

Associated Brotherhood Of Christians

Application For Ministerial Credential and License

Applicant must print clearly in ink and submit their hand-written signature on this application prior to being mailed to the Association General Secretary. Please answer every question honestly, as omissions may cause delay.

- Eligibility Requirements Of Applicants -

Ministerial Credentials are for the protection of true Ministers of the Gospel and also the Churches, especially those without a Pastor. They enable the Minister to meet legal requirements in the performance of marriage ceremonies, and other religious duties. Credentials issued by a religious Body indicates that the holder thereof is not only in harmony with the Scriptural views of that Body, but is also qualified to represent such Body and set forth its views in general. It is highly important, therefore, that the A.B. of C. teaching the Word of God and standing for the highest possible standard of Apostolic faith and holiness, should exercise great care in conferring their papers of recommendation, in order that none may receive them, except those whose moral character, faith in the Word of God, call to the ministry and ministerial qualifications have been proven among the brethren. We will issue Ministerial Credentials to Ordained Ministers, and License to Non-ordained Ministers and Workers. It is desirable that those who have proven themselves to be faithful, competent, and spiritual servants of The Lord, whose lives are above reproach and of good report among the brethren be Ordained and hold Ministerial Credentials. Such persons should be able to read and write, must be able to officiate at a Marriage Ceremony, Funeral Service, Baptismal Service, etc. Persons feeling the call of The Lord, but not qualified for Ordination, are entitled to a Worker's License or License, until sufficiently qualified for Ordination. Such persons must satisfactorily fill out this application and present same with such recommendation of one or more Ministers in good standing with the A.B. of C.

- {1} Have you read the History, Aim, Purpose, and the Articles of Faith of this Association? Yes / No
Do you agree with the same? Yes / No If not, please state your reasons _____
Are you willing to accept the Aim and Purpose of this Association as the guiding principles of your Ministry, and endeavor to promote them in all your fields of labor, after your affiliation with this body? Yes / No
- {2} What is your calling to the Gospel work? _____
How long have you felt this calling? _____
- {3} What is your Pastor's name? _____
How long have you been under their ministry? _____
- {4} Have you been Ordained? Yes / No If so, by what Body? _____
When? _____ How long have you been a Christian? _____
How long have you been a Minister? _____
- {5} Have you ever been affiliated with any Ministerial Body? Yes / No If so, please give their name: _____

- {6} Have you left them? Yes / No If so, why? _____
- {7} Date of Birth: _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____ Married or Single: _____
Have you ever been divorced? Yes / No If yes, please explain in an attached sheet the reason why and when this occurred.
- {8} Do you believe in Water Baptism? Yes / No Do you administer it according to our Articles of Faith? Yes / No
- {9} Do you believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost / the Spirit filled life? Yes / No Have you received such experience? Yes / No When? _____
- {10} Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead? Yes / No And in the Righteous Judgments of God? Yes / No
- {11} Do you believe in the personal return or appearing of The Lord? Yes / No
- {12} Do you believe or teach the doctrine of Free-Love, spiritual companionship, social purity, or kindred doctrines, that lower the moral standard of clean Christian living? Yes / No
- {13} Are you willing to accept the ethical principles of Romans 14, and endeavor to keep the unity of The Spirit, until we come into the unity of the Faith? Yes / No
- {14} Will you at all times respect the sincere convictions of your fellow-Minister and fellow-Christian, rendering due Christian courtesy to them in regard to any doctrines or ethics on which you may not agree? Yes / No
- {15} Will you agree to support this Association financially by giving your annual dues and offerings? Yes / No

Name Of Applicant (print or type)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Home Address:
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone # with a/c: _____ Email: _____

Send Credentials / License To: _____

Home Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Church Phone Number: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Pastor's Phone Number: _____

My Position In The Church Is: _____

Number of Years At Home Church: _____

Previous Pastor (If You Have Moved In 5 Years): _____

Previous Pastor's Phone Number: _____

If you have been affiliated with any other Ministerial Body, please give name, address, and phone# of person who can verify your affiliation: _____

RECOMMENDATION

It is very important that those recommending any one for this great work of God use every precaution in the recommendation of those applying for any Credential. Recommending Parties are in a measure responsible for those they recommend. Quality and Qualifications are essential features.

I Believe The Applicant Is Qualified To Hold: **{Please Circle One}** Credentials / License / Worker's License

{Please Circle One} Personal Knowledge / Investigation Made Date: _____

Ordained Pastor: _____ State Presbyter: _____

Credential Committee Chairman: _____

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACE BELOW / LEAVE FOR ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

Date Application Received

Form and Date Of Papers Issued

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