

# *Credential Handbook*



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## *Instructions to Candidates*

This handbook has been prepared to give helpful information to those who have a call to ministry and may be seeking ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God Fellowship through the North Dakota Ministry Network. Ministerial credentials are for those who show a genuine call of God to ministry which would take them beyond the confines of their own local church. You will notice the North Dakota Ministry Network is referred to as “Network” or “District” or “District Council” in certain cases. These terms are interchangeable.

This handbook should cover frequently asked questions and help you become familiar with the process of applying for credentials with NDMN. It should be read by a potential applicant in its entirety. Please do not hesitate to contact the Network Office about any questions regarding this process or your application.

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## *What is Credentialed Ministry?*

*Assemblies of God General Council Bylaws Article VII. Section 1. Ministry Described:*

Christ's gifts to the Church include apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers (Ephesians 4:11), exhorters, administrators, leaders, and helpers (Romans 12:7-8). We understand God's call to these ministry gifts is totally within His sovereign discretion without regard to gender at birth, race, disability, or national origin.

Three classifications of ministry are recognized and transferable among all Assemblies of God districts: the ordained minister, the licensed minister, and the certified minister.

All ordained, licensed, and certified ministers holding current ministerial credentials are authorized to perform the ordinances and ceremonies (sacerdotal functions) of the church, and those holding a local church credential as provided below.

A fourth classification of ministry, a local church credential, may be provided by a local General Council affiliated church under basic guidelines adopted by the General Presbytery and such additional guidelines adopted by the district council. The local church credential shall be nontransferable (limited to the issuing local church) and shall be limited to two (2) years, unless the credential is solely required for active and ongoing local ministry in a prison, hospital, or institution. A person holding a local church credential can perform the ordinances and ceremonies (sacerdotal functions) of the church if authorized in writing by the senior pastor of the local church issuing the credential.

### *Types of Credentialed Ministry Within the Assemblies of God*

There are three classifications or "levels" of credentials you can apply for through the North Dakota Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God: certified, licensed, and ordained. Each level has different education requirements and responsibilities.

#### **o Certified Ministers**

*Assemblies of God General Council Bylaws Article VII. Section 3. C (1):*

They shall show promise of usefulness in the gospel work. They shall devote full or part-time to Christian ministry and, at the discretion of district credentials committees, may remain under the supervision of a

pastor or a ministry coach or mentor. They shall show evidence of a divine call and be actively engaged in some aspect of ministry and proclamation of the gospel, except in case of ill health or advanced age.

o **Licensed Ministers**

*Assemblies of God General Council Bylaws Article VII. Section 3. D:*

Qualifications for License shall include clear evidence of a divine call, character and preparation suitable for that calling, practical ministry experience, and an evident purpose to devote one's life in service to the proclamation of the gospel.

o **Ordained Ministers**

*North Dakota Ministry Network Bylaws Article VI. Section 2. D:*

Qualifications for ordination are outlined in the New Testament Scriptures (I Timothy 3:1-17; Titus 1:7-9).

Applicants must be twenty-three years of age or older.

They must have met all the requirements of the North Dakota District Council in application and in filling out the form.

Ordination is a public recognition of a proven ministry. **Therefore, ministers who have held a license and have been engaged in active work as a pastor, evangelist, or other proven ministry for at least two full consecutive years shall be eligible to apply for ordination when recommended by their fellow ministers, presbyter, and District Presbytery.**

They must be residents of the North Dakota District and appear before its Credentials Committee.

If they have been licensed in a district other than the North Dakota District they must be residents of the North Dakota District at least one year, and meet the requirements and secure the endorsement of the Officiary of the District with which they were previously licensed before receiving ordination.

(See General Council Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3, d, (4).)

**Ordination recommendation letters will be sent out by the Network Office in late September/early October with instructions. Once you have received an ordination recommendation letter, you may apply for ordination at any time in the future before the appropriate ordination deadline for that calendar year as listed on page 19 of the Handbook. Please contact the Network Office for ordination application paperwork.**

## *Basic Qualifications*

*Assemblies of God General Council Bylaws Article VII. Section 2.:*

The following qualifications pertain to applicants for ministerial recognition:

- a. Salvation.** Testimony to having experienced the new birth [John 3:5].
- b. Baptism in the Holy Spirit.** Testimony to having received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4. The Spirit-filled life will enable him to fulfill the threefold mission of the church.
- c. Evidence of Call.** Clear evidence of a divine call to the ministry, evidenced by a personal conviction, confirmed by the work of the Spirit and the testimony of fellow ministers.
- d. Christian Character.** A blameless Christian life and a good report of those who are without [Titus 1:7; I Timothy 3:7].
- e. Doctrinal Position.** A thorough understanding of and agreement with our doctrinal position as contained in the Statement of Fundamental Truths.
- f. Assemblies of God Polity.** A satisfactory working knowledge of the principles, practices, and purposes of the Fellowship through a study of the General Council and district council Constitution and Bylaws.
- g. Voluntary Cooperation and commitment to the Fellowship.** An active loyalty to our constitutional agreements, a cooperative spirit, and a readiness to seek and receive the counsel of older mature Christians and those in positions of authority...
- h. Basic Educational Requirements.** Any level of formal academic achievement [diploma or degree] shall not be a requirement for credentials; however, credential applicants shall meet the following criteria:
  - 1)** All applicants are required to be interviewed by the district credentials committee and in preparation for the interview, pass a standard exam approved by the General Presbytery whereby they demonstrate knowledge of the Bible, Assemblies of God doctrines, and ministerial practices, unless an exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee or permitted by General Presbytery policy; and either
  - 2)** Successfully complete equivalent training to that indicated in paragraph below, preferably, in an endorsed Assemblies of God postsecondary school; or in a seminary, college, Bible college, or school approved by the district credentials committee consistent

with criteria established by the General Council Credentials Committee; or

**3)** Successfully complete courses, prescribed by the General Presbytery, offered in correspondence through Global University of the Assemblies of God, or pass the final examinations in the prescribed courses; or

**4)** Be recommended by a district credentials committee as qualifying for credentials through self-study and ministerial experience. Such candidates shall have a proven and fruitful ministry of substantial duration. Requests from a district for such a candidate shall be presented to the General Council Credentials Committee and may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

**i. Mandatory Screening.** All applicants for ministerial credentials shall be screened through a designated screening agency established by the Executive Presbytery. Said screening shall be done by the district council prior to the submission of the application to the office of the General Secretary.

**j. Marriage Status.** We disapprove of any married persons holding ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God if either marriage partner has a former spouse living, unless the divorce occurred prior to his or her conversion or for the scriptural causes of a former spouse's marital unfaithfulness (Matthew 19:9), or the abandonment of the believer by the unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:10–15), or in the case of domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or child (Psalms 11:5; 146:5–9; Proverbs 6:16; Isaiah 1:16–17; Ephesians 4:1–3, 31–32; Ephesians 5), except as hereinafter provided.

**k. Ecclesiastical annulments and marriage dissolutions.** The Executive Presbytery shall have the authority to determine whether an applicant qualifies for an ecclesiastical annulment. In such cases there must be clear and satisfactory evidence of deception, fraud, or other conditions which have a profound impact preventing the creation of a valid marriage union, unknown at the time of marriage by the applicant. The Executive Presbytery shall have the authority to determine whether an applicant qualifies regarding a former marriage when the termination of that marriage is consistent with the scriptural position of the Fellowship relating to the granting or holding of ministerial credentials; or if a former marriage ended prior to conversion. In those cases involving pre-conversion divorce they shall be decided on an individual basis just as

those that deal with ecclesiastical annulments. Appeals from the decisions of the Executive Presbytery may be made to the General Presbytery.

**l. Eligibility of Women.** The Scriptures plainly teach that divinely called and qualified women may also serve the church in the ministry of the Word (Joel 2:29; Acts 21:9; 1 Corinthians 11:5). Women who meet the qualifications for ministerial credentials are eligible for whatever grade of credentials their qualifications warrant and have the right to administer the ordinances of the church and are eligible to serve in all levels of church ministry, and/or district and General Council leadership.

**m. Ministers from Other Organizations.** If a minister from another reputable body desires to affiliate with the Assemblies of God, the credentials committees of both the General Council and the district councils are under no obligation to accept the applicant's previous ministerial status, but will judge each candidate on his or her own merits as to the level of credentials to be granted. Such applicants shall be required to:

- 1) Conform to Assemblies of God criteria for recognition.
- 2) Complete an application for ministerial recognition.
- 3) Submit a letter of recommendation from a neighboring Assemblies of God minister or the sectional presbyter for the applicant's area.
- 4) Submit a recommendation from the body with which the minister was formerly affiliated. If such is not available, letters of recommendation should be sought from three reputable ordained ministers who are familiar with the applicant's ministry, two of whom should be with the applicant's former credentialing body.
- 5) Take the credential examination.
- 6) Complete such courses as may be prescribed by the General Presbytery for ministers transferring from other credentialing bodies.
- 7) Meet with the district credentials committee for an oral interview.
- 8) Be recommended by the district credentials committee for action by the General Council Credentials Committee.
- 9) All previously ordained ministers so approved shall receive recognition as ordained Assemblies of God ministers with the laying on of hands by the district presbytery. All other applicants so approved shall receive the appropriate level of credential recognition.

