



LIFEPPOINT MINISTRIES

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

APPLICATION & GUIDELINE

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APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS
LIFEPOINT MINISTRIES
INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH,

Thank you for your interest and desire to hold membership in LifePoint Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. In order to hold credentials in this organization an individual must satisfactorily complete the application process as set forth by the conference board and the conference ministerial credentials committee/board. Please do not feel discouraged in this effort. The procedures outlined in this packet of information are neither intended nor designed to penalize or restrict anyone from membership. This process is in place in order to provide opportunities for those who are called and committed to service in Christ's Kingdom, and to provide qualified "laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38) in the local congregations of LifePoint Ministries.

Enclosed you will find the following materials:

- A. Application form; please complete and return as soon as possible, with the \$50.00 Application fee.
- B. Three evaluation forms; on each form you must either waive your right to examine, or reserve your right to examine the form, and sign on the line provided under the statement. Send one form to your local pastor, another to a businessman/employer, and another to a person of your choice, not related to you by family. Each of those persons will mail the evaluation directly to this office.
- C. Please note that a formal academic degree is not required for membership in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. You may send transcripts of any and all formal academic work completed that you feel have a bearing on your qualifications as an applicant for ministerial license. Please provide a catalog, if available, from the given institution(s) for course descriptions.
- D. If you or your spouse have experienced a divorce, please send a copy of your divorce decree to this office.
- E. The other items of information included are essential reading, as follows:
 1. The Articles of Faith and the Covenant of Commitment of the IPHC (Manual, pg. 31-33 and 115-120).
 2. A statement of financial requirements of ministers in the IPHC (Manual, pg. 94-97)
 3. This denomination has a prescribed course of study for ministerial credentials. A list of book titles which comprise the three-year study course is enclosed. Courses from academic institutions may be accepted in lieu of courses in the required three year study course. (See item C above). These books can be ordered from LifeSprings Resources at 1-800-541-1376.

In reference to item #20, on page one of the Ministerial Application, please note that LifePoint Ministries outsources all criminal background checks to Church Knights. We need your permission to have this background check completed.

Again, thank you for your interest. May our Lord Jesus Christ guide and sustain you in this opportunity.

Tim Lamb, Superintendent



MINISTERIAL APPLICATION

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

OUR MISSION:

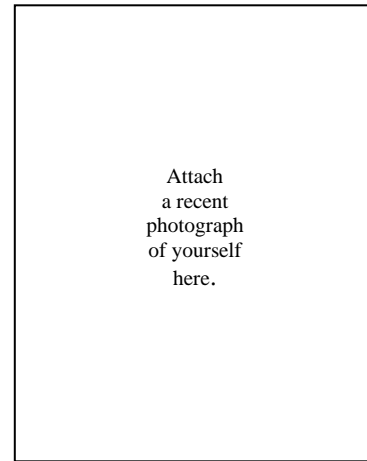
To multiply believers and churches, discipling them in worship, fellowship and evangelism as we obey the Great Commission in Cooperation with the whole Body of Christ.

This form is to be completed by all candidates applying for ministerial credentials for the first time. It is to be returned to the conference office. All questions must be answered clearly and fully. PRINT WITH BLACK INK OR USE A TYPEWRITER. If sufficient room is not found on the form for a proper answer to any question, state your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

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APPLICATION FOR:

- Local Church Minister's Certificate
- Minister's License
- Certificate of Ordination
- Transfer
- Reinstatement



Attach a recent photograph of yourself here.

APPLICANT:

1. Full Name _____
 2. Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 3. Phone - Home (____) _____ Office (____) _____
 4. Email Address _____
 5. Social Security Number _____-____-_____
 6. Date of Birth _____ 7. Place of Birth _____ 8. Nationality _____
 9. Sex: Male Female
 10. Marital Status: Single Married Divorced* Widow/er
 11. Spouse's Full Name _____
 12. Spouse's Date of Birth ____/____/____
 13. Anniversary Date ____/____/____
 14. Have you or your spouse been previously married? Yes No
 15. If yes, how was the marriage(s) terminated? Divorce Widowed Annulment
*Please include a copy of the divorce decree and give details of divorce along with circumstances; use separate sheet of paper.
 16. Children's Names and Ages: _____

