

Ministry Credential Packet



**Higher Hope International Ministries, Inc.
Association**

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APPLICATION FOR CREDENTIALS

ASSOCIATION OF HIGHER HOPE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, INC

International Headquarters – USA Address
3220 N. 40th Street Tampa, FL 33605
PO Box 152496 Tampa, FL 33684
Phone: 813.610.6554



Dear Applicant:

Our credentials officially recognize a preacher's God-given ministry which has already been proven. These credentials are given that our ministers may have the benefit of equal rights by law and in business with ministers of other religious organizations. We require that our ministers have a PROVEN MINISTRY. We also issue fellowship cards to Christian Workers.

CHRISTIAN WORKER credentials may be issued to a person who has a call on his or her life to work for the Lord in some field other than that of preaching, being a pastor or evangelist. This may include Choir Director, musician, Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, hospital visitation worker, house-to-house visitation, altar worker, street or jail service worker, or a ministry other than that of preaching.

EXHORTER credentials may be issued to a person that is working part-time, who is not supported through his or her ministry; a person who is working under the leadership of a more mature minister. This credential is to be used by all those who have felt the call to preach and are just starting out in the ministry. The person holding this credential may preach, hold revivals, or do other religious work of any type under the direction of a Licensed or Ordained Minister. This credential must be held by all beginning ministers for a period of 9-12 months before applying for higher credentials.

LICENSE (to preach) credentials may be issued to those ministers who are working part-time or full-time as a pastor or evangelist, conducting services. These credentials will be issued only AFTER a minister's first year of ministry.

ORDINATION credentials may be issued to those who have been pastors or evangelists for two years or more. Applicants for this credential must have a mature and proven ministry.

In each case an applicant's life must be above reproach. Applicants for License and Ordination must live and be in agreement with or statement of beliefs and doctrine.

Each application is considered individually by the Credential Committee. All questions on the application must be completed before it will be presented to the committee for consideration. Failure to present a completed application may result in delay in approval and processing of the credential applied for.

Sincerely,
Rev. Juan E. Garcia, M.A.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

HHIM/ELC credentials officially recognize a minister's God-given ability to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Credentials will only be issued to those individuals who have a clear calling from God into the ministry. Ministry credentials give legal rights to open doors for ministry activity, e.g. weddings, after-hour hospital visits, funerals, jails, etc. Credentials also provide the ability to utilize tax benefits for ministry related income and expenses.

The annual renewal of credentials is required primarily to verify that the minister continue to be actively involved in ministry. Provision will be made for an inactive status to accommodate special circumstances such as extended illness, economic necessity, and /or sabbatical renewal.



EXHORTER'S CERTIFICATE: Exhorter credentials may be issued to a person who has felt the call of God on their life to preach and are just beginning in the ministry. The person holding this credential may preach, hold revivals, or do other religious work of any type under the direction of a Licensed or Ordained Minister. This credential will be held by beginning minister for a period of 9-12 months before applying for higher credentials, and the recommended course of study should be completed. It is recommended that persons holding an Exhorter's Certificate preach a minimum of 6 times per year*. The application fee for Exhorter's Certificate is \$25.

LICENSED MINISTER: Licensed Minister's credentials may be issued to those ministers who have served the required term of apprenticeship as a licensed Exhorter, or who have already served one or more years of successful ministry, and who have felt and exhibited the call of God on their life to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. This credential will be held for a period of 9-12 months before applying for higher credentials, and the recommended course of study should be completed. It is recommended that persons holding credentials as a Licensed Minister preach a minimum of 6 times per year*. The application fee for a Licensed Minister is \$50.

ORDAINED MINISTER: Ordination credentials may be issued to ministers who have a proven call of God on their life and who have held credentials as a Licensed Minister for the required term. Applicants who are currently ordained by another ordaining body may receive credentials through SLWF as an Ordained Minister after application requirements are met and the licensing committee approves application. Ordained Ministers should complete recommended courses of study within the suggested period. It is recommended that persons holding credentials as an Ordained Minister preach a minimum of 6 times per year*. The annual fee for Ordained Ministers is \$50.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN WORKER: Christian Worker credentials may be issued to a person who has a call on his or her life to work for the Lord in some field other than that of being a pastor, preaching or evangelizing. This may include Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Church Administrator, Hospital or Nursing Home Ministry, House-to-House Visitation, Altar Worker, Street or Jail Ministry, or other ministry approved by the credentials committee. Recommended courses of study should be completed within the suggested period. It is recommended that persons holding credentials as Certified Christian Worker take part in actual ministry situations a minimum of 6 time per year*. The annual fee for Certified Christian Worker is \$25.