## *Specific Qualifications and Application Questions*

Please take note of these qualifications/questions required on the application for official credentials and as described above. **Any person applying for credentials will see these requirements on the application and will sign to agree to their answers. Please contact the Network Office if you have any further questions or need further clarification in any of these areas.**

### o **Assemblies of God Beliefs and Practice**

Applicants and ministers of the Assemblies of God must agree to the beliefs and practices of the Assemblies of God, including The 16 Fundamental Truths. Additionally, ministers of the Assemblies of God are governed by the General Council Constitution and Bylaws and the North Dakota Ministry Network Constitution and Bylaws. All of these documents can be found at [ag.org](http://ag.org) or [nddcag.com](http://nddcag.com).

### o **Residence Requirements**

o It is a requirement that an applicant for credentials who is not a citizen of the United States of America have proof of a legal working status in the United States. Foreign students temporarily in the United States for educational purposes are not eligible for credentials. It will be necessary for the non-citizen applicant to provide either a copy of their green card or a lawful nonimmigrant temporary work visa before an application will be processed.

o All applicants for credentials must apply in the district that they reside in. An exception to this is current university students.

### o **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

A person seeking to be credentialed with the Assemblies of God **must have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.** We believe this is not a one-time experience, but rather, this should be an ongoing experience and a regular part of a minister's devotional life. The candidate must believe and proclaim that the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.

### o **Abstinence Standards**



The Assemblies of God believes that for the sake of adhering to the highest ministerial standards, a minister will abstain from alcohol, tobacco or other smoking, gambling, pornography, recreational or illegal drug usage, and sexual conduct outside of a Biblically-defined marriage or any sinful behaviors specifically prohibited by Scripture. **An applicant for credentials is asked to be free of these standards for a minimum of two years before being approved for credentials.**

o **Church Membership**

It is a requirement that an applicant for credentials should be a member of an Assemblies of God church. An exception to this requirement would be for a minister who is credentialed with another organization who wishes to be affiliated with the Assemblies of God, someone attending a church plant that does not offer membership, or a student.

o **Felony**

The General Council and North Dakota Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God reserve the right to deny an applicant for credentials at their discretion due to the investigation of or conviction of a felony.

o **Christian Marriage**

If the applicant is married, the marriage must follow the definition set forth by the Assemblies of God's Constitution and Bylaws.

*General Council Bylaws Article VIII. Section 1.*

Marriage was established by God in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:18, 21–25) and confirmed by Jesus Christ to be a permanent relationship between a man and a woman (Matthew 19:4–6). Because marriage is not only a commitment to a spouse, but also to God (Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:9; Ephesians 5:31), a believer should marry only another believer (2 Corinthians 6:14). Christian marriage is a reflection of the love, purity, and permanence between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:23–33).

o **Divorce**

Please see page 6 for the Assemblies of God standards for divorce regarding a credentialed minister. According to this, there are five cases in which a divorce may be approved:

1. Pre-conversion Divorce
2. Abandonment of the Believer by the Unbeliever
3. Spousal Infidelity
4. Domestic Abuse by a Spouse to a Spouse or Child

## 5. Ecclesiastical Annulment

Thus, if an applicant for credentials has been divorced and remarried and their former spouse is still living **or** if their spouse has been divorced and has a former spouse still living, the divorce needs to be approved/recognized by the General Council Executive Presbytery **before** an application for credentials could be approved.

***\*Please contact the Network Office as soon as possible if this pertains to your application. Applications with a divorced applicant or spouse require additional paperwork, so time is of the essence. A separate divorce application will need to be approved before an official application for credentials is accepted.***

### *Fast Track Program*

A Fast-Track Program is available for the following candidates:

1. Lead pastors who want to bring their existing churches into the Assemblies of God
2. Staff pastors of those same churches who currently hold credentials with other organizations
3. Groups of existing ethnic ministers who wish to affiliate with the General Council of the Assemblies of God

*\* Fast Track is no longer available as an option for ministers' spouses who are seeking credentials.*

In all cases, the candidates must be persons who are Pentecostal in experience, agree with the Statement of Fundamental Truths, and are willing to embrace voluntary cooperation with the Assemblies of God in all of its implications.

