service. The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the Church.

7. The resurrection of the dead, the eternal life of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost.

8. Personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

9. Sanctification through the Word of God and by the Holy Spirit in personal holiness, purity of heart and life.

10. Divine healing, through faith in the Name of Jesus Christ, and that healing is included in His redemptive work.

11. The soon-coming personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.



RECOMMENDATIONS

In 1 Timothy 3:1-7 it describes the qualifications of those who serve as “overseers” in the body of Christ. These qualities focus on strong character and ministry experience. In addition to the Bible’s standards of what an “overseer” should be, we also believe that accountability is the safeguard for your integrity. Because of this, we ask for two people to complete the Recommendation Forms before we can process your application for Licensing or Ordination. The recommendations we receive will be two more affirmations of your readiness to take this important step in ministry and serve as endorsements to us that you are equipped for this spiritual responsibility.

The persons doing the recommendation should know and recognize the call of God on your life. One recommendation form should be completed by someone who knows you on a personal level (a friend, co-worker, or a non-immediate family member). The other recommendation form should be filled out by your pastor or a member of your church’s pastoral staff. We believe in the importance of the local Church and the role it plays in every believer’s life. Your pastor(s) are on the front-lines of your life, both spiritually and naturally. They will be the ones who attest that your personal qualities, character, and spiritual gifts are suitable for an ordained ministry. They will also demonstrate an understanding of your leadership role in the life of the church, style of ministry, and personal and vocational goals. We believe they are the strongest voice to commend you and that you have shown evidence of the calling, qualification, and authority found in Scripture.

The recommendation forms need to be submitted by the person doing the recommendation and sent directly to FCF Int’l office via standard mail or email.

LICENSING VS. ORDINATION

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE

In plain legal terms, if you are licensed you can bury someone and if you are ordained you can bury AND marry someone. However, through our processes here at FCF the easiest way to communicate the difference is as follows:

LICENSING OVERVIEW: If you are pursuing being licensed and meet the aforementioned criteria, you know you have a call of God on your life but are still delineating what exactly you are called to and the how-tos.

ORDINATION OVERVIEW: If you are pursuing ordination and meet the aforementioned criteria, you know what specifically God has called you to do and are actively pursuing a plan of identified steps or continuing on in an already established ministry, church or organization.



RECOMMENDATION FOR CREDENTIAL

Please type or print

Name of Applicant: _____

The above-named person is applying for Ordination with Faith Christian Fellowship International. The questions listed below should be answered honestly and completely, for serious consideration will be given to your answers.

Our files are confidential so please complete this form to the best of your ability. Then, return it to our office at PO BOX 26, Broken Arrow, OK 74103 or email to info@fcf.org. Thank you.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. Do you feel you know the applicant well enough to evaluate his/her eligibility for License Credentials? Yes No

3. What is your relationship to the applicant? Friend Pastor Other Is your relationship: Casual Intimate Professional

4. In your opinion, does the applicant exhibit a call to the ministry? Yes No Do not know

Explain your answer: _____

5. Is the applicant currently involved in active ministry? Yes No Do not know

6. Does the applicant have the trust and respect of fellow Christians? Yes No Do not know

7. Pulpit Experience/Preaching and Teaching

- Well-experienced
- Light experience
- No experience
- Do not know

8. Work habits (in the ministry)

- Very industrious; does more than required
- Satisfactory
- Enough to get by
- Does less than expected

9. Ability to withstand pressure

- Tolerates pressure well
- Average tolerance/usually remains calm
- Easily irritated
- Cannot handle pressure
- Do not know

10. Personal organization

- Conscientious, tidy, clean
- Fairly neat
- Tends to be disorderly
- Disorderly and untidy
- Do not know

11. Response/attitude toward authority

- Helpful and cooperative
- Usually responsive
- Resentful of authority
- Not cooperative/very resentful
- Do not know

12. Marriage and Family

- Attentive to spouse and children
- Spouse/children take a back seat to work/ministry
- Neglects spouse and children
- Do not know

13. Emotional Stability

- Self-controlled and mature
- Usually stable
- Moody and changeable
- Many uncontrolled periods/unstable

14. To your knowledge is the applicant currently involved in any heresy? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

15. Does the applicant demonstrate all the following: positive attitude, sincere love for people, emotional stability, spiritual maturity, and commitment? Yes No

16. In what ministerial position(s) within the local church is the applicant presently serving?

17. Explain why the applicant should or should not be licensed through Faith Christian Fellowship International.

LICENSING OVERVIEW: Legally can bury, applicant knows that they have a call of God on their life but are still delineating what exactly they are called to and all of the how-tos.