*This is a recommended number only and should be increased based on the individual minister's circumstances.

THE FOLLOWING REQUESTED; INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION AND OUR OFFICE FILES. PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED, WILL RESULT IN A DELAY IN PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION.

* PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE *

TODAY'S DATE ____ / ____ / ____

NAME/LAST		FIRST	MIDDLE
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss			
MAILING ADDRESS/NUMBER STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
RESIDENT ADDRESS/NUMBER STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE (HOME)	PHONE (CELL)	EMAIL	
PHONE (WORK)	PHONE (FAX)	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
DATE OF BIRTH (INCLUDE YEAR)	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE
			COUNTRY
SEX: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
<small>(If you were born in a foreign country, use a U.S. address, and are requesting a U.S. ministerial credential (instead of a foreign), you are required to complete a W-9 Form, an I-9 Form and provide a copy of your green card or proof of U.S. Citizenship.)</small>			
RACE: CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> CAUCASIAN <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN <input type="checkbox"/> AFRO AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> ORIENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			
MARITAL STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> ENGAGED <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> REMARRIED			
SPOUSE'S NAME:		NUMBER OF CHILDREN:	
HAVE YOU EVER BACKSLID SINCE RECEIVING SALVATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF YES, DID YOU DIVORCE OR REMARRY DURING THE TIME YOU WERE BACKSLIDDEN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
WHEN DID YOU REDEDICATE YOUR LIFE BACK TO CHRIST?			
<small>(If you were born in a foreign country, use a U.S. address, and are requesting a U.S. ministerial credential (instead of a foreign), you are required to complete a W-9 Form, an I-9 Form and provide a copy of your green card or proof of U.S. Citizenship.)</small>			
EDUCATIONAL DATA: (CIRCLE THE HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED):			
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	COLLEGE 1 2 3 4	MASTERS	DOCTORATE
OTHER			
DO YOU HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
DO YOU AGREE THAT ANY UNETHICAL PRACTICES ON YOUR PART AUTOMATICALLY EXPELS YOU AND YOUR CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATE WITH HHIM MUST BE SURRENDERED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
ORDAINED INFORMATION:			
WHERE WERE YOU ORDAINED?			
NAME OF CHURCH	CITY	STATE	
BY WHOM WERE YOU ORDAINED? (PERSONS LAID AND ON YOU):			
NAME OF ORGANIZATION YOU WERE ORDAINED BY:			

I AM APPLYING FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> ORDINATION <input type="checkbox"/> LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> EXHORTER <input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN WORKER				
ARE YOU A NEW APPICANT APPLYING FOR THE FIRST TIME? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
ARE YOU UPGRADING TO A HIGHER LEVER OF CREDENTIALS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
ARE YOU REINSTATING CREDENTIALS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD CREDENTIALS WITH HHIM? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CXRIME? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			IF YES, ARE YOU NOW INCARCERATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
IF EITHER ANSWER IS YES, EXPAIN:				
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN: A CHRISTIAN? _____ YEARS PREACHING? _____ YEARS PASTORING? _____ YEARS				
HAVE YOU EVER HELD MINSTERIAL CREDENTIALS WITH ANOTHER RELIGIOUS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
IF YES, WHICH ONE?				
WHY DID YOU LEAVE IT?				
ARE YOU NOW HOLDING MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
IF YES, DO YOU INTEND TO RELINQUISH THEM IF YOU ARE APPROVED FOR CREDENTIALS BY HHIM? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
AS PERTAINS TO HHIM APPLICANTS:				
DO YOU FEEL LED OF GOD TO COME INTO THIS MINISTRY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
IF YOU COME INTO THIS MINISTRY, WILL YOU HELP PROMOTE IT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HAVE YOU READ THE DOCTRINE AND BY-LAWS OF HHIM? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
ARE YOU WILLING TO CONFORM AND ABIDE BY THEM? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
DO YOU KNOW AND BELIEVE IN OUR DOCTRINE OF FAITH? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
WILL YOU PREACH, TEACH, AND ABIDE BY IT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
DO YOU TEACH AND PRICE WATER BAPTISM ACCRODING TO MATTHEW 28:19? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
DO YOU BELIEVE IN PAYING TITHE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
IF NO, EXPLAIN:				
DO YOU PROMISE NOT TO TALK EVIL OR DO ANYHARM TO YOUR BRETHREN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE BEEN DIVORCE SINCE BECOMING A CHRISTIANS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
IF YES, HAVE YOU REMARRIED?				
DO YOU PAY YOUR HONEST DEBTS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
COMMENTS:				

