

Application Package For Ordination

With

**THE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
OF
CANADA**

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Introduction

Thank you for your inquiry concerning ordination/recognition of ordination in the Community Christian Fellowship Church of Canada. I appreciate your interest and trust we can be of help to you and your ministry.

Please find enclosed information to acquaint you with CCFCC and its ordination policies. For detailed information about our organization, this can be obtained on our website at www.cfcc.info. After reviewing the material enclosed in this application package and you are interested in applying for membership, please do the following:

- Complete the application and return it along with a cheque for \$450 (\$325.00 processing fee and \$125 initial membership fee) to the CCFCC office, 307- 1807 St. Joseph Blvd, Orleans, Ontario K1C 7C6 (\$125.00 membership fee is refundable if application is not accepted).
- Write a one-page essay indicating your reason for applying for ordination with the CCFCC.
- Provide a current resume paying special attention to ministry or Christian service experience.
- Provide transcripts of completed ministerial studies or other documentary records with your application.
- Provide a copy of the license or ordination certificate if you have been or are presently ordained or licensed with another denomination.
- Provide a minimum of three letters of reference. Two of these letters of references must be ordained ministers of any recognized denomination. Instruct them to either mail them directly to this office or return to you to include with the completed application. Your application **WILL NOT** be processed until all references are received.
- Obtain a CPIC. In the event it is positive, we will require a copy of the “positive details” from the police and a written explanation from you giving full details. Past and present.

The enclosed literature should give you the information you need. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (613) 834- 8187 ext 22 or fax (613) 841-1712.

God bless you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Len Goddard
President

Requirements for Ordination

Each applicant must:

- Subscribe to the CCFCC Mission Statement, Statement of Faith, General Polity Statement and Conditions of Membership, and the Code of Ethics for Clergy and other Church Professionals.
- Have a viable ministry which warrants the applicant being ordained and/or have demonstrated practical ministry experience.
- Have at least three references, which positively respond to the applicant and his or her ministry.
- Submit to an oral interview conducted by a CCFCC Ordained Minister. This interview may take place locally or at the CCFCC Annual (Synod/Meeting).
- Arrange for and forward a copy of a police records check to be included with the application package.
- Meet the following minimum educational requirements:
 - A theological degree, diploma or certificate from a recognized institution.
 - The applicant has been licensed or ordained by a denomination or organization that is acceptable to the CCFCC Board of Director and has satisfied requirements equivalent to those outlined above. The applicant was in good standing with the previous denomination, if not full details of the issue.

Disciplinary Procedure

Members to this agreement shall be subject to discipline, censure, or removal from membership and annulment of ordination and cancellation of credentials for any of the following reasons:

- Activities that bring reproach upon the Christian ministry of the Community Christian Fellowship Church.
- Violation of the standards set forth in the Code of Ethics for Clergy and other Church Professionals.
- Teaching doctrines that are contrary to the Word of God as traditionally understood by the historic Christian Church or in opposition to the Statement of Faith of this Church.
- Failure to comply with the terms of the constitution and bylaws of this Church.

General Operating By-Law Number 1 (Condensed version)

1. MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The basic mandate of the church (also referred to interchangeably as the “corporation” herein) is to be a fellowship committed to carrying out the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ in proclaiming, teaching and healing through the power of the Holy Spirit (Isa. 61:1,2; Luke 4:18,19).

The church holds the belief that the greatest needs of our society and the world can be met by a response to the Gospel as revealed by the Word of God (Rom. 3:22-24; Matt. 25:45; 28:18-20).

The church believes that its mission is best carried out by local congregations, as part of the whole body of Christ, in Canada and in the world. The organizational structure of the church shall support this conviction (Heb. 10:25; Rom. 12).

2. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The church defends the historic doctrines of the Christian faith as expressed in the Ecumenical Creeds of the early Church know as the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. **Discussion needed on Athanasian Creed re: “Catholic/Universal”**)

3. GENERAL POLITY STATEMENT

The polity of the church shall be based on the Holy Scriptures of the Bible such that members, directors, officers, ministers and office bearers shall consider themselves subject to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour as the only Head and King of the Church in all ages and places (Eph. 5:23).

4. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in the church shall be limited to persons interested in furthering the mission of the church and shall consist of anyone whose application for admission as a member has received the approval of the CCFCC board of directors. In this regard, it shall be the policy, in the interests of Christian unity as well as the uniqueness of Christian diversity, to admit to membership all who accept, as authoritative for faith and life, the Holy Scriptures as contained in the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, and as such shall include all persons who, without reference to past or present denominational affiliation, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and practice obedience to him as Lord (2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20,21; Matt. 28:20).
- All members shall believe in and defend the historic doctrines of the Christian faith as expressed in the Ecumenical Creeds of the early Church know as the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. **Discussion needed on Athanasian Creed re: “Catholic/Universal”**). Members may join as individuals or through attachment to a group of existing congregation that applies for membership in the church.
- Application for membership shall be initiated by either a verbal or written request to the Board of Directors of the church, either as individuals or through attachment to a group of existing congregation that applies for membership in the church. There

shall be no membership fees or dues unless otherwise directed by the board of directors.

- Any member may withdraw from the church by delivering a written resignation to the Board of Directors and lodging a copy of the same to the secretary of CCFCC. Where an individual has become a member by virtue of his or her attachment with a group or existing congregation which is a member of CCFCC, an individual member may withdraw from CCFCC by delivering to the governing body of the group or existing congregation a written resignation and lodging a copy of same with the secretary of the group or congregation.
- Any member may be required to resign by vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members at an annual meeting provided that any such member shall be granted an opportunity to be heard at such meeting.

5. ASSEMBLIES AND MINISTRIES

- Members shall meet in assemblies for worship, study and business, at times and places called or announced, in a manner allowing substantial local freedom, but clearly based on a Biblical fraternity and spiritual relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ (John 4:23,24).
- In the case of the affiliation of an existing congregation, its existing structure shall be honoured. This may include practices of worship and sacraments as well as rules with regards to elders, deacons, stewards, committees, procedures and such like, providing everything is done in a fitting and orderly manner (1 Cor. 14:40).
- Also recognizing that God calls ministers to a variety of spiritual and helping ministries other than the work organized within the established church denominations, such people will, upon acceptance of the Board of Directors, be provided with credentials of licence and ordination under the auspices of the Church (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:7-13).
- For the purpose of building up the Church and equipping its members to carry out the Mission of the Church, the CCFCC Board of Directors may establish a program for theological and pastoral education.
- Credentials of education and ministry from other Christian denominations who uphold the same Statement of Faith as the Church shall be recognized by the Board of Directors. Preeminence will be give to the spiritual qualifications and competence of candidates for ministry (2 Tim. 2:15).



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 Proclaiming the Christian Faith through independent Congregations and Fellowships,
 Pastoral work, Missions and Ministries

Membership Application Form

Insert Personal Photo here	Please Print:			
	Name:		DOB:	
	Address:		City:	
	Province:		PC:	
	Phone (H):		(W):	
	Cell:		Email:	
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widow/Widower <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced				
Citizenship?		S.I.N. No.		
If other than a citizen of Canada, what is your legal standing in this country?				
What is your present ministry? <i>(Please state your actual ministerial activities in detail)</i>				



On the average, how many hours per week do you spend at this Christian ministry? (Explain)					
If you pastor a church, please provide the following contact information.					
Name:		Denomination:			
Address:		City:		PC:	
Phone:		Email:			
Of what church and/or denomination are you a member?					
What classification of credentials have you held previously? <input type="checkbox"/> Ordained <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed <input type="checkbox"/> None					
If so, by what organization?					
Have you been denied ordination or licensing? (If yes, explain)					
Has your ordination or license been revoked or suspended?		<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, explain)			
How did you hear about the Community Christian Fellowship Church and who recommended the CCFCC to you?					
Why do you wish to become a member of the CFCC?					
List the extent of your education, including any theological studies, below:					
High School	Name of School	Location	Years Attended	Date of Graduation	Sub/Major
College/ University					
Bible College					

Seminary					
Other					

If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet. (Note: if you have attended Bible College or Seminary, please include a copy of your transcript with your application or write to the school and have the transcript sent directly to this office.)

List 3 individuals who are familiar with your present ministry and are willing to act as references. Two must be ministers who are willing to send a letter of reference. Please attach at least 3 letters of reference in total.

	Name:	Address	City/Province	Postal Code	Phone
1.					
2.					
3.					

Form of Subscription

I, the undersigned do hereby make application to become a member of the Community Christian Fellowship Church of Canada and if received into the CCFCC, I will remember it in prayer and interest myself in its financial support and effectiveness. I hereby certify that I agree with the Statement of Faith, General Polity and Conditions of Membership and understand and accept the Disciplinary Procedure. I certify, on my honour, to the truth of the statements made in answer to the preceding questions. If accepted into the Community Christian Fellowship Church of Canada I will provide the payment of annual assessments, will submit an annual ministerial report, and will attend the annual meeting of the General Synod.

Date: _____ **Signature** (Full Name): _____