



National Pentecostal Power Church

Ministerial License

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Credentials Policy

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Licensing Explanation

The ministerial licensing process serves as a protective safeguard to the minister of the Gospel and to National Pentecostal Power Church Incorporated (NPPCI). Licensing serves as a matter of introduction and a designation of fellowship. This allows the minister to meet the requirements of the laws of the land, in performing marriage ceremonies and other religious duties. Licenses deriving from an incorporated body make it possible for the minister to experience the recognition that is due him by all those in authority.

There is no added spiritual authority conveyed in the holding of credentials. A man, who is called of God to preach, can preach as well without them, and a man who is not qualified of God is not made more effective with them. They are merely a matter of business and fellowship. They are supposed to indicate the ones who are not only in harmony with the views held by a religious body but who are qualified to represent that body.

It is vital therefore, that NPPCI which teaches the Word of God and strives to maintain the highest standard of Apostolic faith and holiness, exercises due vigilance in conferring its credentials of recommendation; insuring that no one receive them, except those whose moral character, faith in the Word of God, call to ministry, and ministerial qualifications have been proven among the brethren.

In Acts 18:27-28 of the New International Version you will find Luke citing; "When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and *wrote to the disciples there to welcome him*. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah" (*policy emphasis*).

The offices of pastor and deacon are perhaps the greatest evidence of church organization. The local church had at least one pastor (elder) and could have several deacons (Acts 14:23; Philippians 1:1; I Timothy 3:1, 8). These offices had specific qualifications (I Timothy 3:1-13). Consequently, there was an examination and approval process (I Thessalonians 5:12; Revelation 2:2). We find examples of installation to an office, ordination to preach the gospel, and commissioning to missionary service. These ceremonies typically included an admonition or a charge, prayer, and the laying on of hands by the elders (Acts 6:5-6; 13:2-3; I Timothy 4:14; 5:22).

Ministers traveling to various places usually carried a letter of recommendation from a respected elder, apostle, or church body (Acts 18:24-28; Romans 16:1; II Corinthians

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8:22-24). Paul and Barnabas were sent from Antioch with the blessings of other ministers (Acts 13:1-4). Some of the ministers whom Paul commended were Timothy, Epaphroditus, Tychicus, Onesimus, and Mark (Philippians 2:19-30; Colossians 4:7-10). The apostle John commended certain ministers including Demetrius (III John 12). These credentials served to open the doors of the churches to these ministers.

Licenses will be issued by NPPCI to both Ordained and Unordained Ministers.

Ordained Ministers:

It is preferred that ordained persons, who have proven themselves to be faithful, competent, and spiritual servants of the Lord, whose lives are above reproach and of good report among the brethren should hold licenses commensurate with their ordination.

This includes present serving and previously ordained ministers of the Gospel who have newly entered into our fellowship; or those who have worked faithfully with some local assembly at least one year and shall secure from the Pastor of the assembly or their District official (District Bishop or District Elder) an endorsement.

Unordained Ministers:

Persons sensing the call of the Lord on their life, but not sufficiently experienced to warrant ordination; a novice or perchance, those of little experience, who were ill advised or improperly ordained, and who are not bearing any great responsibility in the work of the ministry, are eligible to receive this license. This includes persons invested with spiritual gifting(s) that are not applicable for conferment, as well as those who have entered a season of preparation and training to fulfill more perfectly the Divine call upon their life.

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License Renewal Process

The License and Credentials Committee of the National Pentecostal Power Church Incorporated (NPPCI) facilitates the renewal and recording process of current and newly approved NPPCI license holders. Those seeking to become new license holders or an elevation in their present credentials with the NPPCI must be approved through the NPPCI Ordinations Approval Committee and/or the Executive Board of Bishops.

All ministers of an NPPCI church fall in one of the following categories with the corresponding bi-annual fees:

Executive Bishops	\$125.00
Suffragan Bishops	\$100.00
Pastors	\$75.00
Elders	\$75.00
Evangelists	\$75.00
Deacons	\$65.00
Ministers	\$65.00
Missionaries	\$65.00
Christian Worker/First Ladies*	\$65.00

General explanation of categories listed above

Ordained Minister (Executive Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, Pastors)

This person holds an authorized credential from the NPPCI. This person has passed the approval process for ordination and has been consecrated by the Bishops and District Elders in a recognized organization. This person must submit their name, position, and picture of themselves in electronic format to the NPPCI License/Credential Committee.

Ordained Minister Non Pastor (Elders, Deacons)

This person holds an authorized credential from the NPPCI. This person has passed the approval process for ordination and has been consecrated by the Bishops and District Elders in a recognized organization. The said Pastor of the assembly must submit name, position, and picture of individual in electronic format to the NPPCI License/Credential Committee.

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Licensed Minister (Evangelists, Ministers, Missionaries)

This person holds an authorized license credential with the NPPCI. At the proper time the Pastor recommends a local minister to receive this license through the NPPCI. The said Pastor of the assembly must submit name, position, and picture of individual in electronic format to the NPPCI License/Credential Committee.