ARE YOU IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE YOU SUPPORTED ENTIRELY BY YOUR MINISTRY?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE YOU WORKING IN SECULAR EMPLOYMENT?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
IS SO, HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK DO YOU WORK?		
DO YOU DRINK OR CONSUME ANY FORMS OF ALCOHOL?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
TOBACCO?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
NARCOTICS?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
DO YOU HAVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST ACCORDING TO ACTS 2:1-4, AS AN ENDOWMENT OF POWER FOR SERVICE TO THE LORD?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE YOU AT THE PRESENT TIME LIVING A CLEAN, CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIFE, ACCORDING TO THE NEW TESTAMENT STANDARDS OF HOLINESS?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
IS CHRIST THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE AND THE SALVATION OF SOULS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN SELF-EDIFICATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
WILL YOU STRIVE FOR THE UNITY OF THE ENTIRE BODY OF CHRIST (JOHN 17:21)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE YOU A SOUL WINNER (PROVERBS 11:30)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
DO YOU HAVE A DEFINITE CALL TO PREACH THE GOSPEL (ROMANS 10:15)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO



NOTE: ORDINATION, LICENSE OR EXHORTER CREDENTIAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECOMMENDED BY TWO OR THREE ORDAINED OR LICENSED MINISTERS THAT HAVE KNOWN THE APPLICANT FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND KNOWS OF THEIR LIFE AND WORK IN THE CHURCH. CHRISTIAN WORKER CREDENTIAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECOMMENDED BY AT LEAST ONE LICENSED OR ORDAINED MINISTER. IT IS OUR POLICY TO ISSUE NO MINISTERIAL CREDENTIAL UNTIL WE RECEIVE AT LEAST TWO FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LICENSED OR ORDAINED MINISTERS THAT HAVE HELD CREDENTIALS FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR AND ARE CURRENTLY IN GOOD STANDING. THE LICENSED OR ORDAINED RECOMMENDER MUST BE FROM THE HHIM, OR OTHER SIMILAR RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION. RECOMMENDATION FORMS OR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE TO BE SENT TO OUR HEADQUARTERS OFFICE DIRECTLY FROM THE RECOMMENDER. THEY ARE NOT TO BE SENT BY THE APPLICANT.

RECOMMENDATION LETTER



To the Applicant:

I authorize the minister identified on this form to complete the recommendation and disclose this form to Higher Hope International Ministries, Inc. I understand this form is confidential; I understand that it will be sent directly to HHIM by the person completing it. I release the minister and Higher Hope International Ministries, Inc. from all claims and liabilities, and damages arising out of or related to disclosure of the information consistent with the authorization.

Applicant's Signature

Date

To the Minister:

Please print or type and return this form directly to HHIM, PO Box 152956, Tampa, FL 33624.

Each applicant for credentials from HHIM must submit a recommendation from his/her minister. Serious consideration will be given to your comments; therefore, we ask that you complete the form carefully. Since a candid evaluation is requested, your comments will be held in the strictest of confidence.

1. How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity? _____

2. How well do you know him/her? _____

3. To your knowledge, has the applicant made a meaningful personal commitment to Jesus Christ? _____

4. Please indicate applicant's level of involvement in church activities. _____

5. How do you rate this person in the following areas? Use a separate sheet of paper for additional comments.

AREAS TO BE RATED	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVEAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NOT OBSERVED
Reliability – dependability, responsibility					
Maturity – personal development, ability to cope with life situations					
Christian commitment – genuine and depth of commitment					
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Judgment – ability to analyze a problem, wisdom					
Empathy – sensitivity to the needs of others					
Social Adaptability – interacts well with others and is respectful					
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6. Please share what you consider the applicants strong and weak points, as well as any other information you may have about the applicant that will help in our evaluation. This information could cover recent experiences or incidents in the applicant's life or even a general personality appraisal.

7. To your knowledge, does the applicant smoke, drink, or use illegal drugs? Has the applicant had emotional problems?

8. Is there additional information about the candidate you feel the board should know? Please comment on honesty, integrity, concern for people and general moral character.

Based on the above information, the applicant is:

Strongly Recommended Recommend Recommend with Reservations

Not Recommended I would rather speak in person

Minister's Name: _____

Name of Church: _____

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