 17. Give three references. Include (1) *pastor; (2) businessman; and, (3) one other person not related.
***A reference letter from the pastor (signed by the pastor and the church secretary) should accompany this application.**
- | | NAME | ADDRESS | CITY/STATE/ZIP | PHONE |
|-----|-------|---------|----------------|-------|
| (1) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (2) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (3) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
18. Present Occupation: _____
 19. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses)?
 Yes No If yes, explain _____
 20. Do you give us permission to run a criminal/credit background check? Yes No

21. Are you a member of any secret society such as the Masonic Lodge or the Scottish Rite? Yes No

EDUCATION:

EDUCATION	Name and Location of School	No. of Years Attended	Date Completed	Degree Earned
HIGH SCHOOL				
COLLEGE				
GRADUATE/ SEMINARY				

Have you completed the International Pentecostal Holiness Church's (IPHC) ministerial training course?

First Year Second Year Third Year Equivalent training

(Give details) _____

Will you take advantage of the opportunities made available for training, instruction, information, and inspiration (i.e. continuing educational programs for ministers) to make you a better leader?

Yes No

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

COMPANY NAME	SUPERVISOR (Name & Phone Number)	POSITION HELD	DATES (From mm/yy - To mm/yy)

CHURCH EXPERIENCE:

- When did you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? _____
- Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues (Acts 2:4)? Yes No
 Is this and other evidences and/or gifts of the Holy Spirit regularly manifested in your life? Yes No
- Have you been baptized in water according to Matthew 28:19? Yes No
- Have you been sanctified and are you being sanctified? Yes No
 Please give a brief explanation _____

- Have you read the BIBLE through at least once? Yes No
- Do you believe the BIBLE to be the inerrant Word of God? Yes No
- How long have you been a member of the IPHC? _____
 Other denominations? _____
- If you are transferring, from what denomination/fellowship are you transferring? _____

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9. Place of local IPHC church membership -----
10. Have you previously held credentials with the IPHC or another denomination? Yes No
11. If yes, when?----- with whom? -----
Please list previously held credentials. -----

12. Does your spouse hold credentials in the IPHC? Yes No
13. Have you read the IPHC 2017-2021 Manual? Yes No
14. Are you in agreement with the Articles of Faith of the IPHC? Yes No
15. Are you in agreement with the Covenant of Commitment and Guidance of the IPHC? Yes No
16. Do you know without a doubt that you are called of God into Christian ministry? Yes No
17. What is your ministry calling? Pastor Evangelist Other -----
18. Type of ministry in which you are currently engaged -----
19. Supervisor (if applicable) -----
Name Address

City/State/Zip Phone

20. CHURCH LEADERSHIP

POSITION HELD	BRIEF SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP	DATES (From mm/yy - To mm/yy)

21. If you are applying for a license other than a local church minister's license, do you understand you are amenable to the quadrennial conference and the conference board? Yes No
22. Realizing that as ministers/leaders we are stewards of His resources and conscious of Him in the management of that trust, will you faithfully return a tenth (full tithe) of all income into the "store house"? The "storehouse" for the minister is the conference treasury; for the local church minister not under pastoral appointment it is the local church treasury. Yes No
23. Do you understand that failure to comply with the tithing rule could mean a forfeiture of your credentials? Yes No
24. Will you cooperate with the denominational programs at the local, conference, and general levels and lead your people by example? (This includes reporting systematically and consistently on forms provided.) Yes No
25. Have you ever, for any reason, been dismissed from another organization or had your credentials revoked? Yes No
If Yes, explain, giving the name of the organization and reason for dismissal on a separate sheet of paper.
26. If you reach a place where you are out of harmony with the ministry vision of the IPHC, will you surrender your license/ordination certificate to your conference superintendent? Yes No

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I, the undersigned, having filed an application for credentials with the Georgia Conference (herein referred to as "Conference") of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church consent to have an investigation made as to the conduct of my personal affairs, my moral character, professional reputation, fitness for the ministry, and such further information as may be received by or reported to the above-named Conference. I agree to give any further information which may be required in reference to my past history.

I authorize and request every person, firm, company, corporation, governmental agency, court, association, church, educational facility, or institution having control of any documents, records, and other information pertaining to me to furnish to the Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church any such information, including documents, records, or other information regarding charges or complaints filed against me, formal or informal, pending or closed, and to permit the above-named Conference or any of its agents or representatives to inspect and make copies of such documents, records, and other information.

I hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, its agents and representatives and any person furnishing information from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the furnishing or inspection of such documents, records, and other information or the investigations made by or on behalf of the above-named Conference. The Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church shall not be required to verify any information received during the course of its investigations, and shall not be liable for acting on the basis of any information which later appears to have been false or incomplete.

I have read and signed the foregoing Authorization and Release as my own free act and deed.

Signature

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

CONFERENCE OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received in conference office _____

Approved _____ Deferred _____ Denied _____

Local Church Minister's Certificate Minister's License Certificate of Ordination Reinstatement

Date applicant notified ____/____/____ Certificate/Card - mailed/awarded
____/____/____

Superintendent's Signature _____

If applicant is a ministerial transfer (from another denomination) complete and forward this form to the General Superintendent's Office.

I do do not approve this transfer. Completed on this _____ day of _____, 20____

General Superintendent's Signature _____

(Original will be returned to conference and a copy will be retained by the General Superintendent.)



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF LIFEPOINT MINISTERIES INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

1. All ministers are required to give a full tithe (10% of all income) monthly into the conference treasury, the missionary fellowship treasury or general treasury, according to membership status, and to report monthly on forms provided. It is important to tithe on all sources of income without seeking exceptions.
 - a. Those not on salary are to tithe on a projected income monthly, to be adjusted on annual inventory.
 - b. Pastors and evangelists should be reimbursed by the local church at current, approved Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate for travel expenses.
 - c. Ministers who do not comply with the tithing rule shall be dealt with in the manner listed in the 2013-17 Manual of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, page 178, item C-3-h.
2. All ministers are eligible to join the General Retirement Program (Tax Sheltered Annuity) and the Clergy Life Insurance Program (death benefit provision).
3. Ministers who pastor a church are required to put forth every effort possible to get their church to support the general tithe and the retirement program.

This is to certify that I have read the financial requirements of LifePoint Ministries Georgia Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, as outlined above, and hereby sign this statement that I will attend to these requirements monthly. If, and/or when these requirements change by vote of the Conference, I promise to adhere to such changes.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHURCH KNIGHTS INFORMATION VERIFICATION/RELEASE

Employee/Applicant Full Name: _____

PLEASE PRINT

Complete Current Address: _____

SSN: _____ Current Phone Number ___(____)_____

Date of Birth: _____

2. AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I, _____ having filed an application for employment/paid or Volunteer with _____do hereby request and consent to have an investigation made as to my character, professional reputation, and general fitness for the position I have applied for, now or at any time during my employment, and to verify the accuracy of the information supplied on my application, and such other information as may be received, all of which will be reported to my prospective employer,

I hereby agree to give any further information, which may be required, concerning my past record. I understand that the contents of my background report are confidential. I will be given a copy if I so request.

I also authorize, and request, every person, firm, company, previous employer, corporation, governmental agency, law enforcement agency, court, association or institution having control of any documents, records or other information pertaining to me, to furnish to Pasquale Imbimbo, Church Knights, as agent for my prospective employer, any such information, including documents, records, and files, whether formal or informal, pending or closed, or any other pertinent data; and to permit my prospective employer, or any of its agents or representatives to inspect and make copies of such documents, records, files or other information.

I also understand and agree that neither my employer, nor its agent(s), is responsible for the accuracy of the content of any records located by, or delivered to, them by any entity.

I hereby release, hold harmless, discharge and exonerate its agents or representatives and any person, so furnishing information, from any and all liability, of every nature and kind, arising out of the furnishing or inspection of such documents, records, files and other information or the investigation made by Pasquale Imbimbo, Church Knights or its agents.

I have read the foregoing document and I have answered all questions with respect to my application for a background report fully and frankly. The answers are complete and true and I affix my signature hereto freely and voluntarily.

Copies of this document shall carry the same authority as the original.

Applicant Signature

Date

Witness/Employer.

ATTENTION: The Global Ministry Center Department Director or Supervisor, Conference Bishop, Church Pastor or Administrator is responsible and required to maintain this document on file as per the usage agreement with Pasquale Imbimbo, Church Knights. A separate document needs to be generated for each background check requested.

ATTENTION: For the purpose of this document, employment means, paid or unpaid employment, full-time or part-time, volunteer or employee.



