



Global Christian Ministry Forum Canada

Forum International des Ministères Chrétiens Canada

Credential Application Form

With this application form, you must also include:

- A “head and shoulders” passport-type recent photograph of yourself
- A 1-2 page typewritten testimony of your conversion experience and your call and concept of the ministry.
- A \$100.00 application fee (*non-refundable*).

Part 1: Personal Information

First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Address:	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>	City / Town:	<input type="text"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	Province:	<input type="text"/>
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth:	<input type="text"/>	Country:	<input type="text"/>
Birth Date:	<input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> Y	Home Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Language Preference:	English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>	Work Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Your Website:	<input type="text"/>		
Preferred method of communication:	Email <input type="checkbox"/> Postal Mail <input type="checkbox"/>		
When were you born again?	<input type="text"/>	When did you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?	<input type="text"/>
When were you baptized in water?	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

Part 2: Marital Status

Single ☐ Married ☐ Widow(er) ☐ Divorced ☐ Remarried ☐

If divorced, how many times? **Please list date and reason for each divorce on a separate sheet**

If remarried, Date: D M Y **Explain circumstances on a separate sheet**

Spouse First Name:	<input type="text"/>	If spouse is born again, what date?	<input type="text"/>
Spouse Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	Spouse's Birth Date:	<input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> Y
		Wedding Date:	<input type="text"/> D <input type="text"/> M <input type="text"/> Y

Are you and your spouse in unity regarding your ministry? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments:

Names and ages of children under 18:

Part 3: Education

High School Diploma: Yes ☐ No ☐

What is your post-secondary education?

Post-Secondary Diploma: Yes ☐ No ☐

Part 4: Credentials

I am applying for: Christian Worker ☐ 1 Licensed Minister ☐ 2 Ordained Minister ☐ 3

What is your denominational background?

Have you ever been licensed? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you ever been ordained? Yes ☐ No ☐

When?

When?

By Whom?

By Whom?

Are the above credentials current? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments:

Part 5: Home Church

GCMF believes all members should be affiliated with a local church.

Name of your home church:

Church Address:

City / Town:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Website:

Denomination / Affiliation:

Your position in this church:

Number of church members:

Name of the Senior Pastor:

May we contact him/her about your application? Yes ☐ No ☐

If NO, please state the reasons:

Do you tithe?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Where do you tithe?

Part 6: Ministry and Employment

Which five-fold ministry office(s) do you predominately operate in?

(Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher)

Describe your ministry:

How long have you been in this ministry?

What percentage of your income is derived from your ministry?

%

What is your present employment? (please indicate if unemployed)

Name of employer:

Place of employment address:

City/Town:

Phone:

Province:

Postal Code:

Part 7: References

***Each of your references must complete a Reference Form, available on the *Credentialing* section of our website.**

Reference 1: Your senior Pastor, a senior elder if you are the pastor, or another colleague in ministry.

Name:

Postal Code:

Address:

Phone:

City/Town:

Email Address:

Province:

Reference 2: A current or previous employer or someone who knows your work ethic.

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>	Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Province:	<input type="text"/>		

Reference 3: A GCMF member or someone well-known to GCMF personnel.

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>	Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Province:	<input type="text"/>		

Reference 4: Anyone you choose other than your spouse.

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>
Province:	<input type="text"/>	Relationship to you:	<input type="text"/>

Part 8: Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe there is one God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, in His vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension, and in His personal return to power and glory upon the earth.
4. We believe regeneration and conversion through faith in Jesus Christ is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful humanity.
5. We believe water baptism is not a saving ordinance but is essential in obedience to the Gospel and should be administered by immersion.
6. We believe the gospel includes holiness of heart and life, healing of the body, and a definite personal experience with the Holy Spirit whereby the gifts of the Spirit become active in the life of the believer. This work of the Holy Spirit is for men, women, and children.
7. We believe in the present and future manifestation of God's kingdom on the earth; in the present authority and ministry of the church, and in the future, under the rule and reign of Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of believers at the end time and the judgement of all mankind; the just unto eternal life and the unjust into eternal damnation.
9. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the full function of the five-fold ministry which was given to perfect and equip the saints so they can enter into the work of their ministry, thereby edifying the whole body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-13)
11. We believe both men and women may be called to function in church ministry without restriction due to gender. (Rom 16:1-15, Gal 3:26-28, Acts 2:17-18)
12. We believe in the sanctity of life.
13. We believe marriage is a holy sacrament ordained by God as a union of one man and one woman in covenant relationship. (Gen 1:27-28, 2:23-24, Mt. 19:4-6)
14. We believe there are other God-called fellowships, organizations and associations of which Global Christian Ministry Forum Canada is one of many.

Global Christian Ministry Forum Canada maintains the right to deny, revoke, repossess or withhold ministerial credentials.

Part 9: Agreement

I will support the work of GCMF with a contribution of 2% of my total income and look to God to honour this commitment of faithfulness. I shall also do my best to spread the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and the principles and policies of Global Christian Ministry Forum Canada.

I believe the above statement of faith and agree to uphold the high standards of the ministry of Jesus Christ, and of Global Christian Ministry Forum Canada.

Signature:

Date:

In addition to the 2% tithe mentioned above, there will be an annual renewal form to keep your credentials current.

