



**Faith Christian Fellowship Int'l Church, Inc.**

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## **ORDINATION REQUIREMENTS**

All individuals who believe in the principles, nature and purpose of Faith Christian Fellowship International Church, Inc., may make application to become a part of this fellowship if they fulfill the following requirements:

1. Must be at least 23 years of age.
2. Must be called of God to minister. (Ephesians 4:11)
3. Must be involved in the ministry.
4. Must have completed one of the following:
  - a. Two years of college or formal Bible training.
  - b. Two years in active full-time ministry.
  - c. A combination of the above totaling two years.
5. Must agree with FCF International Tenets of Faith.
6. Must complete the entrance exam.
7. Must return completed packet, processing and application fees to the above address.

Action will **not** be taken on any application until all fees and completed forms have been returned to the above address. All completed application packets must include the following:

1. Application form
2. Recent passport-size photograph
3. Application fee of \$175. (Should an application not be accepted, this fee minus a \$25 processing fee will be refunded. Ministers who are accepted in the last quarter of the year will not pay a renewal fee for the following year.)
4. Two recommendations from persons who have known your ministry for two years
5. Minister's Agreement to be signed after reading the FCF Tenets of Faith
6. Statement of Ministry
7. A detailed, typed resume containing education, employment, and ministry history
8. Entrance Exam

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

1. The ordination process is not complete until hands have been laid on the applicant at an authorized ordination service.
2. All applications are to be completed and returned to FCF International in Tulsa.
3. An FCF Representative will contact the applicant for a telephone interview. Following this interview, the application will receive a final review by the Executive Board. This review could take 60 days.
4. Ordination recognizes and confers upon approved applicants all the rights and privileges of ministry, including the authority to solemnize marriages, conduct communion, baptisms, burials and other forms of religious worship, and sacerdotal functions in accordance with the Tenets of Faith of FCF International. To perform marriages the applicant must comply with state and local laws.

## **ORDINATION RENEWAL INFORMATION:**

1. All credentials expire annually on the first day of January. The Renewal fee is \$150.00. The Renewal form and fee are due at the FCF International Office by December 31 to avoid a late fee of \$50.00.
2. Credentialed married couples may renew at the following rate: \$150 for one and \$25 for the spouse. (This joint fee does NOT apply to the original applications.)
3. Renewals postmarked after December 31 will not be accepted until the late fee of \$50.00 is paid.
4. Renewals are the responsibility of the applicant. If you do not receive a renewal form by November 1st, contact FCF Int'l.
5. Ministers whose renewals are not received by FCF Int'l before April 1 will be placed on the inactive list and required to return their credentials.

## **FCF CRITERIA TO DETERMINE APPROVAL OR RENEWAL OF CREDENTIALS:**

1. Applicant's financial commitment to FCF International. A solid covenant relationship is desired. Giving is evidence of commitment, loyalty and dedication, first to God and then to each other.
2. Applicant's attendance at the annual Family Church Conference, Regional Meetings, and Relational Gatherings.
3. Applicant's efforts to make contact with FCF Representatives.
4. Applicant's correspondence with and progress updates to the Relational Representative.



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**Place Photo  
 Here  
 Application Fee \$175.00**

## ORDINATION APPLICATION

**Fill in every blank and complete each question. Please print or type.**

**NOTE:** Include a resume with this application. If you are credentialed with other organizations, include copies of certificates with the resume. The resume should contain the following information:

1. Education: In addition to high school and/or college, include Bible schools, trade schools, correspondence schools, etc.
2. Complete employment and ministry history

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hm Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Your Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen or legal resident?  Yes  No E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you  Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Date you were born again \_\_\_\_\_ Date you were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) \_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Ministerial Experience

Have you been credentialed through another organization?  Yes  No

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of credential:  License  Ordination

Previous ministerial experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Present Ministry Information

1. With what other ministerial organization (if any) do you **currently** hold credentials? (Specify license or ordination.)