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I waive my right to review or examine this evaluation, and your comments will be treated confidentially.

Signed: _____

I reserve the right to examine this evaluation.

Signed: _____

II. Evaluation.

A) How long have you known the applicant? _____

B) In what capacity? _____

C) To your knowledge, has the applicant lived a consistent Christian life? If not, please explain; use the opposite side of this sheet if necessary.

D) Please give your evaluation of the applicant by rating him/her on the following items:

Table with 11 columns: Item, 1-10 (Weakness), 1-10 (Strength). Rows include: 1 - Seriousness of purpose, 2 - Self-motivation, 3 - Concern for others, 4 - Emotional stability, 5 - Ministerial Potential, 6 - Personality, 7 - Honesty, 8 - Family relationships, 9 - Morality.

E) Would you recommend this applicant's ministerial character without reservations? Please use the opposite side of this sheet if necessary.

Signed _____ Position/Occupation _____

Address _____

Date _____ Telephone _____

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Excerpts from the IPHC Manual:

Section II

ARTICLES OF FAITH

A. ARTICLES

1. We believe there is but one living and true God everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead, there are three Persons of one substance of eternal being, and equal in holiness, justice, wisdom, power, and dignity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and the manhood were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and perfect man, who actually suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile the Father to us, and to make atonement, not only for our actual guilt, but also for original sin.
3. We believe that Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfections of man's nature, and ascended into heaven and there sits until He shall return to judge all men at the last day.
4. We believe the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.
5. We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, known as the Bible, composed of sixty-six books and divided into two departments, Old and New Testaments. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the full and complete revelation of the plan and history of redemption.
6. We believe that eternal life with God in heaven is a portion of the reward of the finally righteous; and that everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord and unending torture in hell are the wages of the persistently wicked (Matthew 25:46; Psalm 9:17; Revelation 21:7-8).
7. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins that are past, for the regeneration of penitent sinners, and for salvation from sin and from sinning (Romans 3:25; 1 John 3:5-10; Ephesians 2:1-10).
8. We believe, teach and firmly maintain the scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone (Romans 5:1).
9. We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the complete cleansing of the justified believer from all indwelling sin and from its pollution, subsequent to regeneration (1 John 1:7-9).
10. We believe in sanctification. While sanctification is initiated in regeneration and consummated in glorification, we believe that it includes a definite, instantaneous work of grace achieved by faith subsequent to regeneration (Acts 26:18; 1 John 1:9). Sanctification delivers from the power and dominion of sin. It is followed by lifelong growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:16; 2 Peter 3:18).
11. We believe that the pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is obtainable by a definite act of appropriating faith on the part of the fully cleansed believer, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Luke 11:13; Acts 1:5; 2:14, 8:17; 10:44-46; 19:6).
12. We believe in divine healing as in the atonement (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:14-18; James 5:14-16; Exodus 15:26).
13. We believe in the imminent, personal, premillennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:10-14; Matthew 24:29-44), and love and wait for His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).
14. We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to dedicate his life to carrying out the work of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8).

COVENANT OF COMMITMENT AND GUIDANCE

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church is committed to Jesus Christ and His kingdom. This commitment involves a biblical lifestyle. We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). The Bible is God's infallible Word, the believer's guide and the final authority for both faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). People who teach in our institutions and who are credentialed ministers shall subscribe to this same position.

We believe that the top priority of Christians is to "make it our aim to be well pleasing to God" (2 Corinthians 5:9). Every facet of our lives must come under divine authority as we relate everything to the primary goal, maintaining it without interruption. Our worth to God publicly is measured by what we are in private. Our primary goal must be to please Him and be acceptable to Him.

OUR MINDS

Since it is our aim "to please God" in everything we do, we will strive to keep our minds pure and positive, avoiding all evils in our modern society which are designed to weaken or destroy our spirituality (Philippians 4:7, 8). This must include a sensitivity to carefully judge the television, movie, music, and computer industry. Profane and pornographic materials will have no place in our lives. We hold a deep commitment to the study of the Bible.

OUR BODIES

We commit ourselves to maintaining a disciplined lifestyle with regard to our bodies. Since our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and instruments of righteousness (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 6:13), we must keep our bodies pure and consecrated for the Master's use that we might please Him (Romans 12:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 7:1).

