



# LIVING FAITH WORLD MINISTRIES, INC.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MINISTRY

### **Section I: Application Process**

- a. Applicants for ministry must submit a completed application packet with enclosed appropriate documents and required fee to Living Faith World Ministry's (L.F.W.M.) Licensing Board.
- b. Applications will be reviewed by L.F.W.M. Licensing Board, and applicants will be notified via letter if application has been accepted.
- c. Upon acceptance of application, a conference with the Senior Pastor, and Licensing Board will be scheduled to determine call to ministry, discuss the area of ministry best suited for applicant, and to schedule required training classes.

### **Section II: Special Conditions for Applicants who are Separated or Divorced**

- a. Applicants who are divorced or separated must provide a reasonable and Biblical explanation for said status, and include documentation verifying legal divorce or separation.
- b. Divorced or separated applicants' application will be reviewed by Licensing Board and determined on a case by case basis.

### **Section III: Special Conditions for Applicants who Hold Current License from Other Ministries or Organizations**

- a. Applicants who currently hold ministerial credentials with other organizations or denominations may still submit an application for ministry packet to (L.F.W.M.) Licensing Board. Applicants will be considered for licensing or ordination through said ministry contingent on meeting all requirements.
- b. Applicants, who currently hold credentials from other ministries and organizations, are required to enclose documentation of said credentials along with application packet.
- c. Applicants who currently hold credentials from other organizations may keep their license and apply for credentials from L.F.W.M. They are responsible for keeping obligation to that said organization.

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## **Section II: Candidates for Ministry**

- a. Upon completion of application process and acceptance of application, candidates for ministerial licensing or ordination are considered.
- b. It is the recommendation of the L.F.W.M. Licensing Board that all candidates for ministry meet the following requirements in order to be considered for licensing or ordination:
  - Candidates must have read the Bible in its entirety a minimum of one time.
  - Candidates must know the teachings and doctrines of Living Faith World Ministry's Statement of Faith.
  - Candidates shall serve a minimum period of six months faithfully in an area a ministry in their local church prior to entering ministerial program.
  - Candidates must support their local church by faithfully tithing, giving in offering and other financial obligations.
  - Candidates must be teachable and obedient to leadership.
  - Candidates must attend required training classes for desired level of licensing or ordination, and will be required to pass a written and oral exam.
  - Candidates' lifestyle must remain within the boundaries of church guidelines which is based on Acts 15:13-29.
  - Candidates must not teach anything contrary to the Word of God.
  - Candidates must obey the laws of the land (as long as it does not conflict with the Word of God) and be good citizens of their community.
  - Candidates may be subject to various background checks and / or substance abuse tests as deemed necessary by the Licensing Board or the Senior Pastor.

## **Section III: Licensed and Ordained Ministers**

- a. Upon satisfaction of all requirements set forth by the Pastors and said Licensing Board, Ministerial Licensing and Ordination will be conferred.
- b. Once license and ordination have been conferred, Ministers are expected to follow and maintain the guidelines established by said ministry:
  - Licensed and ordained ministers are expected to be active, faithful and productive in the area of ministry in which they are called.
  - Licensed and ordained ministers are required to tithe faithfully and give liberally of their resources to their local ministry. They are expected to support the ministry and community by committing to financial obligations inside and outside the church.
  - Living Faith World Ministries, Inc. does not recognize or approve of ministers establishing independent congregations who do not subscribe to the doctrines, faith, practices, teachings and government of said ministry.

- Licensed and ordained ministers are expected to attend all services regularly and lead by example with positive attitude. They must support the leadership and vision of the Senior Pastor and ministry.
- A minister who has passed the age of retirement may have an honorary license conferred, if they have proven themselves faithful to said ministry.
- In the event a licensed or ordained minister is insubordinate to the teachings, guidelines and doctrines of Living Faith World Ministries, and/or the Word of God, license or ordination may be revoked, and will require a six month period of faithful commitment to said ministry in order to be considered for reinstatement.

#### **Section IV: Levels of Ministry**

There are two levels of ministry that are recognized by this ministry. They are defined as follows:

##### ***a. Licensed - First level of ministry***

**Minister** – Persons professing a divine call to proclaim the Word of God. (*Elders, Servants, Ambassadors and Reverends are all recognized as ministers*)

A licensed Minister will have the following rights and responsibilities:

- Preach, teach and defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Serve in the office of Pastor, Evangelist and Missionary
- Serve in any Ministry leadership position
- Conduct services and ministry activities sponsored by the local church
- Assist with administration of the Holy Sacraments as deemed appropriate by local overseer
- Receive members into the local fellowship
- Serve on Church Council and other boards

**Licensed Evangelist** – Persons that have the calling of preaching the good news (Luke 4:18)

**Licensed Teacher** – A person with a divine calling to instruct the Word of God. (*Matthew 9:35*)

**Licensed Missionary** – Persons with a divine calling to carry the Gospel across the nations, and do charitable work

##### ***b. Ordained – Next level of ministry***

**Minister** – Persons that have been licensed for no less than two years and are in good standing with the local church

**Ordained Apostle** – Persons who are sent out with the authority to establish churches on a solid foundation of God's Word.

**Ordained Pastors** – Persons who have the divine calling to shepherd, feed and guide flocks. Pastors will prepare God’s people for the work of the ministry, build up the body of Christ, bring unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, bring saints to a place of maturity and fullness of Christ

**Ordained Prophets** – Persons with a divine calling to foretell events, to speak under divine inspiration. A prophet will give direction, confirm guidance and vision, give insight into the Word of God, tell facts about people’s lives, rebuke, judge, correct, warn, reveal future events.

**Ordained Evangelist** – Persons that have been licensed more than two years, and have been working in the ministry of evangelism, and is in good standing with the church

**Ordained Teacher** – Persons that have been licensed and working in the ministry for more than two years and is in good standing with the licensing board and the church.

**An Ordained Minister will have all the rights of a licensed minister, as well as the following rights and responsibilities:**

- Must be at least twenty-five years of age
- Must have read the Bible in its entirety no less than two times
- May baptize converts
- May administer Holy Sacraments
- May solemnize rites if Holy Matrimony
- May establish, organize and pastor churches

**Section V: Special Appointments:**

a. **Appointed** – Persons that have been licensed for no less than five years, has served as a senior pastor and is in good standing with the local church

**Appointed Bishop - An Appointed Bishop will have all the rights of licensed and ordained ministers, as well as the following rights and responsibilities:**

- Oversee Senior pastors and congregations
- Establish church districts, diocese and areas under the leadership of Senior Bishop
- Confer license and ordainates upon ministerial candidates
- Train persons for operation of the five fold ministry

**Appointed Directors**

- Area Directors
- Regional Directors
- International Directors

**Section VI: Renewal of License**

- To renew a Ministers’ License, a renewal fee and a one page summary of ministry activities for the previous year is to be submitted on or before January 31st of each calendar year.
- Minister seeking license renewal must be currently active in ministry.
- Failure to submit renewal requirements by the deadline may result in license becoming invalid.