### *Reinstatements*

Reinstatement applications are available for ministers who have previously held a credential with the Assemblies of God in good standing. This application allows the former minister to reinstate their certified, licensed, or ordained credential that they resigned or let lapse. Requirements vary based on the length of time that the credential has been expired. Please

contact the Network Office for more information and due dates if you are interested in reinstating your credential.

### *Educational Requirements*

There are four major tracks of education to meet the education requirements outlined by the Assemblies of God. All three levels of credentialing within the Assemblies of God have different education requirements, beginning with certificate of ministry requiring the least amount of education; then license; then ordination requiring the most education. **Please note, that all information is for general cases and all transcripts need to be evaluated by the Network Office.** Also, course comparison requests can be made through evaluation by the Network Office.

- **Endorsed Assemblies of God Colleges**

For a full list of Assemblies of God colleges, please visit [ag.org](http://ag.org).

- **Ministry or Church-Related Majors**

If the degree has a minimum of 24 hours in Bible and Theology, applicants with a ministry or church related major (graduate or non-graduate), qualify for a certificate with a minimum of **48** credits; license with **72** credits; and ordination with **96** credits. If there are less than 24 hours of Bible and Theology study, a course comparison will need to be made and additional Berean or Pathway courses may be needed to reach the education requirements for desired credential level.

- **Non-Ministry Majors**

Applicants should request to have their transcript evaluated by the Network Office.

- **Berean School of the Bible through Global University or Pathway Training**

The [Berean School of the Bible](#) is a branch of [Global University](#), Springfield, Missouri. Berean courses are organized by credential level, with 9-10 courses per level. The courses may be ordered directly from them by visiting their website, with an option for online or physical textbooks. The courses are also available through an approved education track, Pathway Training. If it is preferable to take the courses at the college level to receive college credit, then

enrollment should be made with Global University rather than Berean.

- **Trinity Bible College Credentialing Track**

Trinity Bible College & Graduate School offers AG Approved Certificates of Ministry Training. Certificates meet the Educational Requirements of the three levels of ministry credentialing in the Assemblies of God: Certified, Licensed, and Ordained. These 100% online programs allow participants to take some of the same accredited classes offered in Trinity's ministry degrees at a fraction of the price. It also provides an opportunity for students to move seamlessly into a full degree program at Trinity Bible College should they so choose. When you apply, Trinity's Admissions Department will provide you with complete information, and will guide you in the enrollment process.

- **Other Bible Colleges/Seminaries**

Applicants who have attended a non-Assemblies of God Bible College should request that their transcript be evaluated. All applicants in this category are required to take two Berean or Pathway courses, *Assemblies of God History, Missions, and Governance* and *Spirit Empowered Church*. Other courses may also be required.

### *Ministers Dues and Tithe Responsibility*

From *North Dakota Ministry Network Bylaws Article XIII. Section 2. A & B*.  
Once credentialed, all ministers have two financial responsibilities:

#### **1. North Dakota Ministry Network (District)**

All ministers holding current credentials shall tithe all of their ministerial income to the Network. In the case of no ministerial income, the obligation is as follows:

Certified Minister: \$10.00/month or \$120.00/year

Licensed Minister: \$30.00/month or \$360.00/year

Ordained Minister: \$30.00/month or \$360.00/year

#### **2. General Council of the Assemblies of God Dues**

Obligation/Dues is as follows:

Certified Minister: \$10.00/month or \$120.00/year

Licensed Minister: \$20.00/month or \$240.00/year

Ordained Minister: \$25.00/month or \$300.00/year

All fees must be paid in full in order to annually renew credentials.

### *Credentialing Process: What to Expect & How to Begin*

*More detailed info and dates regarding application paperwork can be found in the next section.*

#### **1. Pre-Application and Application**

**A candidate for a new certificate or license or an upgrade to license begins the credentialing process by submitting the Pre-Application form found at [nddcag.com/credentials](http://nddcag.com/credentials). Ordination candidates should refer to page 4.** The Pre-Application allows the Network Office to evaluate if a candidate meets the basic requirements for credentialing. **Once evaluated, candidates are asked to provide their education transcripts to be evaluated in order to confirm that all education requirements have been met. Once education requirements are verified, candidates are provided with all official application paperwork for completion.** Applications are processed as time allows and in the order received, including the sending and receiving references and a mandatory background check. Any issues flagged may affect an applicant's eligibility for approval.