We expect our members to abstain from the use and promotion of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and other addictive drugs (2 Corinthians 7:1). We maintain a strong position against abortion. We also maintain a strong position against premarital, extramarital, and deviant sex, including homosexual and lesbian relationships. We refuse to accept the loose moral standards of our society (Matthew 5:27-30; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9).

OUR SPIRITS

Our "aim to please God" in our whole life will cause us to exhibit the "mind of Christ" in all our attitudes (1 Corinthians 2:12-14). Brotherly love as taught and exemplified by Christ is to be our example. Members are to be compassionate and charitable toward their fellowman. The greed and selfishness that motivate much of our modern culture is contrary to our Christian faith and testimony. We recognize racism as sinful and seek to treat all people with dignity and respect, demonstrating Christian love to one another. Hatred, prejudice, and hostility are inconsistent with our goal - to please God (Philippians 2:5-11).

OUR SPEECH

Our speech reveals much about us (Matthew 12:34-37). The Christian should be known by his wholesome conversation. Our members are to refrain from speaking anything that is unclean, untrue, unkind, or unprofitable. To please God, we must make sure that our communication affirms, rather than hinders our testimony (Romans 12:1, 2).

OUR RELATIONSHIPS

The believer's commitment to pleasing God stands above his commitment to any political party, economic structure or social institution. All commitments are governed by the highest commitment - to please God. All members are to be honest and ethical in all their relationships (Romans 12:17).

We expect our members not to hold active membership in, or fellowship with, organizations with objective and activities not in harmony with Scriptures, or which require oath-bound allegiance that infringes upon a member's total allegiance to God (2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:11). No goal shall divert us even to the slightest degree from the central goal of being "approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15).

OUR FAMILIES

The family is the basic unit of society. The divine origin of the family makes it of vital concern to the church and to society. Our commitment to a biblical lifestyle profoundly impacts the family. We give priority to the sanctity of marriage and to the biblical pattern of relationships in the home. While the husband is recognized as the head of the home, he is also commanded to love and cherish his wife as his own body. Wives are to respect and honor their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-28).

Parents are to teach and correct their children, but at the same time refrain from provoking them to anger and resentment (Ephesians 6:1-4). Children are to respect and obey their parents. Christian families should worship together, play together, and work together. The relationships in the Christian family should reflect the healing that Christ brings to all human relationships.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our commitment to Jesus Christ includes stewardship. According to the Bible, everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). We are stewards of His resources and conscious of Him in the management of that trust. Our stewardship of possessions begins with the tithe (Malachi 3:8-10). All our members are privileged and responsible to return a tenth of all their income to the Lord. This tithe is to be paid into the "storehouse." This storehouse is the treasury of the local church or conference to which this member belongs. In addition to the tithe, all members are blessed to give offerings out of the ninety percent of God's wealth which He allows them to use (1 Corinthians 16:2).

Stewardship also involves the protection of our reputation. Therefore, we are to be honest in all matters, avoiding unethical personal or business practices of any kind, including gambling. Stewardship also includes our time, talent, and spiritual gifts, as well as our money (Ephesians 5:16; Romans 12:3-8; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27). This stewardship should be taken into account when drafting wills and bequeathing estates.

OUR LOYALTY

Loyalty to Christ and His church are basic to the success of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The faithful participation of every member, both lay and clergy, and every local church and quadrennial conference in the various ministries of the church is necessary if the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is to fulfill its mission. Loyalty involves commitment to all the ministries of the denomination. Since leaders should be role models, all those in leadership in the local church, the quadrennial conference, and the general church should set an example by their faithfulness in supporting the ministries of the church.

Loyalty involves attendance at the gatherings of the church. This is vital at local church, quadrennial conference, and denominational gatherings. (Hebrews 10:25). Loyalty involves affirmation. The morale of the church requires the positive affirmation of the leadership and ministries of the denomination. While negative criticism tears the church apart (Galatians 5:12-26), positive affirmation builds it up (Ephesians 4:16). We oppose the increasing commercialization and secularization of Sunday.

Loyalty involves financial support. Faithfulness in tithes and offerings is essential to the prosperity of God's people (Malachi 3:8-12). This applies to local church members, quadrennial conferences, and all other individuals and entities of the church. In order to hold any official position in the church (local, quadrennial or general) or to serve as a delegate to General Conference, a member must follow the biblical principle of tithing.