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Credential: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name, address and telephone number of the ministry in which you are working:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Size of congregation (if this is a church): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you currently in an officially recognized ministerial position?  Yes  No

4. Present primary field of ministry - check one:

Pastor                       Youth Minister                       Administrator                       Other. Describe  
 Asst. Minister                       Children's Minister                       Helps \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evangelist                       Music                       Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Are you:       Full time       Part time       Inactive       Retired

5. What is your **current** responsibility and function in the ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

6. If you are a senior pastor, please answer the following questions.

a. Did you                       Start the church                       Take an existing work                       Other

Explain other: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of first service \_\_\_\_\_      c. Length of time in this pastorate \_\_\_\_\_

d. Average Sunday morning attendance \_\_\_\_\_

e. Schedule of weekly services \_\_\_\_\_

f. How often do you serve communion in your church? \_\_\_\_\_

g. What is the seating capacity of your church facility? \_\_\_\_\_

h. Do you have a "Sunday School" type program?                       Yes       No

i. Please list three guest speakers you have had in your church during the past six months.

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7. Why have you chosen FCF International for ministerial credentials?

Disaffiliated from another organization. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Convenience

Legal reasons

Agreement with vision

8. Are you committed to a local church? Yes No  
To what level? Deeply Moderately Little
9. Your Pastor's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Please describe the call of God on your life and your vision for accomplishing this.  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Have you ever personally been involved in a church split? Yes No  
(If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)
12. Have you ever had any civil or criminal proceedings against you? Yes No  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Are there currently any legal judgments against you? Yes No  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
14. How did you hear about FCF Int'l? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Give the name, address and telephone number of at least one FCF credentialed minister with whom you are acquainted. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. If you are approved for ordination, what do you expect to do that would benefit the FCF family?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Which area in your personal life has the greatest need? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
And in your ministry? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. How do you envision maintaining a vital relationship with FCF in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. If you are involved in some form of secular work, please answer the following three questions.
- a. In what type of secular employment are you involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How many hours per week do you work at this job? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How long do you realistically anticipate that it will be before your ministry supports you totally?  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Have you ever attended the FCF Annual Family Church Conference?  Yes  No  
Do you plan to attend this conference in the future?  Yes  No
21. Have you attended any other FCF meetings?  Yes  No  
Do you plan to attend any of these meetings in the future?  Yes  No
22. Do you financially support FCF International?  Yes  No  
Will you financially support FCF International?  Yes  No
23. Do you financially support any FCF Missionaries or mission projects?  Yes  No  
Will you financially support FCF Missionaries or mission projects?  Yes  No
24. If you pastor, are you open to receiving FCF International leadership to speak  
in your church?  Yes  No
25. Will you send updates on your progress to your Relational Representative?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINATION

Please type or print.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

The above named person is applying for Ordination with Faith Christian Fellowship International. The questions listed below should be answered honestly and completely, for serious consideration will be given to your answers.

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1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you feel you know the applicant well enough to evaluate his/her eligibility for Ordination?  
 Yes  No

3. What is your relationship to the applicant?  Friend  Pastor  Other  
Is your relationship  Casual  Intimate  Professional

4. In your opinion, does the applicant exhibit a call to the ministry?  Yes  No  Do not know  
Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is the applicant currently involved in active ministry?  Yes  No  Do not know

6. Does the applicant have the trust and respect of fellow Christians?  Yes  No  Do not know

7. Pulpit Experience/Preaching and Teaching  
 Well-experienced  
 Light experience  
 No experience  
 Do not know

8. Work habits (in the ministry)  
 Very industrious; does more than required  
 Satisfactory  
 Enough to get by  
 Does less than expected

9. Ability to withstand pressure  
 Tolerates pressure well  
 Average tolerance/usually remains calm  
 Easily irritated  
 Can not handle pressure  
 Do not know

10. Personal organization  
 Conscientious, tidy, clean  
 Fairly neat  
 Tends to be disorderly  
 Disorderly and untidy  
 Do not know

11. Response/Attitude toward authority

- Helpful and cooperative
- Usually responsive
- Resentful of authority
- Not cooperative/very resentful
- Do not know

12. Marriage and Family

- Attentive to spouse and children
- Spouse and children take a back seat to work/ministry
- Neglects spouse and children
- Do not know

13. Emotional Stability

- Self controlled and mature
- Usually stable
- Moody and changeable
- Many uncontrolled periods/unstable
- Do not know

14. To your knowledge is the applicant currently involved in any heresy?  Yes  No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Does the applicant demonstrate all the following: positive attitude, a sincere love for people, emotional stability, spiritual maturity and commitment?  Yes  No

16. In what ministerial position(s) within the local church is the applicant presently serving?

\_\_\_\_\_

17. Explain why the applicant should or should not be ordained through Faith Christian Fellowship International. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**I recommend the applicant for Ordination:**  Yes  Yes, with reservation  No

