



Application for General License

General
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UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL
36 Research Park Court / Weldon Spring, Missouri 63304

*Answer every question. Omission or unanswered questions will cause delay.
If completing by hand, please print clearly.*

Enclose 2 photos of you and your spouse as well as an insurance beneficiary form (download from www.upciministers.com).

IDENTIFICATION

Print Name First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Social Security or Social Insurance # _____

Permanent Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Telephone # _____ Email address _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Male Female

Ethnicity (*Your response is optional and will be used for demographic purposes only*):

African-American or Black Caucasian or White Hispanic or Latino Native American

Asian origin, please specify _____ Other, please specify _____

FAMILY STATUS

	Single	Married	Divorced	Separated	Acts 2:38 Experience Yes No
Spouse's Full Name	_____				
Spouse's Date of Birth	_____	Date Married	_____		
Children's Names	M/F	Age	Married/Single		
_____	_____	_____	_____		
_____	_____	_____	_____		
_____	_____	_____	_____		
_____	_____	_____	_____		

1. Have you ever been divorced since first being baptized in Jesus' Name and receiving the Holy Ghost?
2. Has your spouse ever been divorced since first being baptized in Jesus' Name and receiving the Holy Ghost?.....
3. If you answered yes to question number 1, have you remarried?
If you answered yes to questions number 1 or 2, please follow the instructions in the Manual, Article VII, Section 8, of the General Constitution. All of the required information must be supplied and submitted to the district board.
4. Do you believe and teach that persons who have been divorced and remarried before they were filled with the Holy Ghost should be made to separate or else be put out of fellowship with the assembly?

EDUCATION

5. Fill out education chart below:

Type	Level	Place	Years Completed	Year Graduated	Type Degree
Secular	Grade				
	High School				
	College				
	College				
	College				
	College				
Religious	College				
Religious	College				

6. If you have attended a UPCI endorsed college, please request the “Bible College Report” be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, from the college to your District Superintendent.

MINISTERIAL STATUS

Yes No

7. Which district approved your application for local license? _____

8. What date were you issued local license by the UPCI? _____

9. Why are you applying for general license at this time? _____

10. Have you preached at least twenty-six (26) times during the year prior to meeting your District Board for consideration for General License? (Leading services or teaching any Sunday school class other than an Adult Sunday School class does not count toward this requirement.).....

11. In what types of ministry have you been involved, where, and for how long since having received your local license?

12. If serving under another minister as a member or assistant, give his name and the name of the church.

Please list all former pastors, including current pastor, with the dates you were under their ministry.

13. Give a brief resume of your continuing preparation for the ministry since receiving local license. (Include such matters as schooling, study, prayer life, etc.)

Yes No

14. Have you met the educational requirements, read the UPCI *Manual* (including the Judicial Procedure and the General Board Position Papers) and read the Bible through since receiving your local license?.....

15. Have you held license with the UPCI previously, but are not currently licensed?.....
If so, why did you discontinue fellowship? _____

16. Do you hold license or credentials with any other religious body?
If so, with whom? _____

Are you willing to discontinue your license or credentials with said body if accepted by the UPCI?

17. Have you ever held credentials or license with any other religious body?
If so, with whom? _____

When? _____

18. Have you ever been refused credentials or license by this or any other organization?
If so, explain in detail including what grounds.

19. Are you a member of any lodge or secret order?

20. Review the extent of your personal soulwinning, including the number of home Bible studies you have conducted and the results of those efforts.

21. If you are involved in secular employment, give the following information:

Type of work _____ Hours per week involved _____

Name of employer _____

Address of employer _____

DOCTRINAL AND OTHER CONVICTIONS

Yes No

- 22. Do you believe in and practice the paying of your tithes into the Lord’s work?.....
- 23. Do you believe and teach that the church must observe Saturday as the Sabbath?.....
- 24. Do you believe in observing the Lord’s supper and footwashing both literally and spiritually?
- 25. Do you believe that eternal salvation of men depends upon their repentance, water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and obedience to the gospel during this present life and age?
- 26. Do you believe and teach that “once saved, always saved,” or what is known as the “Doctrine of Unconditional Eternal Security”?
- 27. Do you believe in a literal millennium?
- 28. Do you believe in, and earnestly look forward to, the soon coming of the Lord Jesus for the catching away of the church?.....
- 29. Do you believe in the eternal punishment of the wicked?
- 30. Do you believe and teach that it is the duty of all saints to show respect toward and to be obedient to all lawful requirements of civil government that are not contrary to the Word of God (Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 17:24-27 and 22:17-21)?
- 31. Are you endeavoring to measure up to the scriptural qualifications as given in I Timothy 3:1-7?
- 32. Do you have a television set in your home?.....
- 33. Do you use all media in accordance with Article VII, Section 7, paragraph 1(c) of the General Constitution of the UPCI?.....
- 34. Do you believe and teach the divine or heavenly flesh of Jesus Christ doctrine, (defined as that the flesh of Jesus Christ had no biological or genetic relationship to other human beings)? ...
- 35. Do you believe and teach the doctrine of preterismthat the coming of the Lord was fulfilled in the first century and that most, if not all, of the prophecies of the coming of the Lord addressed judgment upon the Jews, culminating in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70?.....

