Church of God in Ohio's Ministerial Process/Checklists

Exhorter/CAMS:

- 1.) Completed Application along with \$50 for background check submitted (Applications are due by 7/31 for the Fall Term)
- 2.) Completed Local Church Endorsement Form
- 3.) 1-Year Giving Statement from the Local Church
- 4.) Complete CAMS Program
- 5.) Test Successfully for Exhorter

Ordained Minister/MIP:

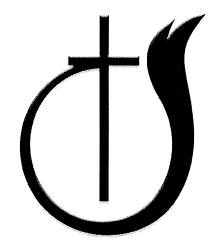
- 1.) Currently hold Exhorter Credentials
- 2.) Completed Application along with \$50 for background check submitted (Applications are due by 7/31 for the Fall Term)
- 3.) Completed Local Church Endorsement Form
- 4.) 1-Year Giving Statement from the Local Church
- 5.) Complete MIP Program
- 6.) Test Successfully for Ordained Minister

Ordained Bishop:

- 1.) Must hold previous credentials for at least 5 years and be at least 30 years old.
- 2.) Must be currently serving as a Lead Pastor or be in the process of becoming a Lead Pastor
- 3.) Completed Application along with \$50 for background check submitted
- 4.) Completed Local Church Endorsement Form
- 5.) 1-year Giving Statement from the Local Church
- 6.) Test Successfully for Ordained Bishop

^{*}Financial Obligations for the CAMS program will be given with the acceptance to the program.

^{*}Financial Obligations for the MIP program will be given with the acceptance to the program.



Criminal Background Check
Fee: \$50
Date Pd:
Check #:
Fee MUST accompany application

Church of God

Ministerial Licensure Application

New Minister, Calling And Ministry Studies (CAMS), Exhorter, Minister of Music, and Minister of Christian Education

NAME OF APPLICANT:	
STATIETE GEORGE	

CHURCH OF GOD INTERNATIONAL OFFICES Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A.

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Church of God

New Minister, CAMS, Exhorter, Minister of Music, and Minister of Christian Education Application Form

Instructions:

This form is the first part of the application process for licensure in the Church of God, and will become a part of each applicant's file. The applicant should complete Part I of this form and present it to the pastor with two letters of recommendation. The pastor should complete Part II, sign the application in the appropriate locations, and forward the form and the two recommendation letters to the district overseer. The district overseer should sign the form and forward the form and the two recommendation letters to the administrative bishop.

In preparing to enter the ministry in the Church of God, read these Scriptures, which are important in preparing for endorsement as an Exhorter: Matthew 10:16; Romans 15:1-6, 16-17; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Ephesians 4:31, 32; 5:1, 2; Philippians 1:27; 2:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:23-26; 3:10-17; Titus 1:5-9; 2:7-8; 3:9; Hebrews 13:5, 7, 9, 17; James 1:5: 3:13, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-10.

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Please indicate which credential:	☐ Exhorter ☐ Minister	of Christian Education	Minister of Music
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CALL TO MINISTRY

APPLICANT

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4. Are you consistent in tithing to the church tithing fund?		If yes, identify the church preference	Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Are you consistent in giving offerings?	3.	Are you consistent in church attendance?	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. How many sermons have you preached? 7. Among the following activities, check the ones in which you are regularly involved: Administration			
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 Have you been licensed for ministry by another denomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give name and address of organization: Do you presently hold license with that group? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, how was license terminated? ☐ Voluntarily surrendered ☐ Revoked Please explain the reason for surrender or revocation: 		If yes, where?	·
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	-	If no, how was license terminated?	Voluntarily surrendered Revoked
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12.	Give the name and address of the official to whom you were responsible:
	Name:Title:
	Address:
13	City: State: Zip: No
12.	If yes, how was license terminated? Uvoluntarily surrendered Revoked
	Please explain the reason for surrender or revocation:
1.4	Have you read the entire Bible? \(\bar{\cup} \) Yes \(\bar{\cup} \) No How many times?
17.	(Reading the entire Bible before submitting the New Minister, CAMS, and Exhorter application is a requirement.)
	Are you presently engaged in a systematic program of Bible study? Yes No
	If yes, please describe:
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15.	As a part of this application process, obtain two letters of recommendation (one from your most recent pastor and one from an
	employer). Have these been obtained and included with this application request form? Yes No
	[This application cannot be processed without these two letters of recommendation.]
	MARITAL HISTORY
INFO	DRMATION CONCERNING APPLICANT'S MARITAL STATUS:
	☐ Single, never married ☐ Married with no prior marriage
	☐ Single, divorced ☐ Married but separated
[☐ Single, widow or widower ☐ Married with prior marriage
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-	If you are married, answer these questions concerning your spouse:
	Name
	Date you were married Has your spouse been previously married? \(\sigma\) Yes \(\sigma\) No
	If married, describe your marriage relationship in terms of its stability, closeness, communication, togetherness,
	satisfaction, etc:
INFO	ORMATION CONCERNING APPLICANT'S PRIOR MARRIAGE(S), IF ANY:
	many prior marriages? How was (were) the marriage(s) terminated?
	st Marriage: Death of Spouse Divorce Annulment
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POLICY STATEMENTS ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE Ruling as of August 2002