Christian Worker

Christian Worker is defined as the following: member of the Trustee Board, Usher, Hospitality Staff, Pastor Aide Committee, Outreach Ministry, Unordained Deacon, Teacher, Small Group Leaders (SGL), Youth Leader, Administrative Assistants and Altar Worker. Also included under this designation would be a First Lady or the wife of the churches Senior Pastor.

*As of August 2023, the license offering of “First Lady” will be discontinued. Previous credentialed holders of the First Lady category will be *grandfathered* and may continue to receive this designation, if desired.

After listing the nine spiritual gifts, I Corinthians 12 describes the church as the body of Christ. The overriding theme is unity amid diversity. Regardless of our various ethnic and social backgrounds, the one Spirit of God makes us all one body in Christ, even as He uses us in unique ways.

*“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps, administrations**, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?” (verses 27-30), (Policy emphasis).*

The Christian Worker license offers a reduced qualification scrutiny and provides sanctioned spiritual covering for anyone who may be participating in lectures, sermonettes, teaching, or serving in ministerial support; but are not licensed as an Elder, Missionary or Evangelists.

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The LCC is requesting pictures for Bishops and Elders to be in Class B civic attire

The Presiding Bishop and Assistant Presiding Bishop can wear his traditional red clergy shirt with white Banded/Full-Collar neck. This with conservative cut black, single-breasted suit with black buttons, conservative black shoes with black shoelaces, and black socks. For the LCC purposes, the focus is on the upper torso of dress for all pictures.

The Executive Bishop and Suffragan Bishop can wear his traditional purple clergy shirt with white Banded/Full-Collar neck. This with conservative cut black, single-breasted suit with black buttons, conservative black shoes with black shoelaces, and black socks. For the LCC purposes, the focus is on the upper torso of dress for all pictures.

The District Elder civic attire shall consist of a royal blue clergy shirt with white Banded/Full-Collar neck. This with conservative cut black, single-breasted suit with black buttons, conservative black shoes with black shoelaces, and black socks. For the LCC purposes, the focus is on the upper torso of dress for all pictures.

The Pastors civic attire shall consist of a black clergy shirt with white Banded/Full-Collar neck. This with conservative cut black, single-breasted suit with black buttons, conservative black shoes with black shoelaces, and black socks. For the LCC purposes, the focus is on the upper torso of dress for all pictures.

The Elders and Ministers civic attire consists of a black clergy shirt with a white tab style collar neck, a conservative cut black, single-breasted suit with black buttons, conservative black shoes with black shoelaces, and black socks. For the LCC purposes, the focus is on the upper torso of dress for all pictures.

Pictures of licensee's should be taken in front of a white to neutral colored background.

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Payment

Make all checks payable to: Pentecostal Power Church

Send all payments to: Bishop Charles Webb
NPPCI Banking Committee
P.O. Box 52354
St. Louis, MO. 63136

Revocation of License:

It is a privilege not a right to be a license credential holder with NPPCI. Therefore, the Executive Bishop Board of the NPPCI retains the right to revoke and/or terminate any licensee per cause and/or any NPPCI By-law(s) violation.

If license credential holder makes a voluntary decision to dissolve their membership with the NPPCI, such action also constitutes a forfeiture of all license materials the credential holder has in their possession. All material items must be returned to the NPPCI.

Please forward all license credential materials to:

Bishop Mark Jones
NPPCI National Secretary
P.O. Box 34445
Homestead, FL. 33034

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Frequently Asked Questions

Approval to issue process

The License & Credential Committee (LCC) only solicits the list of names, ministry positions, and pictures of the persons to be licensed from the local church or pastor. Therefore, the NPPCI National Secretary is responsible for recording who has or who has not paid the license renewal fees and will communicate to the LCC which persons credentials can be made and issued to the District Bishop or local pastor.

The National Secretary or District Bishop will hold in their possession any credentials that could not be issued by the LCC at the close of August Convention due to late payment of renewal fees.

The LCC does not receive NPPCI Organization funds.

The LCC does not receive funds or monies from local churches or pastors for payment of license fees. The LCC does not have any means to deposit or any method to facilitate National Organization funds. The LCC cannot facilitate third-party delivery assistance for transfer of monies owed to the NPPCI.

Deadlines

Please submit the names of your licensed Bishops, Pastors, Elders, First Ladies, Missionaries, Ministers, Deacons and Christian Workers by the end of the National Pentecost meeting of designated license renewal year.

The NPPCI National Secretary or Ordination Committee which is responsible for new license holders or those pursuing an elevation in their present credentials must turn in their request for these changes before the August Convention. The deadline for all such updates and necessary credentialing information to be given to the LCC is no later than July 15th.

The LCC will close its bi-annual August Convention license renewal business by the end of the day (usually Saturday) before the last day of the August Convention. Any later emergent or special license renewal business will be closed by August 31st.

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