***\*Please do not use or complete application paperwork from any other source or it may be outdated. The official application paperwork is only attainable through the Network Office. Please do not distribute the application paperwork to anyone. All candidates must begin their application through the Network Office.***

#### **2. Exam**

After the application is finalized and approved by the Network Office, the candidate moves into the exam phase. Exam Date and Proctor are scheduled by the Network Office. Exams are scheduled after application paperwork has been processed, so the sooner you submit your paperwork, the sooner you are able to take your exam. **Comprehensive study guides are provided at this point.** There are three subject-based exams: Bible Knowledge, Doctrine and Polity. Those applying for certification will take Bible Knowledge and Doctrine; those applying for license will take all three; Bible Knowledge, Doctrine and Policy; those upgrading from certified

to license only take Polity. **There is no exam for those upgrading to ordination.** All exams must be scored 70% or higher to pass and exams not scored this high need to be retaken. The exams are taken on a computer or tablet at a location and time determined by the Network Office. Bibles are allowed for the Doctrine exam only; the General Council Constitution and Bylaws is provided and allowed for the Polity exam only.

### **3. Interview**

All applicants are interviewed. The purpose of the interview is to get acquainted, assess any areas of concern that may have been indicated on the application or on the written exam, and advise of benefits and responsibilities as a member of the Network. Interviews are held during the annual Spring Presbytery Meeting in Bismarck in February. **The applicant's spouse or fiancé (if applicable) is required to be present unless approved by the Network Office.** Interviews will be scheduled by the Network Office as soon as possible and will try to accommodate as best as possible.

### **4. Approval Process**

Following the interview, the Network Presbytery will approve or deny the granting of credentials. The Network Office will notify the applicant of the decision of the Presbytery.

If approved, your file will be sent to the General Council for final approval and issuing of the credential.

### **5. Credentialing Service**

Approved credential candidates will be recognized at our annual Network Conference in April during a special evening service. The specific date can be found in the next section or on the Network's calendar or website. Attendance is highly encouraged for all credential certified and licensed candidates and their spouse/fiancé. **Attendance for all ordination candidates is mandatory as "the laying on of hands" is the last aspect of the ordination process** (*North Dakota Ministry Network Bylaws Article VI. Section 3. E & F*)

## Application Paperwork

The following list is all of the application paperwork **provided by the applicant** to the Network Office to make a complete application. **The application paperwork is expected in its entirety in the Network Office on the application deadline.** Please use this list as a checklist when completing and submitting the paperwork to ensure your application is complete.

***\*Applications (new certificate and license applicants and license upgrade applicants) must begin by submitting a Pre-Application Form found at [nddcag.com/credentials](http://nddcag.com/credentials). Ordination candidates should refer to page 4. Please do not use or complete application paperwork from any other source as it may be outdated. The official application paperwork is only attainable through the Network Office. Please do not distribute the application paperwork to anyone. All candidates must begin their application through the Network Office.***

**1. Application, signed and dated**

The application is 4 pages for new applicants and 2 pages for upgrade applicants.

**2. Additional Answers/Explanations, if needed**

Questions 32-35 on the application prompt a written answer on a separate page. The written description should be as clear as possible with dates and details and *signed and dated*. Please know that we understand how this can be uncomfortable and treat your intimate details with the utmost respect and privacy.

**3. One-page Personal Testimony Essay and One-page Call to Ministry Essay**

Applicant is to use the template/page provided for each essay.

**4. Photo**

Personal photo or headshot is required. This photo is used for the applicant's official AG profile if approved.

**5. Copy of Social Security Card**

A copy of your social security card is mandatory. No other forms of ID are permitted as a replacement.

**6. Application Fee**

Application fee is \$110.00 and can be paid by cash, check (made out to NDMN), or online through our website giving portal at [nddcag.com](http://nddcag.com). Select the “Other” fund and note “Credential Application Fee” in the description.