CONCLUSION

This Covenant of Commitment and Guidance is intended as a guideline for all our members, not a system for monitoring or judging one another. Neither is this Covenant of Commitment and Guidance to be considered an exhaustive statement concerning a biblical lifestyle. The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is our complete and final authority. A careful, conscientious, and continual study of God's Word will reveal to the believer a growing understanding of what it means to live worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus.

Any member having difficulty in following a biblical lifestyle or this Covenant of Commitment and Guidance should be given loving nurture and patient instruction, in order to lead him to maturity and restoration, if needed (Galatians 6:1, 2).

There are times when, in spite of every effort to nurture and restore a member, no alternative but excommunication can be found. When a member refuses to heed the loving admonitions of the church to follow a Christian lifestyle, he or she may be excommunicated from the fellowship of the church. However, excommunication is a last resort, and is administered only in flagrant cases of heresy, divisiveness or immorality (Matthew 18:15-17; Titus 3:10; Romans 16:17, 18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5). No person who has been dismissed or who has withdrawn under charges from one Pentecostal Holiness Church shall be permitted to unite with another Pentecostal Holiness Church, without first being reconciled to the church from which he/she was dismissed.

The primary purpose for this commitment to a disciplined lifestyle is to strengthen the position of our members in their aim to please God as Great Commission Christians; thus firmly establishing our denomination as a Great Commission movement. We feel that the International Pentecostal Holiness Church has a vital part in world evangelism. Our aim is to lead our people toward their primary goal of pleasing Christ, which will result in the multiplication of believers and churches.

IPHC Ministerial Credentialing Program

Updated: July 10, 2013 – **Highlighting indicates new text books.**

Local Church Minister's Certificate: (These courses are required for **LCMC**, **ML**, and **Certificate of Ordination**)

Course #	Course Name	Texts
MCP 1.01	Knowing & Studying the Bible	What the Bible is All About, <i>Mears</i> How to Study Your Bible, <i>Arthur</i>
MCP 1.02	IPHC Articles of Faith & Government	Light for the Journey, <i>Beacham</i> <i>IPHC Manual</i>
MCP 1.03	Effective Christian Outreach	Becoming a Contagious Christian, <i>Hybels</i> The Master Plan of Evangelism , <i>Coleman</i>
MCP 1.04	Pentecostal History	Century of the Holy Spirit , <i>Synan</i>
MCP 1.05	Theology 1	The Beauty of the Balance , <i>Tramel</i> Scriptural Holiness, <i>Brooks</i>
MCP 1.06	Character	Character Matters , <i>Rutland</i>

Minister's License – the following courses are required *in addition* to the courses for **LCMC**.

Course #	Course Name	Texts
MCP 1.07	Spiritual Formation-Pastoral Ministry	Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life , <i>Whitney</i>
MCP 1.08	Leadership 1	Spiritual Leadership , <i>Blackaby & Blackaby</i>
MCP 1.09	Prayer Life	The Spirit Helps Us Pray , <i>Brandt & Bicket</i>

To obtain a **Minister's License**, one of the following Specialty Module Courses must be completed:

Course #	Pastoral/Evangelistic Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.10	Homiletics 1	Communicating for a Change , <i>Stanley & Jones</i>
MCP 1.11	Pastoral Care/Counseling	Biblical Counseling , <i>Clinton</i>
MCP 1.12	Pastoral Ministry	The Power of the Call, <i>Skinner, Blackaby, Skinner</i>

Course #	Discipleship Ministries Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.13	Church Education Ministry 1	Strategic Disciple Making: A Practical Tool..., <i>Malphurs</i>
MCP 1.14	Church Education Ministry 2	The Complete Book of Discipleship, <i>Hull</i>
MCP 1.15	Church Education Ministry 3	Exploring the History & Philosophy of Christian Educ. <i>Anthony & Benson</i>

Course #	Youth Ministry Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.16	Youth Ministry 1	Generation iY: Last Chance to Save Their Future, <i>Elmore</i>
MCP 1.17	Youth Ministry 2	The Ultimate Core: Church on the Radical Edge, <i>Pratney</i>
MCP 1.18	Youth Ministry 3	Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry, <i>Fields</i>