ORDINATION OVERVIEW: Legally can marry and bury, applicant knows what specifically God has called you to do and are actively pursuing a plan of identified steps or continuing on in an already established ministry, church or organization.

I recommend the applicant for License: Yes Yes, with reservations No *if no, please explain in separate area*

I recommend the applicant for Ordination: Yes Yes, with reservations No *if no, please explain in separate area*

Name: (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

If you are a credentialed minister, please complete the following:

Ministry Name: _____

Your position: _____

Organization you are credentialed with _____

Year of credentialing _____

Our files are confidential so please complete this form to the best of your ability, then return it to our office at PO BOX 26, Broken Arrow, OK 74013. Thank you.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The president of an FCF Associate Ministry must be ordained with FCF International
 2. Must submit the following along with the completed application:
 - \$897 Fee
 - A certified copy of the ministries Articles of Incorporation
 - A certified copy of the ministries By-Laws
 - A photocopy of the "Determination Letter" from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the church has received tax-exempt status.
 3. Must complete the annual renewal forms and return them to the International Office by March 31st along with the \$397 annual renewal fee. An Annual renewal not postmarked by March 31 will be charged a late fee of \$100. No late renewal will be accepted until the late fee is paid.
 4. Faith Christian Fellowship is a family within the family of God, called to be a legal and spiritual covering to those who are in relationship with us. Relationship in Christ is a covenant relationship, whereby we are blessed to be a blessing.
 5. Must operate exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes and maintain tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code 1954.
 6. Must operate within the meaning of Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 7. Must agree with the FCF Intl Tenets of Faith.
 8. The Association process is entirely complete when the church receives an Associate Certificate from the FCF International Office.
 9. The FCF Logo may be used on signs, letterheads, bulletins, newsletters, etc. **The use of the name Faith Christian Fellowship is reserved for Affiliates only.**
 10. The FCF attorney is available to give LIMITED counsel to FCF associates free of charge. Contact can be made through email to info@fcf.org.
 11. The FCF International Office staff members are prepared to assist with guidance, counseling and prayer upon request.
 12. FCF Representatives throughout the country are appointed by the International Office to assist associates with prayer, counseling, fellowship, etc.
 13. FCF International reserves the right to terminate Association with any church that does not abide by the FCF International Tenets of Faith.
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ASSOCIATION MINISTRY APPLICATION

Fill in every blank and complete each question

APPLICATION FEE: \$897.00 application fee is to be sent with your application.

MINISTRY INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Ministry Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Street Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Website _____ Date Ministry Established: _____

Is your ministry currently incorporated: Yes No If incorporated, the Employer ID is: _____

If no, are you operating out of your home church, using its not-for-profit status? Yes No

If yes, please send: a copy of the church minutes AND a copy of the church's letter from the IRS establishing its not-for-profit status

If your ministry is NOT incorporated and you don't operate under the home church corporation, what corporation are you under? _____

What is the vision of your ministry? What is "Your Why"?

Ex. Our vision is to provide homeless single parents with an opportunity to draw closer to God while meeting critical needs to help them become self-sufficient and financially stable.

What is the mission of your ministry? What is "Your How"?

Ex. Our mission is to provide homeless single parents with an opportunity to have an ongoing relationship with God, have safe affordable housing, achieve financial stability and independence, receive emergency services, have access to Christian Counseling, learn life skills, and obtain vocational or post-secondary degree training in our region.

Who are you called to reach? (Not just the unsaved - be specific as to what God has called you to do)

Is your ministry on: Facebook Instagram Twitter Other _____

Do you have your website set-up?: Yes No

If no, do you plan on setting one up?: Yes No

MINISTER INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print or Type)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Are you: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's DOB: _____ Anniversary: _____

Date you were born again: _____ Date you were filled with the Holy Spirit: _____

Are you: a citizen or legal resident: Yes No

PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Name of Organization: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Type of credential: License Ordination

Description of previous ministerial experience:

Are you ordained through FCF? Yes No

If not, have you completed an ordination application? Yes No

How did you hear about FCF Intl?

Signature

Date