No applicant whose former spouse is living, or whose spouse's former spouse is living, shall be considered eligible for ministerial credentials except in cases where the divorce occurred because of the infidelity of the former spouse (Matthew 19:9), or the divorce occurred prior to initial conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17) or due to abandonment by an unbelieving spouse (1 Corinthians 7:15). Conversion is interpreted as that point in time when one makes a public commitment to Christ, followed by a consistent Christian lifestyle. In no case shall this provision apply to one who once walked with Christ, but who later divorced and/or remarried while living in a backslidden condition.

Whenever the applicant and/or spouse has a prior marriage, the applicant is asked to complete a set of forms concerning divorce and remarriage for each prior marriage. The applicant and spouse will be interviewed by the administrative bishop at a time and location set by the administrative bishop. With the recommendation of the administrative bishop and State Council, the marital forms are to be submitted to the International Executive Committee for consideration. When an applicant has been approved by the International Executive Committee, and has been given clearance from a national criminal background check, the applicant may be given the materials to begin the licensing process.

LIFE HISTORY QUESTIONS

Ι.	1. Educational Background: (List location and degree received.)	
	☐ Certificate In Ministerial Studies (CIMS) Certificate	
	GED Diploma	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O
	☐ High School Diploma	
	Hispanic Bible Institute Certificate	
	☐ Other Institute Certificate	
	- rectifical School Certificate	
	Associate Degree	
	☐ Lee University Undergraduate Degree	
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	Other Undergraduate Degree	
	☐ Pentecostal Theological Seminary Graduate Degree	***************************************
	☐ Lee University Graduate Degree	
	☐ Other Graduate Degree	
	☐ I have not yet received a college degree, but I have completed hours of college work.	
2.		-time employment
	Current or most recent employer [Attach additional page(s) for previous employer(s)]	
	Company Name Telephone	
	Address	
	Supervisor Dates Employed	
	Job Title(s)	
	I am no longer employed there because: ☐ I was laid off. ☐ I quit. ☐ I was terminated by the company. ☐ I quit because I was going to be terminated by the company.	4111
3.		
J.	If the answer is yes, please provide the following information for each such lawsuit:	
	Were you the plaintiff or defendant?	
	In what court was the lawsuit brought?	
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	What were the claims brought? What did you do to try to resolve the situation without a lawsuit?	NOTE THE RESERVE TO THE RESERVE THE RESERV
	Please describe the outcome of the lawsuit.	
4.		
	If yes, did you receive an honorable discharge?	