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL STATUS

Yes No

- 36. Have you ever taken bankruptcy? If yes, please explain.....

Yes No

37. Have you ever committed, been convicted of, confessed to, or pleaded guilty to any crime against a child or any sexual abuse as defined in Article I, Section 1, Paragraph 20 of the Judicial Procedure of the United Pentecostal Church International. If yes, please explain. (Attach a separate page, if necessary.).....

38. Have you ever committed, been convicted of, confessed to, or pleaded guilty to a crime other than traffic violations? If yes, please explain. (Attach a separate page, if necessary.).....

The UPCI reserves the right to determine who it will credential and will not issue credentials to anyone who has committed or been convicted of, confessed to, or pleaded guilty to any crime against a child or sexual abuse as defined in the Judicial Procedure of the United Pentecostal Church International.

39. Do you consent to an investigation of your financial stewardship if deemed necessary by the district board?.....

40. Are you living within your monthly income?.....

41. Are you current with your monthly obligations?.....

42. Are you willing and do you agree to cooperate with the district financial plan?

COMMITMENT

Yes No

43. Will you abide by the teaching of the organization and be under its jurisdiction?.....

44. Will you continue to recognize our pastors and ministers in their field of labor, showing due ministerial courtesy and avoid breaking the unity of the Spirit?

45. Do you continue to believe in the Articles of Faith and ministerial obligations?.....

46. Will you continue to refrain from speaking evil, critical, and contentious words about anyone in our fellowship? Will you work in peace and harmony with all ministers and missionaries and will you cooperate with all efforts of the organization?.....

47. Will you continue to refrain from contending for your personal views to the disunity of the Church?.....

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Yes No

- 48. Have you been baptized in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins according to Acts 2:38?
When? _____ Where? _____ By whom? _____
- 49. Do you believe that speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is the initial sign of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:4?
- 50. Have you received this experience?.....
When? _____ Where? _____
- 51. Do you believe in preaching and teaching the same?.....

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

The confidentiality of statements about ministers or ministerial applicants must be held in sacred trust by district superintendents and members of district boards. Violations of this trust could result in disciplinary action or civil liabilities. However, it is equally important that district superintendents communicate relevant information about ministers to other district officials and local church officials who have a need to know. Examples of such communication are ministers transferring to other districts and information concerning a minister who is a candidate to pastor a church. Failure to disclose information may result in legal responsibility. If a ministerial applicant is not approved for license, the district board may, upon his request, disclose to him the nature of the information it has obtained about him, but not the sources.

LIMITED DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, _____, in consideration of my receiving ministerial credentials from the United Pentecostal Church International do hereby authorize the district superintendent or his designee in his sole discretion to release to any general official, district official, or local church official who has a need to know any information concerning my conduct and cooperation in the organization. Information may be released on the initiative of the district superintendent or in response to an inquiry. I also hereby release the above officials from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me on account of their disclosure of information authorized by this agreement.

I expressly agree that this release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any portion is held to be invalid, I agree that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I further agree that this limited disclosure agreement shall remain in legal force and effect as long as I remain a member of the United Pentecostal Church International.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof and I sign this release as my own free act. This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Date

Signature of Applicant

STATEMENT

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that the district board may conduct a background check relative to the questions in this application to determine my character and fitness for the ministry. I agree not to seek damages from any person, church, or organization on account of compliance with this agreement and authorization.

I understand that any information provided to the district board will remain confidential, and I therefore waive any right that I may have to examine this confidential information. Moreover, if the district board deems it necessary, I authorize a credit check and/or criminal record check.

In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application, I agree to this background check as stated above by my signature on this application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ Date _____

Signature of Pastor or Other Ordained Minister

Affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church International

_____ Date _____

Use this space for further explanation of any questions on preceding pages.

NOTE: New and reinstatement applicants are required to submit the following with their application: two photos (one for the district files and one for the general files) of the applicant and spouse (if applicable), one-fourth of the annual membership dues (\$96.50), \$25 application fee, and an insurance beneficiary form. The membership fee entitles a minister to a license, a fellowship card, a downloadable *Manual* and *Ministerial and Church Directory*, subscriptions to the *Pentecostal Life* and *Forward*, and a \$10,000 life insurance policy with double indemnity and dismemberment provisions. (Applicants for an upgrade in credential status do not need to submit one-quarter dues. However, the application fee (\$25.00), two photos, and an insurance beneficiary form are required.)

When this application is completed and all signatures obtained, make your money order or check payable to the UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL, and mail with the application, photos, and insurance beneficiary form to your district superintendent (or to the official designated in your particular district) for possible consideration by the district board.

Also note that an applicant's record of past cooperation with district policies including its financial plan is subject to review at the time he or she meets the district board.

DISTRICT BOARD

Place of meeting _____ Date _____

Number of board members present _____ Votes accepting _____ Votes against _____

District Superintendent _____

or

District Secretary _____