

ORDINATION REQUIREMENTS

All individuals who believe in the principles, nature and purpose of Faith Christian Fellowship International Church, Inc. may make application to become a part of this fellowship, if they fulfill the following requirements:

1. Must be at least 23 years of age.
2. Must be called of God to minister. (Ephesians 4:11)
3. Must be involved in the ministry.
4. Must have completed one of the following:
 - 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.
5. Must agree with FCF International Tenets of Faith.
6. Must complete entrance exam.
7. Each calendar year, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) need to be acquired before credentials are renewed with FCF. Earning CEUs will not be difficult, as they will be obtained by attending a Leadership Summit - an FCF leader training event offered annually in three regional locations. The remaining units will be earned by taking specific courses that FCF offers online. In the process of time, multiple Continuing Education options will be made available to enhance the growth of leaders, and to ensure that they meet their annual requirements.
8. Must return completed packet and the processing and application fee to the above address.

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

1. Application form
2. Recent passport-size photograph
3. Application fee
4. Authorization for criminal records check
5. Two recommendations from persons who have known your ministry for two years
6. Minister's Agreement (to be signed after reading the FCF Tenets of Faith)
7. Statement of Ministry
8. A detailed, typed resume, containing education, employment, and ministry history
9. Entrance Exam

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

1. The ordination process is not complete until hands have been laid on the applicant at an authorized ordination service.
2. All applications are to be completed and returned to FCF International in Tulsa.
3. An FCF Representative will contact the applicant for a telephone interview. Following this interview, the application will receive a final review by the Executive Board. This review could take 60 days.
4. 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 sacerdotal functions in accordance with the Tenets of Faith of FCF International. To perform marriages the applicant must comply with state and local laws.

ORDINATION RENEWAL INFORMATION:

1. All credentials expire annually on the first day of January. The Renewal fee is \$175.00. The Renewal form and fee are due at the FCF International Office by December 31st, to avoid a late fee of \$50.00.
2. Ministers who are accepted in the last quarter of the year will not pay a renewal fee for the following year.
3. Credentialed married couples may renew at the following rate: \$175 for one and \$75 for the spouse. (This joint fee does NOT apply to the original applications.)
4. Renewals postmarked after December 31st will not be accepted until the late fee of \$50.00 is paid.
5. Renewals are the responsibility of the applicant and are posted at www.fcf.org annually on the first day of October.
6. Ministers whose renewals are not received by FCF Int'l before April 1 will be placed on the inactive list and required to return their certificates.

FCF CRITERIA TO DETERMINE APPROVAL OR RENEWAL OF CREDENTIALS:

1. Applicant's financial commitment to FCF International. A solid covenant relationship is desired. Giving is evidence of commitment, loyalty and dedication, first to God and then to each other.
2. Applicant's attendance at a Leadership Summit and Relational Gatherings.
3. Applicant's efforts to make contact with FCF Representatives.
4. Applicant's correspondence with and progress updates to the Relational Representative.

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ORDINATION APPLICATION

Fill in every blank and complete each question. Please print or type.

NOTE: Include 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: \$175.00 to be sent with your application.

DNA course from Harrison Christian University must be completed before Application is processed. After your complete application packet is received, HCU will contact you with course information.

Personal Information

Name _____ Hm Ph _____
Mailing Address _____ Wk Ph _____ Mobile Ph _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Street Address _____ Your Birth Date _____
Are you a citizen or legal resident? Yes No E-mail address _____
Are you...? Single Married Divorced Widowed
Spouse's name _____ Spouse's Birth Date _____
Anniversary _____
Date you were born again _____
Date you were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) _____

Previous Ministerial Experience

Have you been credentialed through another organization? ___ Yes ___ No
Name of Organization: _____ Date: _____
Type of credential: ___ License ___ Ordination
Previous ministerial experience:

Present Ministry Information

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

Name of organization: _____

Type of credential (license or ordination): _____

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

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Website _____

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

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

4. Present primary field of ministry. Check one:

Pastor Youth Minister Administrator Other. Describe

Asst. Minister Children's Minister Helps _____

Evangelist Music Teacher _____

Are you: Full time Part time Inactive Retired

5. What is your **current** responsibility in the ministry? _____

6. If you are a senior pastor, please answer the following questions:

A. Did you ___ Start the church ___ Take an existing work ___ Other

Explain other: _____

B. Date of first service: _____

C. Length of time in this pastorate: _____

D. Average Sunday morning attendance: _____

E. Schedule of weekly services: _____

F. How often do you serve communion in your church? _____

G. What is the seating capacity of your church facility? _____

H. Do you have a "Sunday School" type program? ___ Yes ___ No

I. Please list three guest speakers you have had in your church during the past year.

7. Why have you chosen FCF International for ministerial credentials?

Disaffiliated from another organization. Why? _____

Convenience

Legal reasons

Agreement with vision

8. Are you committed to a local church? ___Yes ___No

To what level? ___Deeply ___Moderately ___Little

9. Your Pastor's name _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

10. Please describe the call of God on your life and your vision for accomplishing this.

11. Have you ever personally been involved in a church split? Yes No

If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

12. Have you ever had any civil or criminal proceedings against you? Yes No

Explain: _____

13. Are there currently any legal judgments against you? Yes No

Explain _____

14. How did you hear about FCF International? _____

15. Give the name, address, and telephone number of at least one FCF credentialed minister with whom you are acquainted. _____