6.	Do you have any ongoing problems with personal/family financial management, including credit card debt collectors? Yes No If yes, please explain:		
	NATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK QUES (If approved by the administrative bishop to continue with the credentialing process, these questions will be asked again by the Oxford Document Management Company.)	TION	S
nun	ase check either "yes" or "no" for each question. If the answer to any of the following questions is "yes, aber, provide relevant information regarding your response, and indicate resolution of the issues, if a essary.		
1	. Has disciplinary action of any sort ever been taken against you by a licensing board,		
	professional association, or educational/training institution?	□ No	☐ Yes
	Have there been written complaints against you that did <u>not</u> result in discipline?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Are there any complaints pending against you before any of the above-named bodies?	□ No	☐ Yes
2	Have you ever been subjected to ecclesiastical disciplinary proceedings?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated by a training program or employer? Have you ever had a civil suit brought against you relative to your professional work, or is any	□ No	☐ Yes
	such suit pending?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Have you ever had professional malpractice insurance suspended or revoked for any reason?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Have you ever been charged with any ethics violation, or are any such actions pending against you. Have you ever been charged with having sexual contact or attempted sexual contact (sexual intercourse of any kind, intentional touching, or conversation for the purpose of sexual arousal) with individuals you were seeing in a professional context (e.g., a parishioner, a patient, an	? 🗖 No	☐ Yes
7	employee, a subordinate, a student)? 7. Since the age of 21, have you ever been charged with engaging in sexual behavior (sexual intercourse of any kind, intentional touching, or conversation for the purpose of sexual arousal)	☐ No	☐ Yes
	with individuals under the age of 18 years of age?	□ No	☐ Yes
	Have you ever been charged with the production, sale, or distribution of pornographic materials? Have you ever been charged or adjudicated with sexual misconduct, including the following:	□ No	☐ Yes
	Abuse of power or role for sexual purposes?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Sexual contact with a minor or an adult incompetent to give consent?	□ No	☐ Yes
	Sexual assault (e.g., rape)?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Solicitation for sexual purposes (e.g., prostitution)?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	An offense related to pornography or public indecency (e.g., indecent exposure)?	☐ No	☐ Yes
10	Have you ever been charged with an offense related to sexual harassment, including the following:	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Unwelcome sexual advances?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Requests for sexual favors?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Sexually motivated physical contact?	☐ No	☐ Yes
	Verbal or physical domination of a sexual nature?	☐ No	☐ Yes
11	. Do you have a history of alcohol abuse?	☐ No	☐ Yes
12	2. Do you have a history of drug abuse with any other drugs: recreational, prescription,		
	over-the-counter, or illicit?	☐ No	☐ Yes
13	B. Have you ever been charged, arrested, or convicted for any crimes or misdemeanors?	□ No	☐ Yes
	Have you ever been charged with traffic violations?	□ No	☐ Yes
	Has your driver's license ever been revoked or suspended?	□ No	☐ Yes
14	4. Have you ever had a restraining order, injunction, order for protection, or the like issued		
	against you as a result of allegations of domestic violence, abuse, or so forth? Have you ever had your parental rights restricted, suspended or terminated, or have any of	□ No	☐ Yes
	your children been put into foster care?	☐ No	☐ Yes

¹Throughout this document, "charged" indicates allegations made in writing and known to you.

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Applicant's SignatureDate	
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As administrative bishop of the Church of God in the state/region of	
Signature Date	
Instructions : After the administrative bishop has reviewed and approved this application, a co	
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PART II: PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

This portion of the application must be completed by the applicant's local pastor. If the applicant is currently pastoring a church, this form must be completed by the district overseer.

MINISTERIAL ACTIVITY

(It may be necessary for you to interview the applicant and his/her family prior to completing this recommendation.)

1.	Do you feel that you know the applicant well enough to evaluate his/her eligibility for the exhorter credential? Yes No
2.	Do you know of any reason why the applicant is not qualified for licensure in the Church of God? Yes No If yes, please explain:
3.	Are you aware of the marital history of the applicant? \(\subseteq \text{Yes} \subseteq \text{No} \) [If you answered no, it is essential that you interview the applicant and gain this information before proceeding.]
4.	In what ministerial position(s) within the local church is the applicant presently serving?
	Has the applicant been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues?
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9.	List any area(s) where the applicant excels in ministerial knowledge and skills:
0.	In what area(s) of ministerial knowledge and skills does the applicant need the most improvement?
2.	Please describe how often the applicant is involved in preaching activities: □ Frequent □ Infrequent □ Strong initiative in seeking opportunities How long have you known the applicant? In what relationship?
3.	How long has the applicant been a member of your local church?
4. 5.	Is the applicant faithful in tithing? \square Yes \square No In offerings? \square Yes \square No In attendance? \square Yes \square No Is the applicant's spouse a member of your church? \square Yes \square No If no, please explain why not:
6.	Is the applicant and spouse consistent in church attendance?
7.	Do you believe the applicant is called to a ministry that requires credentials? Yes No Please explain:
8.	Describe the applicant's present ministerial activities:
9.	List any ministerial and/or personal strengths you see in the applicant:
:0.	List any ministerial and/or personal weaknesses you see in the applicant:
1.	Describe the spouse's attitude toward the applicant's ministerial calling:
:2.	PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS Does the applicant have a history of good interpersonal relationships in the local church ministry? Yes No If no, please explain:

υ.	Does the applicant have a good record of personal and financial integrity in the church and community? Yes No Not Sure If no or not sure, please explain:
4.	Does the applicant have the trust and respect of fellow Christians? \(\bar{\text{\tint{\text{\tinx}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tex{\tex
5.	Does the applicant demonstrate all of the following: accountability
6.	If the applicant is married, how would you describe his/her marital situation?
7.	Do you feel confident that the applicant can control his/her temper? Yes No Not Sure Do you feel confident that the applicant can handle high stress situations? Yes No Not Sure If no or not sure to either of the above, please explain:
	Signature of Pastor
	Name of Local Church
	Date
	Recommendation of Pastor
	I recommend the applicant for the exhorter credential.
	☐ Yes ☐ Yes, with reservations ☐ No
	If yes with reservations, please write an explanation
	Signature: Date:
	Recommendation of District Overseer
	I recommend the applicant for the exhorter credential.
	☐ Yes ☐ Yes, with reservations ☐ No
	If yes with reservations, please write an explanation
	Signature: Date:
	Recommendation of Administrative Bishop
	I recommend the applicant for the exhorter credential.
	☐ Yes ☐ Yes, with reservations ☐ No
	If yes with reservations, please write an explanation

The recommendation of the State Ministerial Examining Board is made after the applicant completes Calling And Ministry Studies (CAMS).

[To be completed by the State Ministerial Examining Board]

Recommendation of Sta	ate Ministerial Examining Board
After reviewing the application form and interrial Examining Board recommend the applican	rviewing the applicant and spouse, does the State Ministent for licensure?
Give reasons:	
Signature of Board Members:	Date Interviewed:
Signature of Board Members: Chairman:	
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MAJOR STEPS IN THE MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALING PROCESS

- 1. Submit the New Minister, CAMS, Exhorter, Minister of Music, and Minister of Christian Education Application.
- 2. Complete the Calling And Ministry Studies (CAMS) program.
- 3. Pass the Exhorter Exam.
- 4. Submit the Ordained Minister and Ministerial Internship Program (MIP) Application.
- 5. Complete the MIP.
- 6. Pass the Ordained Minister Exam.
- 7. Submit the Ordained Bishop Application.
- 8. Pass the Ordained Bishop Exam.

To: Presiding Bishop	(1)
	(Name)
This is to certify that	
	(Name)
	government of the Church of God by the State Examining and is hereby recommended for the rank of exhorter
Date of Examination	Grade
Administrative Bish	op, please fill in all the above blanks.
	ishop and the State Ministerial Examining Board
Administrative Bishop	Ordained Bishop
Ordained Bishop	Ordained Bishop
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Credential File Number:	
	☐ Minister of Christian Education ☐ Minister of Music
Name	
☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth	Nationality
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	(Presiding Bishop)
Date Approved	
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Administrative Bishop of:	Date:
Remarks:	

LOCAL CHURCH ENDORSEMENT

After an applicant for the ministry has been approved by the local pastor, the district overseer, and the state overseer, he/she must be approved by the local congregation. The congregation should consider the areas of evaluation contained in the Pastoral Recommendation before taking action on the endorsement. This consideration may take place in either a regular conference or a conference called for this particular business.

If the applicant is approved by the local church in conference, the following certificate should be completed and submitted to the district overseer and the state overseer.

	Endorsement	Certificate
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to the disconsidered	trict overseer and the for the ministerial rank rch of God.	we recommend the applicant Administrative Bishop to be of
	Date of Conference:_	
Local churc	ch clerk	Date
		Date
Pastor		



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