Part 10: Payment

Application Fee: \$100 VISA/MC ☐ Cheque ☐ (Please make cheques payable to *Global Chrisitan Minstry Forum Canada*)

VISA/MC Number:

Expiration Date:

Name on Card:

(please print)

Signature:

Please send the completed documents to the GCMF Canada head office:

**GCMF Canada
PO Box 393
Collingwood, ON
L9Y 3Z7**

The credential committee will make inquiries of your references, examine your reputation, effectiveness in ministry, loyalty and relationship to the local church, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. You will be notified concerning the acceptance or refusal of your application.

Credential Application Information

Global Christian Ministry Forum Canada

This body is incorporated under the laws of the Government of Canada. It is divided into districts within Canada. The President of the organization in Canada is Rev. Ted McLean. GCMF is a connecting body, supporting ministers, churches and ministries to the glory of God. The International Fellowship represents more than 1000 members as well as many churches and retreat centres. The primary purpose of GCMF is to facilitate and enable members to develop their God given vision for ministry and to become successful in the fulfillment of that vision and calling, to the glory of God. GCMF has a presbyterian form of government consisting of a seven-person presbytery composed of the corporate officers. Designated geographic areas are each led by a District Coordinator. The District Coordinators are the Elders of the Fellowship and meet at least twice a year as an advisory council. They are committed to facilitate, assist, counsel, support and help augment the ministry of every member of GCMF.

Purpose

To provide legal and spiritual recognition of the calling and ministry God has already placed upon an individual and to assist in the fulfillment of that ministry.

Benefits

- Enables the performance of legal ceremonies, weddings (*Ordained Minister only*), and funerals.
- Provides access to prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, psychiatric centres and other institutions of this type.
- Provides organizational and ministry networking.
- Provides mediation to help resolve serious problems in the local church (by the District Coordinators or Presbytery officers).
- Provides material and qualified personnel to help in ministry development, as needed.
- Provides district meetings, conferences and seminars.
- Offers pastoral retreat opportunities at the Retreat Centres.
- Supplies field representatives and elders to assist you.
- Introduces the work of missionaries, pastors and teachers.
- Provides information of interest to those in ministry.
- Provides additional training seminars and educational opportunities.
- Provides a basis of fellowship with like-minded ministers and ministries.
- Sponsors annual and periodic convocation gatherings of the Fellowship.
- Establishes a connected group of affiliated churches for common benefits.



Requirements

- Be born again, baptized in water and baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- Comply with the scriptural requirements of 1 Timothy 3.
- Be actively engaged in a specific and fruitful ministry.
- Be currently involved in or immediately entering into a definable ministry of greater responsibility than that which is expected of all members of the Body of Christ, and provide a written description of that ministry.
- Be examined and approved by a District coordinator of the Fellowship.

GCMF Issues Three Types of Ministerial Credentials:

1. Christian Worker
2. Licensed Minister
3. Ordained Minister

The type issued will depend on:

- a) The candidate's ministry qualifications as outlined below.
- b) Recommendations from references provided on the application form.
- c) Any additional recommendations and/or information GCMF may seek.
- d) Personal and/or telephone interviews by a GCMF representative.

- e) The final decision of the GCMF credentialing committee.

Ordained Clergy status is officially recognized in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba. (Other provinces will be added as needed)

1 Christian Worker

The candidate must satisfy at least one (1) of the following criteria:

- Involved in a definable ministry above and beyond usual church volunteer activities.
- Recognized by associates as a person showing ministerial calling and qualities.

2 Licensed Minister

The candidate must satisfy at least one (1) of the following criteria:

- Recognized by ministry associates as a person showing one of the ministry gifts enumerated in Ephesians 4: 11 (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher).
- Involved in a ministry that demands recognition as a clergy person.
- Have a definable ministry position in an organized church.

3 Ordained Minister

Candidates considered for ordination must have been licensed with GCMF for a period of not less than one year or must have held ordination with another reputable, GCMF-recognized organization immediately prior to applying with GCMF. Holding a License with GCMF for one year does not automatically qualify a candidate for ordination. The candidate must also satisfy at least one (1) of the following criteria:

- Engaged in a successful Apostolic, Prophetic, Evangelistic, Pastoral or Teaching ministry (Ephesians 4: 11) that is recognized by peers and evidenced by followers.
- Employed by a ministry that requests the ordination of the candidate. (If the requesting ministry is controlled by the candidate they must also satisfy one other point.)
- Engaged in professional ministry where ordination is an asset.
- Engaged in voluntary ministry where ordination is a legal requirement.

A person seeking ordination must obtain letters of endorsement from ministry associates that demonstrate qualification according to the above criteria. GCMF may also seek additional pertinent information and letters of endorsement as they see fit. Ordination is awarded only after a thorough search of a person's references and the endorsement of others who know the results of their ministry. Those who are accepted will receive confirmation of their call by the laying on of hands. This can be done in a specified meeting or a local church. Arrangements must be made with the office of the District Coordinator or with the head office, as required.

Responsibilities of Members

Each member is expected to attend at least three GCMF events which include regional meetings and fellowship activities in their district as well as annual conferences. If attendance is impossible a written explanation will be accepted.

All GCMF credential holders are required to give 2% of their total income from all sources as ministerial dues. This may come from you personally or from your church/ministry for you. It may be paid yearly or in installments. You may pay online by credit card or mail cash or cheques to GCMF Canada, PO Box 393, Collingwood, ON, L9Y 3Z7. This contribution is considered dues and the percentage required may be increased upon due notification. Your dues are considered charitable, and you will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes at the end of the year.

Each member must submit an annual report of their ministry and the appropriate renewal fee when they file their annual credential renewal forms.

Each member must subscribe fully to the Statement of Faith as shown on the Application Form.