

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT of C&MA
REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION/CONSECRATION
(8-09 Update)

Introduction: Ordination or Consecration is the means by which we in the Christian and Missionary Alliance recognize and affirm God's call for vocational ministry. The Uniform Policy on Ordination and Consecration offers additional important guidance and is not superseded here. The Ordinand Consecrand (from here on called 'Worker') will do well to make this process a high priority. You will benefit from the reading, study, interaction, fellowship and prayer with your mentor. You are encouraged to enter this process believing that God has called you to it and are thus doing it in Him, unto Him, and for Him and His glory.

Requirements: The following requirements are to be completed by all licensed individuals whether the license is provisional or regular.

Provisional License: Those with provisional licenses are involved in other courses of study such as the MSP or a college degree program. If you hold a provisional license, you complete your other studies before you are required to complete the tasks listed in these requirements. However, some of your ordination prep tasks may be completed before you move to a regular Official Workers license. The work you are doing for your MSP or academic degree may provide you with an opportunity to meet some of the requirements for ordination prep as described in this document. For example the MSP classes ask the Worker to write papers on each of the doctrines in the fourfold gospel. When writing those MSP papers you may also submit them in fulfillment of ordination prep. We encourage you to take advantage of any such overlap in tasks.

Regular License: As soon as you begin licensed ministry, create a study schedule with your mentor. Place time in your schedule each week for this work. Altogether, you have up to 30 tasks to perform. You have at least two and up to three years in which to complete the course of study. On a three year schedule you will need to complete ten tasks per year, six of these must be book reports or position papers. Due to their nature, some of those tasks are to be performed at the end of the ordination prep period; others are to be spread throughout it. All work must be completed at least two months prior to the oral exam. Books, projects or papers may be added by the LOCC.

Some of these tasks are time sensitive. The references from your elders are to be submitted at the end of the ordination prep period. Reading the Bible through twice should be spread out over at least two years. The recorded sermons are to be preached one each year. Planning is required to accomplish these tasks in a timely manner.

Timely progress is necessary. Workers must keep up to pace. Those behind at the end of the year will be placed on probation for the coming calendar year. If not up to pace by the end of that year, you face the likelihood of losing your license and position of ministry.

In all of this we hope you are preparing for God-honoring, effective ministry. This course of study is not intended to be an exercise in jumping through bureaucratic hoops to get a "union card," but to confirm your call and to enhance your ministry effectiveness. We hope you will joyfully participate in this process with a personal commitment backed by an attitude of faith, hope and love, thus glorifying God in all you do.

I. Book Reports:

You are to submit a written report on each book in which the author's main premise is described and your response to it is given. A blank book report template and the book report grading rubric is provided by the District Office – these reports should be one page in length. If you have already read any of the books, you may review that book and write a report on it to satisfy the requirement. Submit the book reports to your Licensing Ordination & Consecration Council (LOCC) Mentor AND Mary Kraft (frontdesk@rmdcma.net). Your Mentor will grade each report and offer comments for re-working your report if needed. Once the paper is deemed acceptable by both you and the Mentor (a score of at least 80), it is submitted to the District Office by the Mentor with the completed grading rubric to be placed in your file. Initiate interaction with your mentor on each book.

1. The Fourfold Gospel – A. B. Simpson
2. A Basic Guide to Eschatology—Millard Erickson
3. The Pursuit Of God – A. W. Tozer
4. All For Jesus - Robert L. Niklaus, John S. Sawin, and Samel J. Stoesz.
5. Children's Bread – Keith Bailey
6. Pathlight – Meg Crossman
7. Wholly Sanctified - A. B. Simpson
8. Power Through Prayer - E. M. Bounds
9. Spiritual Leadership – J. Oswald Sanders
10. The Manual of the C&MA (Available at <http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/publications/>)

II. Position Papers:

An Ordinand/Consecrand needs to write six position papers that are described below. A comprehensive treatment is expected, including, but not limited to the items listed under each theme. Papers should be approximately 8-10 pages in length, typed, double-spaced in a #12 font, outlining the candidate's understanding of the subject and its application to the candidate's life and ministry. A table of contents and a bibliography should be included, documenting research and quotations used. The paper is to be a statement of the candidate's personal theological position. Papers are submitted to your LOCC Mentor and Mary. Your Mentor will grade the paper and offer comments and suggestions for improvements as necessary. Additional helpful guidance is provided in the "Guidelines for Papers" document and the position paper grading rubric. Again, please initiate discussion with your mentor regarding each subject before, during and upon completing each topic. Once the paper is deemed acceptable by both you and the Mentor (a score of at least 80) it is submitted to the District Office by the Mentor with the completed grading rubric to be placed in your file.