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a credentialed minister, please complete the following:**

Ministry Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organization you are credentialed with \_\_\_\_\_

Year of credentialing \_\_\_\_\_



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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# STATEMENT OF MINISTRY

Complete this form to establish that you will be or are currently involved in ministry.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- If you, the applicant, are a senior pastor or president of a ministry, check here and proceed directly to Section Two. Complete Section Two for yourself.
- If you, the applicant, are in any other ministry position, Section One and Section Two are to be completed by the person directly responsible for your involvement in the ministry, i.e., the president of a ministry, the pastor of a church, etc.

**Section One**

\_\_\_\_\_ will be working with us in the following capacity (Please  
Applicant's Name  
 be as detailed as possible):

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**Section Two**

Effective on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



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## **Minister's Agreement**

I am in accord with all the Tenets of Faith, vision, mission, core values, and the credentialing requirements of Faith Christian Fellowship International Church, Inc. I will always conduct myself in a manner becoming to Christ Jesus and His Kingdom; in word, in spirit, and in conversation. I will never give cause for accusations to be made against me in the conduct of my personal affairs or public ministry. I am willing to accept counsel and advice from Faith Christian Fellowship International, submitting myself in love, understanding that Faith Christian Fellowship International has the authority to revoke my ministerial rights and privileges if my conduct becomes reproachful.

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Signature

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## **TENETS OF FAITH**

### **Faith Christian Fellowship**

The program and activities of Faith Christian Fellowship shall be based upon and at all times shall be consistent with the following beliefs:

- A. The Bible is the mind of Christ and is the inspired, the only infallible and authoritative Word of God
- B. There is one God manifested in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- C. The reality of Satan and his present control over unregenerate man does exist
- D. Christianity is based upon the following:
  - 1. The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ
  - 2. His sinless life
  - 3. His miracles
  - 4. His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood
  - 5. His bodily resurrection
  - 6. His ascension to the right hand of the Father
  - 7. His personal return in power and glory as Lord of Lords and King of Kings
  - 8. The fall of man and his lost estate, which makes necessary a rebirth through confession and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ
  - 9. The reconciliation of man to God by the substitutionary death and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
  - 10. The resurrection of believers unto everlasting life and blessing in Heaven, and the resurrection of unbelievers unto everlasting punishment in the torments of Hell
  - 11. The present supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit, who bestows the spiritual gifts of: the word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; faith; gifts of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; various kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues in and among believers on the earth since the day of Pentecost and continuing until our Lord's return.



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## **VISION STATEMENT**

Helping you fulfill the vision and call God has given

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Reaching the world for Jesus Christ  
Demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit  
Building Covenant Relationships

## **CORE VALUES**

Help people succeed  
Allow freedom in the Holy Spirit  
Emphasize family  
Build on the foundation of faith



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Dear ordination applicant,

The Word of God asks, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed” (Amos 3:3).

Your interest in being Ordained with Faith Christian Fellowship International is an opportunity for us to walk together in the work of the Gospel. To walk together means to have the same beliefs and vision. Before I became FCF’s Vice President and National Director, I was a local pastor. I know the blessings and the frustrations of that calling. I can look back now and recognize that having a strong foundation kept me during the trying times.

The enclosed document is an examination, as well as a self-evaluation. I have laid out the FCF Tenets of Faith and ask that you write a paragraph explaining your belief and stand on each point. The reason for this is two-fold: 1) So that you know what we believe; and 2) so that we know what you believe. Then when we are in agreement, we can walk together. This exam is to be returned along with your credential application. Full and complete answers on each point are required before your application will be processed.

I look forward to doing the work of the Gospel with you. Together we win.

In His Service,

Lonnie Hilton

Vice President and National Director

# Credentials Exam

Please write a paragraph explaining your belief and stand after each of the following FCF Tenets of Faith.

1. The Bible is the mind of Christ and is the inspired, the only infallible and authoritative Word of God.

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2. There is one God manifested in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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3. The reality of Satan and his present control over unregenerate man does exist.

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4. Christianity is based upon the following:

a. The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ

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b. His sinless life

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d. His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood

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e. His bodily resurrection

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f. His ascension to the right hand of the Father

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g. His personal return in power and glory as Lord of Lords and King of Kings

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