

Ordination/Consecration Program Requirements

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I. Required Reading:

- a) The candidate shall read through the entire Bible twice, using two different translations where available.
- b) A reading course shall be a part of the preparation of the candidate for ordination/consecration. The candidate shall read all of the books on the official reading list for ordination/consecration which is prepared by National Church Ministries, approved by the District Leadership Forum and ratified by the Board of Directors of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. This reading list shall be reviewed annually.

The first tier of reading deals with Alliance distinctives and is meant to reinforce the candidate in the areas of person values, theology, and vision. These books have been approved by the District Leadership Forum and ratified by the Board of Directors to better acquaint the candidate with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and may not be substituted.

- ***The Fourfold Gospel***- A.B. Simpson
- ***Wholly Sanctified***- A.B. Simpson
- ***The Children's Bread***- Keith Bailey
- ***A Basic Guide to Eschatology***- Millard Erickson (replaces essay's in premillennialism)
- ***The Pursuit of God***- A.W. Tozer
- ***All For Jesus***- Robert L. Niklaus, John S. Sawin, Samuel Stoesz
- ***"Statement on Sanctification"***- Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, H8

Suggested books for consideration when deemed appropriate by the LC&O Committee:

The second tier covers significant topics relating to the church and world missions. This is an open list that the district LC&OC can adjust or tailor to the needs of a worker moving through the process. The number of books to be read from this list will be decided by the district LC&OC.

- ***Power Through Prayer***- E.M. Bounds
- ***Touch The World Through Prayer***- Duewel
- ***Spiritual Leadership***- J. Oswald Sanders
- ***A Concise History of the Christian World Mission***- J. Herbert Kane
- ***A Biblical Theology of Missions***- George W. Peters
- ***The Church is Bigger Than You Think***- Patrick Johnstone

- ***Growing A Healthy Church-*** Dann Spader
- ***Wingspread-*** A.W. Tozer
- ***Crisis of the Deeper Life-*** George Pardington
- ***Sanctification: An Alliance Distinctive-*** Samuel Stoesz

II. Verification of Education

A transcript of the candidate's academic credits shall be forwarded to the district office for the LC&OC to review and place in the candidates portfolio.

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III. Required Position Papers:

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Candidates shall submit six position papers as listed below, including, but not limited to the items listed under each theme. Each paper shall be an original, comprehensive treatment of the subject that includes the items listed under each theme, and should be no less than eight pages in length. The paper is to be a statement of the candidate's personal theological position.

a. Christ Our Savior

- The nature of man and his final destiny
- The plan and purpose of the atonement
- The means and results of justification
- My personal experience of Christ as Savior

b. Christ our Sanctifier

- The crisis and progression of sanctification
- Identification of the believer with Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit in sanctification
- My personal experience of Christ as Sanctifier

c. Christ our Healer

- The relationship of divine healing and the atonement
- The significance of prayer and anointing by the elders
- The ministry of healing in the local church
- My personal experience of Christ as our Healer

d. Christ our Coming King

- Defend the pre-millennial coming of Christ
- Trace the events surrounding the rapture of the Church
- Relationship between the imminence of Christ's coming and world missions
- My personal understanding of Christ our Coming King

e. Christ's Body: The Church

- The Mission and Purpose of the Church
- The relationship of the Church to Jesus Christ
- Leadership and authority in the Church
- The Local Church's relationship to the Christian and Missionary Alliance
- The relationship between members

f. Completing Christ's Mission

- The lostness of mankind
- The Great Commission passages: Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8
- Interaction with the "Growing a Healthy Church" philosophy
- Demonstrate a strategy that implements this philosophy in one's personal life
- The local church commitment to world missions
- The leader's role in mobilizing the local church in Great Commission Completion (evangelism, church multiplication, world missions)

IV. Missions Awareness:

Candidates may fulfill the missions awareness requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Provide a certified transcript from an approved C&MA educational institution indicating that they have completed at least one introductory college level course on world missions.
2. Audit (as a minimum requirement) an approved "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" class OR complete the online Perspectives program (www.perspectives.org)
3. Read the "Certificate Level" reading requirements in the textbook, "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" and complete the appropriate interactive worksheets.

V. Evangelism Training:

- (a) The candidate shall provide evidence of having completed training in personal evangelism or be required to attend an evangelism training seminar approved by the district superintendent and the LC&OC. candidate's local church.

(b) The candidate shall complete “Growing a Healthy Church” training, either by attending a training event, or by completing the online class available at <http://www.growingahealthychurch.com>

VI. Preaching/Teaching

During each year of preparation for ordination/consecration candidate shall present to his/her mentors at least one audio or video of a full-length sermon, lesson, or teaching which corresponds to the candidates area of ministry, for the mentor’s review of both content and delivery of biblical material.

(i.e. preaching/teaching for pastoral ministry; worship leading for worship pastors; teaching for educational pastors etc.)

VII. Oral Examination

The candidate shall prepare for and be given a final oral examination to confirm if he/she has successfully apprehended the course of study and is able to adequately articulate, explain, and Biblically support their faith and practice.

VIII. Denominational Orientation

The candidate shall be required to attend a New Official workers Forum as a requirement for ordination/consecration or for the sustaining of the candidate’s ordination/consecration if transferring from another denomination.

* Check for PNW orientation options through the district office.

IX. PNW District Module Requirements

The candidate shall attend a minimum of 4 PNW LC&O Equipping Modules which happen twice annually covering the areas of Theology, Spiritual Formation and Ministry Skills.

X. (P.N.W) Required Projects:

1. Lifelong Learning

Develop a five-year learning plan to serve as a basis for lifelong learning. Identify the areas and delivery systems in which the learning will take place. Review the plan with your Ministry Skills Mentor.

Listed below are some suggested topics for lifelong learners:

- Devotional/Spiritual Disciplines
- Lifelong learning models
- Preaching
- Leadership: Master planning, Vision Casting

- Interpersonal Relationship Skills
- Creating Effective Change
- Pastoral Care/Shepherding
- Evangelism
- Missions
- Church Planting
- Growing Healthy Churches
- Stewardship
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2. **Self-Understanding**

Present a written analysis of your self understanding using assessment tools such as GHC IV, IDAK, DISC, Ministry Competency Profile Guidelines, or a Gifts Inventory. Identify strengths, non-strengths, spiritual gifts, natural leadership style, work preferences, and related issues. Outline a strategy to bring strength and adequacy to your person and ministry. Present your finding to an approved counselor (or superintendent), mail results to the district office for your portfolio, and report results to your Spiritual Formation Mentor.