- Paper #1. **Christ Our Savior**
- A. The nature of man and his final destiny
 - B. The plan and purpose of the atonement-propitiation
 - C. The means and results of justification

- D. Regeneration
 - E. Conversion
 - F. Baptism
 - G. My personal experience of Christ as Savior
- Paper #2. **Christ Our Sanctifier**
- A. The crisis and progression of sanctification
 - B. Identification of the believer with Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension
 - C. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in sanctification
 - D. My personal experience of Christ as Sanctifier
- Paper #3 **Christ Our Healer**
- A. The relationship of divine healing and the atonement
 - B. The significance of anointing with oil
 - C. The ministry of healing in the local church
 - D. My personal experience of Christ as our Healer
- Paper #4 **Christ Our Coming King**
- A. Defend the pre-millennial coming of Christ
 - B. Trace the events surrounding the rapture of the church
 - C. Relationship between the imminence of Christ's coming and world missions
 - D. My personal understanding of Christ our coming King
- Paper #5 **Christ's Body: The Church**
- A. The nature of the church
 - B. The purpose of the church
 - C. The methods of the church
 - D. The government of the church
- Paper #6. **Completing Christ's Mission**
- A. The Lostness of mankind
 - B. The Great Commission

III. Additional Study Requirements: If not otherwise specified below, each of these requirements is reported both to your Mentor and Mary.

1. **Bible Reading:** The candidate shall read through the entire Bible twice, using two different translations. This should be spread out over two different years. Report the version and date of completion.
2. **Growing a Healthy Church:** is available at LOCC School, on CD or a book. Submit a written report similar to a book report noting your implementation strategy.
3. **Eternal CPR** is available at LOCC School, on Video or by attending a seminar. Submit a written report similar to a book report describing your implementation strategy.
4. **Alliance Polity** – Alumni of an Alliance College who have taken “Alliance History and Thought” or a similarly titled course have fulfilled this requirement. Note this when submitting your transcript and you will be credited. If you have not taken a polity course, you must do so as part of the ordination, consecration prep. The lecture portion of this course is taught at the annual LOCC School and is also available on CD or downloadable in a PDF file from the

District Office. In order to complete the Alliance Polity Course the Worker submits the following three papers:

- a. A short paper detailing the ordinand's responses to the provided Polity checklist;
 - b. A brief report on the Statement on Sanctification—Manual of the C&MA, H8;
 - c. A brief report on the book A Movement For God –Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14.
5. **Academic Transcripts:** Please arrange for certified copies to be sent to the District Office if they were not submitted during your application process.
 6. **Recorded Full-length Sermons:** Each year, you shall present to your LOCC mentor one recorded sermon you preached in a worship service. Your mentor will review and grade the recording for both content and delivery following the sermon grading rubric. Your mentor will then submit this to Mary for your file.
 7. **New Official Worker's Forum:** the New Official Workers Forum should be attended as soon as possible. The schedule is posted on the Alliance Web site.
 8. **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, available through the District. Identify strengths, weaknesses, spiritual gifts, natural leadership style, work preferences, and related issues. Outline a strategy to bring strength and adequacy to your person and ministry.
 9. **LOCC School:** Those with a regular Official Workers license must attend the annual LOCC School sponsored by the District every time it is offered two or three times depending on how long you take to complete the requirements (two or three years.) Provisionally licensed workers may wait until their other studies are complete before attending the LOCC School.

IV. Oral Examination: In preparation for your exam please provide the elders of your church the reference form which they complete on your behalf. These completed forms should be collected by one of the elders or your senior pastor and sent directly to the Superintendent at least 2 weeks prior to your exam.

1. There will be an oral examination before the License, Ordination and Consecration Council to complete the process. The LOCC will examine the Ordinand/Consecrand on the basis of questions provided but will not be limited to those questions. Successful completion of the ordination/consecration process takes the whole life and ministry of the Ordinand/Consecrand into consideration.
2. The council may also examine the Ordinand/Consecrand on the book reports and papers.

V. Ordination/Consecration Service: Arrangements for the service should not be considered until the candidate has successfully completed the oral examination. The District Superintendent will suggest a format for the service and either he, or his appointee, will preside. If the Worker wishes to have an announcement included in Alliance Life, this must be submitted by the Worker to the publication following the service. The form for this information will be provided by the District Office after completion of the oral examination.

VI. Resources: Mary will provide you with all the necessary forms mentioned above. If at some point you misplace these, they are archived for your benefit on the District Web Site. Here is the link: [LOCC Information & Resources](#)