Course #	Children's Ministry Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.19	Children's Ministry 1	Think Orange: Impact when Church & Family Collide, <i>Joiner</i>
MCP 1.20	Children's Ministry 2	Children's Ministry Volunteers That Stick, <i>Wideman</i>
MCP 1.21	Children's Ministry 3	Making Your Children's Min. the Best Hr. of Every Kid's Week, <i>Miller</i>

Course #	Senior Adult Ministry Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.22	Senior Adult Ministry 1	Baby Boomers and Beyond, <i>Hanson</i>
MCP 1.23	Senior Adult Ministry 2	Senior Adult Ministry in the 21 st Century, <i>Gallagher</i>
MCP 1.24	Senior Adult Ministry 3	One Church, Four Generations: Understanding & Reaching All Ages in Your Church, <i>McIntosh</i>

Course #	Singles Ministry Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.25	Singles Ministry 1	In Real Time: Authentic Young Ad. Min. As it Happens, <i>Glenn</i>
MCP 1.26	Singles Ministry 2	Reaching Single Adults, <i>Franck</i>
MCP 1.27	Singles Ministry 3	Dancing Solo: A Single's Guide – Finding Your Own Rhythm In A Performance Driven World, <i>Green</i>

Course #	Music Ministry Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.28	Music Ministry 1	From Performance to praise, <i>Pace</i>
MCP 1.29	Music Ministry 2	Exploring Worship, <i>Sorge</i>
MCP 1.30	Music Ministry 3	Worship Evangelism, <i>Morgenthaler</i>

Course #	Women in Ministry Specialty Module	Texts
MCP 1.31	Women in Ministry 1	10 Lies the Church Tells Women, <i>Grady</i>
MCP 1.32	Women in Ministry 2	Nurture, <i>Bevere</i>
MCP 1.33	Women in Ministry 3	Women With the Good News, <i>Welch</i>

Certificate of Ordination – the following Year Two courses are required upon completion of **LCMC** and **ML**.

Course#	Course Name	Texts
MCP 2.01	Genesis	Holman Commentary on Genesis, <i>Encountering God in the OT</i>
MCP 2.02	Acts	The Book of Acts, <i>Horton</i> , <i>Encountering God in the NT</i>
MCP 2.03	The Life of Christ	Our Awesome Lord, <i>Tunstall</i>
MCP 2.04	Revitalizing Churches	Thriving Churches in the 21 st Century, <i>McIntosh</i>
MCP 2.05	Homiletics 2	Homiletical Handbook, <i>Hamilton</i>
MCP 2.06	Introduction to World Missions	Introducing World Missions, <i>Moreau, Corwin, McGhee</i>
MCP 2.07	Pastoral Ministry	Practical Guide to Pastoral Ministry, <i>Toler</i>
MCP 2.08	Family Ministry	Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married, <i>Chapman</i> <i>Financial Peace</i> , <i>Ramsey</i>
MCP 2.09	Spiritual Gifts	Spiritual Gifts-Ministries & Manifestations, <i>Underwood</i> Receiving the Promise of the Father, <i>Pike</i>
MCP 2.10	Theology 2	Christian Doctrine: A Pentecostal Perspective, Vol. 1&2, <i>Arrington</i>
MCP 2.11	Principles of Teaching	Teaching to Change Lives, <i>Hendricks</i>

Certificate of Ordination – Year Three

Course #	Course Name	Texts
MCP 3.01	Isaiah	Be Comforted, <i>Wiersbe</i>
MCP 3.02	Romans	Spirit Filled Life New Test. Commentary: Romans
MCP 3.03	1 & 2 Corinthians	Stanley Horton Commentary
MCP 3.04	Church Planting	Planting Missional Churches, <i>Stetzer</i>
MCP 3.05	Understanding Our Culture	The Christian Combat Manual, <i>Story</i>
MCP 3.06	Church Administration	Creating Efficiency for Church Administration, <i>Welch</i> Roberts Rules of Order, Revised
MCP 3.07	Church History	Church History in Plain Language, <i>Shelley</i>
MCP 3.08	Relational Leadership	Relational Leadership, <i>Wright</i> The Missional Leader, <i>Rockburg & Romanuk</i>
MCP 3.09	Christian Ethics	Ministerial Ethics: A Guide for Spirit-Filled Leaders, <i>Pierce</i>
MCP 3.10	Theology 3	Christian Doctrine: A Pentecostal Perspective, Vol 3, <i>Arrington</i>