

R.P.I.

Fellowship of

Reconciling Pentecostals International



APPLICATION FOR MINISTER IN TRAINING PROGRAM

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Can you receive documents via email: yes no

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Personal Information

Age: _____ D.O.B. _____ Do you have a partner/spouse? yes no

If yes, spouse's name: _____

If yes, have you had a public holy union, commitment, or marriage ceremony? yes no

When? _____ Where? _____

Who performed the ceremony? _____

Have you had ceremonies with other partners besides your current partner? yes no

Explain: _____

Why did you choose RPI for your ministerial training? Explain: _____

Who referred you to RPI? Or, how did you hear about RPI? _____

Ministerial Information

Are you presently involved in ministry? yes no Full time? Part time? (circle one)

What position(s) do you hold? _____

Are you currently licensed or ordained with another church or organization? yes no

If yes, by what ministry or organization? _____

Their contact information: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

List all other past licenses or ordinations you have held, including dates and organizations:

Educational experience: (Secular and/or Religious)

What level of schooling did you finish? High School College: 2 year 4 year (Circle all that apply)

Name of school of highest level: _____

City or contact information: _____

Did you graduate? Degree? _____

Please provide copies of all diplomas, license and ordination certificates or documents if possible. Use additional paper where needed, or attach copies of documents.

RPI Licensing Process

Article 8 of the RPI Constitution & Bylaws gives complete information concerning requirements for each level in the licensing process. PLEASE READ Article 8 to become familiar with the requirements.

Article 8 can be found at www.rpifellowship.com/bylaws.pdf

The RPI Minister Training program and licensing process contains specific ongoing educational requirements including reading assignments, seminar training and preaching experience, as part of the overall educational process. We encourage each minister to continue in this process until they attain the level of full **ordination**. Your assigned mentor or presbyter, along with your pastor, will be involved with this process as set forth by the RPI Education Committee. Reading requirements can be modified, however, all reading requirements should be met prior to meeting with the General Board for approval of the level you are working to achieve.

You will be working on your own. Therefore, it is suggested that each level in the educational process be designed to be completed over a period of 2 years. When all requirements have been met, including experiential goals, the General Board may recommend that a Certificate of Completion be granted. After that, the minister will be allowed to begin work on the first level of licensure.

The Minister in Training program is designed for those who feel a call to the ministry but need basic preparation and education before beginning the licensing process. Those who successfully complete the Minister in Training Program will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

Are you in agreement with this policy? Yes No

PLEASE READ the Mission Statement, Statement of Faith and Covenant as set forth in the RPI Constitution & Bylaws. (View on RPI Website: <http://www.rpifellowship.com>)

Do you embrace and agree **FULLY** with these? yes no

If not, please explain: _____

Please answer the following questions sincerely and honestly. Even though you may have questions or differences of opinion, it is important that you be forthright on this application.

Have you been baptized by full immersion? yes no **Other** _____

If so, when? _____ By whom? _____

Which words or baptismal formula was used? *In the titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

In the Name of Jesus Christ Other _____

Are you willing to teach and practice water baptism by immersion in the name of Jesus as instructed in Acts 2:38? yes no

Have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues? yes no

If so, when? _____

Where? _____

Have you read the Bible through in its entirety? yes no

About how many times? _____

How much time do you spend in prayer and how often?

Why do you wish to be licensed/ordained by RPI? _____

To what specific ministry do you feel called at this time? _____

(e.g., pulpit ministry, teaching, youth, music, evangelism, outreach, counseling, other, etc.)

What ministerial experience do you have? _____

Have you been preaching? yes no **If so, how often?** _____

Give examples:

Where? _____ **When?** _____

Where? _____ **When?** _____

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? no yes Please explain: _____

Are you willing to have a background check performed? yes no

Do you smoke? yes no Are you willing to quit? yes no

Do you have any other addictions? yes no Explain: _____

Please explain your views on holiness and godly living. _____

What is your belief regarding homosexuality and the Scriptures? _____

How do you identify yourself? Gay Straight Bi-sexual Transgender Other _____

PLEASE READ the RPI Statement of Faith (Article 4-J), regarding Intimate Relationships, Marriage & Divorce. Do you agree FULLY with this? yes no

If not, please explain why? _____

What is your PERSONAL belief regarding sexual conduct?

What is your PERSONAL belief about a marriage covenant between two members of the same sex? _____

How do you feel about ministerial accountability? _____

Are you willing to be accountable to leadership, presbyters and fellow ministers?

yes *no*

Are you willing to maintain frequent contact with your mentor/presbyter and participate willingly in quarterly and annual reviews and monthly calls? *yes* *no*

Financial Obligation:

Candidates approved for the RPI Ministers in Training Program are required to pay \$200.00 per year, \$50.00 per quarter, or monthly at \$17.50 per month.

Will you agree to this financial obligation? *yes* *no*

A \$50.00 non-refundable application fee is due with this document. When your application is approved, the fee will be applied to your first annual dues.

Your application will be reviewed by the RPI Educational Committee. It will then be presented to the RPI Board of Presbyters for final review. You will then be notified at which time a meeting will be set up for you to come before the RPI Board of Presbyters. Normally, credentialing ceremonies are conducted twice annually. The ceremony is held at the annual general conference and during Midwest SpiritQuest, Labor Day Weekend in Indiana.

How should your name appear on your Certificate of Completion?

Please sign below:

I hereby certify all information contained in this application to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Signature of Referring Minister or Pastor

Date

RPI APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out application completely (*please print clearly or type*). Documents are acceptable.
2. Submit two typewritten letters of recommendation from other ministers or family members familiar with your ministry. If you have a pastor, one should be from he/she. Each letter must include contact information of referring party.
3. Submit typewritten personal testimony explaining why you want to enter the RPI Minister in Training Program. (*no more than two pages in length*).
4. If you have a partner or spouse, submit a letter of endorsement from he/she.
5. Submit **copies** of all ministerial degrees, diplomas, certificates, licenses and ordinations.
6. Make a check/money order to RPI in the amount of \$50.00. If you would like to pay online please visit www.rpifellowship.com/dues--fees and go to the giving tab and choose dues/fees . This is a non-refundable application fee. If approved, the fee will be applied to your first annual dues.
7. Mail all of the above to the following address:

RPI Credentialing Committee
Rev. Dan Wright, Secretary
5257 N Cameron
LaPorte, IN 46350

Or you can Email it to: rpifellowship@aol.com

Your application will be reviewed by the RPI Credentialing Committee. It will then be presented to the RPI Board of Presbyters for final review. You will be contacted within 30 days at which time a meeting will be set up for you with RPI Representatives. References will be checked. Any questions or concerns regarding requested information can be addressed by email at: rpifellowship@aol.com

In the interim, it is suggested that you begin reading the books listed on the Associate License Reading List found on the RPI Website under affiliation.

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