



APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS FOR CURRENT CAFC CREDENTIAL HOLDERS

Dear Credential Holder,

First of all, thank you for your continuous ministry with Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada!

After all questions have been fully answered, this application should be returned to **CAFC at the following address: 66 Josephine Street, P.O. Box 24026, North Bay Ontario, P1B 0C7**. The CAFC Credentialing Committee will make final recommendation on each application to the CAFC Board of Directors who will, at its discretion, decide whether to approve the application and issue the credentials.

Mail/Email policy: As a credentialed member of CAFC, your name will be included on both our electronic and hard-copy mailing lists. You will receive communication from our office related to your credentials as well as promotional information to keep you up to date on what is important to the Fellowship as a whole.

Directory Listing: The name, address, phone number, place of ministry, ministry title and credential category of all active and retired credential holders is listed in the CAFC directory. The list of credential holders is issued for the use of CAFC credential holders only.

FINAL CHECK LIST

- Application form (completed, signed and enclosed)
- Signature of declaration on page 3
- Signature of applicant ministerial code of ethics on page 4
- Fee of \$100.00 (enclosed)

APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

Please fill in electronically or HAND PRINT all responses.

1) GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) Full name: _____
First Initial Last
- b) Email Address: _____ Gender: M F
- c) Street Address: _____ d) Phone: Home _____
 City: _____ Work/Cell _____
 Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Fax _____
- e) Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ f) Citizenship: _____

2) CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

- Date of Application: _____
- Indicate the credential for which you are applying: Ordained Minister Licensed Minister
 Recognition of Ministry

3) APPLICATION REVIEW

- Please review your previous application (can be provided if you need a copy) and declare one of the following:
- All information is accurate, no change required
- I have submitted a correction and/or provided updated information

4) CURRENT CHURCH LEADERSHIP / MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

- a) Church or organization: _____
- b) Since receiving your credential with CAFC, what ministry work have you been involved with:
- _____
- _____
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5) FELLOWSHIP LOYALTIES

- a) Do you understand and agree to abide by the *By-Laws* of CAFC? Yes No
- b) Do you personally subscribe to the CAFC *Statement of Faith*, as contained in the *By-Laws*? Yes No
- c) Will you publicly proclaim the truths of the *Statement of Faith* from the pulpit? Yes No
- d) Do you agree to abide by CAFC's *Ministerial Code of Ethics*? Yes No
- e) Are you willing to cooperate with the financial plans of the CAFC and support the fellowship in all policies and purposes, personally, and in your church, which require united effort for the spread of the gospel? Yes No
- f) Are you willing to cooperate with CAFC's philosophy of ongoing professional development and encourage participation in the ministry and mission of CAFC? Yes No
- g) Will you be faithful to the Biblical standards and sacred trust of the ministry by diligence, uprightness in business matters, holiness, purity, honesty and integrity, conforming to the positive virtues taught by the Lord, manifesting an attitude of humility, and avoiding the very appearance of evil? Yes No
- h) If at any time you should adopt any views which may, in any way, be contrary to the teaching held by CAFC, before advancing the same, either privately or publicly, will you first take the matter up with the CAFC Board of Directors? Yes No
- i) If, in the event of such differing views, a satisfactory understanding cannot be reached, will you voluntarily surrender your credentials with CAFC and quietly withdraw in order to prevent divisions within the fellowship and its churches? Yes No

6. PERSONAL INTEGRITY

- a) Are you aware of anything in your past or present which, if brought to light, could bring reproach on the cause of the Gospel? Yes No
- b) Are you aware of CAFC's *Discipline Policy*, accepting to submit to it if an issue requiring discipline should be brought to light? Yes No
- c) Have you ever engaged in conduct which could result in legal charges being laid against you (e.g. child abuse)? Yes No

7. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge all of the foregoing information is correct and true, and further agree to abide by the commitments made in this application.

Further, I hereby give my consent to CAFC to use and retain all personal information contained in the credential application, references or forms completed on my behalf, and any other information necessary to obtain credentials.

I agree that, if my application is successful, all personal information provided as part of the credential process will become part of the permanent records of CAFC (It is our practice to destroy incomplete or unsuccessful applications after two years).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

8. MINISTERIAL CODE OF ETHICS

As a minister of Jesus Christ, called by God to proclaim the Gospel, and gifted by the Holy Spirit, credential holders should dedicate themselves to conduct ministry in accordance with the Statement of Faith and the Ministerial Code of Ethics of the Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada.

PERSONAL STANDARD

1. The minister should be ever conscious of their high and sacred calling. (*2 Timothy 4:1-5*)
2. The minister should give diligent attention to the personal practice of biblical disciplines (*1 Timothy 6:11-12*), and to the personal development of the fruit of the Spirit. (*Gal 5:22-23*)
3. The minister should give adequate time to develop and maintain a spiritual readiness for faithfully discharging their ministerial responsibilities. (*2 Timothy 2:15*)
4. The minister should be diligent in prayer and in the reading of the Scriptures, and in personal development that would enhance effectiveness in ministry.
5. The minister should fulfill their ministerial duties using their God-given abilities and skills. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)
6. The minister should maintain a high and Biblical standard of morality in both speech and conduct. (*1 Timothy 6:1-10*)
7. The minister should strive to ever be commendable in manners and modest in appearance. (*1 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:12*)
8. The minister should always conduct financial and business transactions in a manner that is above reproach, and give faithfully to the work of the Lord.
9. The minister should strive to give leadership in discipline and conduct in their home and manage their family with consistency. (*1 Timothy 3:8-13*)
10. The minister should adequately care for their own physical, emotional, and psychological well-being.

PARTNERSHIP STANDARD

1. The minister is a representative of Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada and should seek to reflect and enhance its good reputation at all times. The minister should seek to encourage participation in the mission and ministry of CAFC.
2. The minister should respect the offices of the Fellowship's national leadership.
3. The minister should seek to enhance, and not disparage, the work of both their predecessors and successors.
4. The minister should seek to enhance, support, and not disparage, the work of fellow staff members and colleagues.
5. The minister should endorse those workers, initiatives, and partnerships of Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada that have been so approved.
6. The minister should steadfastly keep guard over their congregation and refrain from giving ministry privileges to any questionable persons.
7. The minister should seek to be engaged in community activities that serve to enhance their good testimony and not interfere with other essential ministerial duties. (*Acts 6:1-4*)
8. The minister should refrain from any form of interference in the affairs of another assembly.
9. The minister should actively engage in methods of evangelism and outreach that would honour the Lord and the vision, mission, and core values of Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada, also respecting the ministry of neighbouring assemblies.

PASTORAL STANDARD

1. The minister should accept their calling as a sacred obligation and faithfully perform those duties.
2. The minister should recognize their responsibility as a spiritual shepherd to all their flock and to those who have no shepherd. (*1 Peter 5:1-4*)
3. The minister should regard service and ministry as primary and remuneration and rewards as secondary.
4. The minister should never violate the confidence of those who seek help, except where disclosure is mandated by law.
5. The minister should seek to guard their church's good reputation in the community and its testimony to unbelievers.
6. The minister should take a leading interest in the local church property, seeing that it is kept in proper repair without creating burdensome financial obligations.
7. The minister should see that true and accurate church records are kept at all times.
8. The minister should be actively involved in mission activities, locally, nationally and internationally. (*Acts 1:8*)

I, hereby, have read, and agree to abide by the standards outlined in this code of ethics:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____