**7. Transcript of Education**

Official or unofficial transcript(s) are required because they show credit hours and grade earned and completion. **Degree audits are not accepted.**

**8. Background Check Release Form**

Background checks are mandatory for all applicants. This form needs to be signed and accurately depict the applicant’s social security number and legal name. *Please note, if you have had your social security info frozen or hidden for any reason, this will prevent the background check and you will need to notify the Network Office and temporarily unfreeze it.*

**9. Information Authorization and Release Form and Information Authorization and Release Form for Spouse (if applicable)**

Information Authorization and Release Forms give NDMN the right to acquire references for the applicant and the applicant’s spouse while providing confidentiality for the reference and their responses.. *These forms must be notarized and the notary cannot be related to the applicant. **We ask that you do not contact your references directly in regards to your application as their answers on the forms are confidential and may not be viewed or accessed by the reference.***

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

***Do I have to be certified first before I can be licensed?***

No; applicants can apply to be licensed as a new applicant as long as they have met the educational requirements.

***How do I apply to be ordained?***

Please reference page 4. Our Network leadership sends recommendation letters to candidates that qualify for ordination or that they would like to encourage to pursue ordination. Applicants who receive this letter can contact the Network Office to receive the ordination paperwork. The deadline for the paperwork is listed on page 19.

If you have not received this letter, please contact your sectional presbyter and discuss your interest in ordination.



***When can I apply? When will I be credentialed?***

The application window begins with the Pre-Application on the dates listed beginning on page 18. The annual Credentialing Service is during NDMN's Network Conference on the date on page 19. Your credentials are active as of the date of the Credentialing Service.

***What is the difference between the Pre-Application and the Official Application?***

The Pre-Application must be completed *before* the official paperwork is given. The Pre-Application needs to be completed by new applicants only. Upgrades to license or ordination should contact the Network Office directly. The Pre-Application is a digital form found at [nddcag.com/credentials](http://nddcag.com/credentials). The Official Application refers to all items listed beginning on page 15.

***What are the exams like?***

The exams are subject based exams and are all multiple choice exams except for the 16 Fundamental Truths on the Doctrine exam, which must be listed. On this exam you must list each Fundamental Truth and 2 Scripture references. You can find more information about the exam subjects on starting on page 13.

***How do I submit my application?***

The application can be submitted by email to [office@nddcag.org](mailto:office@nddcag.org), or by mail or drop off to 1724 N Grandview Lane in Bismarck.

***What do I do if I have misplaced my social security card?***

A copy of your social security card is mandatory. No other forms of ID (passport, driver's license, etc.) are permitted by the General Council. If you are unable to find your social security card, please send in the rest of your application paperwork and apply to receive a new social security card.

***Do all of my references have to be ordained Assemblies of God ministers?***

It is strongly encouraged that your references be ordained Assemblies of God ministers. However, licensed or certified Assemblies of God ministers are preferable to an ordained minister that does not know you enough to

be a reference and the Lead Pastor of the church you attend must be listed as a reference, no matter what credential they hold.

***I've submitted my application. What comes next?***

Please see page 13 for an outline of the credentialing process.

*2023-2024 Credentialing Calendar & Deadlines*

	<i>Deadline/Due Date</i>	<i>Detail</i>
<p>Pre-Application Window <i>(New Certificate &amp; License Applicants and License Upgrade Applicants)</i></p>	<p>June 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023</p>	<p>Candidates begin their application by submitting the Pre-Application Form as explained on page 13.</p> <p>*Any Pre-Applications submitted <i>after</i> October 31, 2023 will be added to our files for the next credential year.</p>
<p>Official Application Deadline <i>(New Certificate &amp; License Applicants and License Upgrade Applicants)</i></p>	<p>November 21, 2023</p>	<p>*Final date Official Applications will be accepted by the Network Office in its entirety. Please use pages 15-16 as a checklist for required paperwork.</p> <p>Extended deadline for education/transcript only for applicants who are current AG endorsed college students who are finishing the semester. No deadline extensions will be given to independent Berean studies or Pathway Training Students.</p>

Divorce Applications		*Please contact the Network Office as soon as possible if this pertains to your application. Applications with a divorced applicant or spouse require additional paperwork, so time is of the essence. A separate divorce application will need to be approved <u>before</u> an official application for credentials is accepted.
Reinstatement Application		Please see page 10 or call the Network Office for more information about reinstatement applications.
Application Deadline for Ordination Applications	December 19, 2023	Please see page 4 or call the Network Office for more information about ordination.
Credential Interviews	Monday, February 5 or Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Takes place in Bismarck.  Applicant's spouse or fiancé (if applicable) <b>required</b> to be present, unless absence is approved by the Network Office..
Annual Network Credentialing Service	April 25, 2024	Attendance is highly encouraged for all certified and licensed candidates and their spouse/fiancé.  <b>Attendance for ordination candidates is mandatory.</b>