



Faith Christian Fellowship Int'l Church, Inc.
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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 hold current License or Ordination with approved organization. (Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the FCF Board.)
6. Must agree with FCF International Tenets of Faith.
7. Must complete the entrance exam.
8. Must complete the DNA of FCF course from the FCF School of Ministry. There is no charge for this course. (Applicant will be contacted by the School of Ministry administrator via email with instructions for completion of this requirement.)
9. Must return completed packet, processing and application fees to the above address.

Action will **not** be taken on any application until all fees 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 1st will be placed on the inactive list and required to return their credentials.

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 the annual Family Church Conference, Regional Meetings, 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 FCF School of Ministry must be completed before Application is processed. After your complete application packet is received, the School of Ministry will contact you with course information.

Personal Information

Name _____ _Hm Ph _____

Mailing Address _____ Wk Ph _____ Cell 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 six months.

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 _____

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 page 8.
12. Have you ever had any civil or criminal judgments against you? Yes No
If yes, explain.
13. Are there currently any legal judgments against you? Yes No
If yes, 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 Annual Family Church Conference Yes No
- Do you plan to attend this conference 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
- Will you financially support any FCF Missionaries or mission projects? Yes No
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 the FCF School of Ministry? (See line #6 under Ordination Requirements .)
Yes No

Signature

Date

Use this page to explain your answer to question 11, and if you need more room to answer any of the other questions.

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: _____



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RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINATION

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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

Easily irritated

Can not 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 and 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
- Do not know

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, a 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

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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

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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.



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VISION STATEMENT

Helping you fulfill the vision and call God has given

MISSION STATEMENT

Reaching the world for Jesus Christ
Demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit
Building Covenant Relationships

CORE VALUES

Help people succeed
Allow freedom in the Holy Spirit
Emphasize family
Build on the foundation of faith



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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 enclosed document 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 two-fold: 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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Use this space for additional comments on FCF's Tenets of Faith.