

Excerpt from the Constitution of the Missionary Church

APPENDIX 1

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDENTIALING

Licensing

Applicants must have completed a minimum course of study consisting of at least one course in each of the following: Old Testament, New Testament, biblical or systematic theology, practical ministry theology, biblical interpretation, homiletics or communication, leadership and History and Polity of the Missionary Church.

Ordination

Candidates for ordination shall fulfill the educational requirements listed below

- Completion of any bachelor's degree in professional Christian ministries, *or*
- Completion of any master's degree in professional Christian ministries, *or*
- Completion of the Pastoral Leadership Institute course of studies, *or*
- Completion of a supervised course of studies including 32 semester hours of general education courses and 21 semester hours of professional Christian ministries courses, in addition to the minimum courses prescribed in the requirements for obtaining a license (Old Testament, New Testament, biblical or systematic theology, practical ministry theology, biblical interpretation, homiletics or communication, leadership and History and Polity of the Missionary Church), with a minimum of three hours in each of the following: Old Testament, New Testament, biblical or systematic theology, counseling, evangelism and discipleship, and one course related to the individual's area of ministry (youth, missions, Christian education, church planting, church growth, etc.).

General Information

Courses may be taken at Bethel College or any accredited (AABC, regional, or ATS) college or seminary including the correspondence departments of such schools.

Courses may also be taken through the Pastoral Leadership Institute or at schools which have been recognized for alternative education for those persons preparing for ministry for whom traditional educational programs constitute insurmountable geographical, financial, or family difficulties. The specific advantages and disadvantages of such programs are to be explained to interested persons.