16. If you are approved for Ordination, what do you expect to do that would benefit the FCF family?

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

And in your ministry? _____

18. How do you envision maintaining a vital relationship with FCF in the future? _____

19. If you are involved in some form of secular work, please answer the following questions:

- A. In what type of secular employment are you involved? _____
- B. How many hours per week do you work at this job? _____
- C. How long do you realistically anticipate that it will be before your ministry supports you totally? _____

20. Have you ever attended the FCF Leadership Summit? Yes No

Do you plan to attend a Leadership Summit in the future? Yes No

21. Have you attended any other FCF meetings? Yes No

Do you plan to attend any of these meetings in the future? Yes No

22. Do you financially support FCF International? Yes No

Will you financially support FCF International? Yes No

23. Do you financially support any FCF Missionaries or mission projects? Yes No

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24. If you pastor, are you open to receiving FCF International leadership to speak in your church?

Yes No

25. Have you previously taken the DNA course from HCU? (See line #7 under Ordination Requirements.) Yes No

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved by: _____

Date Rec'd _____ Amt: _____

AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

I, _____, hereby authorize Faith Christian Fellowship Int'l Church Inc. to request police/sheriff's departments or any entity chosen by FCF Int'l specifically for conducting this search to release information regarding any record of charges or convictions contained in its files, or in any criminal file maintained on me, whether said file is a local, state, or national file, and including but not limited to accusations and convictions for crimes committed against minors, to the fullest extent permitted by state and federal law. I do release said police/sheriff's department and other entities from all liability that may result from any such disclosure made in response to this request.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Print applicant's full name: _____

Print all other names that have been used by applicant (if any):

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth _____

Social Security number: _____

Driver's license number: _____ State issuing license: _____

License expiration date: _____

For Office Use Only

Request sent to: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINATION

Please type or print.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address 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. 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 Ordination?

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
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- 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
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- Attentive to spouse and children
- Spouse and children take a back seat to work/ministry
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- Self-controlled and mature
- Usually stable
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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 ordained through Faith Christian Fellowship International. _____

I recommend the applicant for Ordination: Yes Yes, with reservations No

Name: (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Telephone _____

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

Ministry Name: _____

Your position: _____

Organization you are credentialed with _____

Year of credentialing _____

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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

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 the 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.

Signature

Date

TENETS OF FAITH

Faith Christian Fellowship

The program and activities of Faith Christian Fellowship shall be based upon and at all times shall be consistent with the following beliefs:

- A. The Bible is the mind of Christ and is the inspired, the only infallible and authoritative Word of God
- B. There is one God manifested in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- C. The reality of Satan and his present control over unregenerate man does exist
- D. Christianity is based upon the following:
 1. The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His virgin birth
 2. His sinless life
 3. His miracles
 4. His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood
 5. His bodily resurrection
 6. His ascension to the right hand of the Father
 7. His personal return in power and glory as Lord of Lords and King of Kings
 8. The fall of man and his lost estate, which makes necessary a rebirth through confession and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ
 9. The reconciliation of man to God by the substitutionary death and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 10. The resurrection of believers unto everlasting life and blessing in Heaven, and the resurrection of unbelievers unto everlasting punishment in the torments of Hell
 11. The present supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit, who bestows the spiritual gifts of: the word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; faith; gifts of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; various kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues in and among believers on the earth since the day of Pentecost and continuing until our Lord's return.

Dear Ordination Applicant,

The Word of God asks, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Your interest in being Ordained with Faith Christian Fellowship International is an opportunity for us to walk together in the work of the Gospel. To walk together means to have the same beliefs and vision. Before I became FCF's Vice President and National Director, I was a local pastor. I know the blessings and the frustrations of that calling. I can look back now and recognize that having a strong foundation kept me during the trying times.

The following section is an examination, as well as a self-evaluation. I have laid out the FCF Tenets of Faith and ask that you write a paragraph explaining your belief and stand on each point. The reason for this is twofold: 1) So that you know what we believe; and 2) so that we know what you believe. Then when we are in agreement, we can walk together. This exam is to be returned along with your credential application. Full and complete answers on each point are required before your application will be processed.

I look forward to doing the work of the Gospel with you. Together we win.

In His Service,



Lonnie Hilton
National Director & International Vice President

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(Continue your answer onto the next page.)