

Name: _____

Ordination Application

General Instructions

INFORMATION FROM THOSE APPLYING TO TRAIN FOR AUTHORIZED MINISTRY, LAY & ORDAINED.

Please complete this form, and return it to Ancient Apostolic Communion as soon as possible. If you do not have enough space, continue on a separate sheet, indicating to which section your response relates. Please complete the form in black ink and BLOCK CAPITALS or typed and email back to us at: vocations@taac.us.

You may also mail this application to:

Ancient Apostolic Communion
118 Frances Drive
North Augusta, SC 29841
USA

A \$25.00 application fee is due upon submission of your application, unless other arrangements have been made. This fee covers your background check. It can be paid at our website (<http://www.taac.us>) or by mailing a money order or cashier's check to the above address.

Title: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Personal Information

Please enter your birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Social Security Number (or National Id Number): _____

Marital Status: (Please select one) † Single † Committed † Married † Separated † Divorced † Widowed † Remarried

If married, please state: Date of marriage (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

His/Her occupation: _____

Has your spouse been married previously? † Yes † No

Names and ages of children: _____

Name: _____

What are your main community and leisure interests? What attracts you to them?

Looking at your life as a whole, indicate the events which you feel have most affected you, eg. changes relating not only to education and work requirements, but also to home, location, family and personal circumstances. List the events separately and give a brief indication of how they influenced your life. (Use separate piece of paper if necessary)

Who are the people who have most inspired you in your life or your faith?

How would you describe yourself as a person; what are your strengths and weaknesses?

Have you ever received treatment for mental health problems? If yes, explain.

Have you had any significant illness during the past ten years? If so, please give details.

What will be the issues for your family if you go on to exercise Ministry?

Do you have any significant debts or financial uncertainties? If yes, explain.

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Have you ever been arrested? If so, when, why and what was the outcome of the arrest.

Have you ever been charged or investigated for a felony? If so, when, why and what was the outcome of the investigation.

Have you ever been accused of any crimes involving children or crimes of a sexual manner (rape, incest, molestation, ect.)? If so, when, why and what was the outcome of the investigation.

Education Information

List all schools attended (after age 12): _____

Give details of any courses you have undertaken since leaving school, e.g.. GCEs, GCSEs, HNC, Dip HE etc.

Please give the name of the college/university from which you were graduated:

Highest Degree: _____

Name: _____

Date Granted: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

For additional educational experience, please enter here: _____

Give details of any courses of Christian Education or lay training you have undertaken:

Vocational Information

Which kind of ministry are you considering? Priest | Chaplain | Reader Ministry

Have you previously asked to be considered for ordination training or Reader ministry in any other part of the church? Yes | No

If yes, please state when and where: _____

Give details of any lay ministerial tasks or responsibilities you have undertaken in the Church (eg. sidesperson, house group leader):

Have you previously attended a Bishops' Selection Conference? Yes | No

If yes, please give details:

What alternatives would you consider if you are not recommended for ministerial training?:

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What do you believe will be the main elements in your future ministry and what are the gifts you think you will bring to it?:

What kind of Faith do you have to share?:

Describe in detail the reason you feel called to the priesthood in Christ's Church. Indicate when you first felt called, how you approached the pursuit of that call and all the incidents along the way that turned you away from that path.

Describe in your own words the mission of a priest. State the aspects of priesthood that are most important, least important and give reasons for your answers.

Define how you intend to develop a ministry. State in depth the goals you have set for your ministry. Detail all the means you hope to employ in accomplishing these goals.

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How do you see yourself growing in TAAC? What do you feel you can bring to the Communion and to the spreading of the Gospel.

How did you find TAAC and what led you to apply for ordination in our church?

Prepare an outline of the first year of your ministry with timeline and milestones. Where do you intend to be a year from now in your service to the Lord?

Detail your plans for acquiring the Theological education vital to performing the role of shepherd and evangelist for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Name Places and timeline for acquiring such education.

Employment History

Occupation since leaving full-time education (except vacation or casual work) in chronological order:

If your time since leaving school is not fully accounted for by the replies given elsewhere, account for the remainder here. Mention here any vacation or other casual employment.:

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Give details of any positions of responsibility you have had at school, college or work and any activities or voluntary work you engage in which you consider relevant to this application.:

Faith

What are your personal beliefs concerning reincarnation?

What are your personal beliefs concerning the Immaculate Conception?

What are your personal beliefs concerning the Gifts of the Pentecost?

Explain your understanding and beliefs concerning the real presents of Jesus Christ in the Elements of the Holy Eucharist.

How important is the Bible and thorough knowledge of its content to an Ordained minister?

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How important is it for the people under your clerical care to regularly study and know the Bible?

How important are the sacraments to salvation?

What else besides acceptance of Jesus Christ is required to enter the Kingdom of God?

Define and explain in detail the concept of "Eschatology".

Define "Holy Spirit". Do you believe in the indwelling of the Spirit? How should we act in light of that belief?

How important is an education in Theology, Doctrine, the Bible and Counseling? Be complete in your answer, expressing your personal beliefs in regard to each of these topics and how deeply a presbyter need be versed in these topics. Are there any other subject areas that are important to a priestly education?

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State your understanding of the concept of Covenantal Faithfulness. To what does it refer and is it of any importance to today's faith?

On your honor as a God-fearing Christian, state how many times you have read the entire Bible (not counting portions associated with regular worship but only that time spent in personal reading).

Where do you stand on the ordination of Women?

What roles should a woman play in the Church?

What role should a homosexual be allowed to play in our faith?

Define sin.

Name: _____

State the creeds of our faith. Indicate those parts you find unneeded or unrealistic.

Other Questions

Is there anything which has not been covered in the questions above which you would like to mention?:

What is your recent reading?:

References

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Years they have known you: _____

Relationship to you: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Years they have known you: _____

Relationship to you: _____

3. Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Years they have known you: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Acknowledgment

I understand that by submitting this Application for Ordination, that I am not guaranteed acceptance. Further I understand that acceptance shall be based, in part, upon the information and documents that I have submitted (and failed to submit), the investigation of the veracity of any document submitted along with additional formative programs of the Ancient Apostolic Communion.

I do hereby give my permission to the Ancient Apostolic Communion to conduct a reasonable and diligent inquiry and investigation into my background, for the purpose of determining the truth and veracity of any and all information submitted herein. In addition, I understand that the Ancient Apostolic Communion may use outside agencies to conduct said investigation, may obtain credit reports under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, may obtain police reports and any and all other public reports directly or from outside agencies, in order to reasonably determine the truthfulness of the information submitted herein. I further understand that any material misstatement of fact within this Application may be ground for rejection of this application by the Ancient Apostolic Communion. In consent and full agreement to these terms and provisions, I set my signature below:

I acknowledge that the Ancient Apostolic Communion ordains women to all ranks of clergy and ordains homosexuals to all ranks of clergy. _____Yes _____No

I acknowledge that the Ancient Apostolic Communion does bless same-sex unions and has no policy of discrimination against any human being for any reason. _____Yes _____No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

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Check List

- _____ Application **(Required)**
- _____ Copy of any degrees or certificates from continuing education **(Required)**
- _____ Copy of any degrees or certificates from primary or college education **(Required)**
- _____ Copy of all ordination and/or consecration certificates **(Required)**
- _____ Copies of release from current jurisdiction
- _____ Proof of membership in religious orders (if any)
- _____ Photocopy of drivers license or state/national Identification Card **(Required)**
- _____ Volunteer Authorization Form (Found at our website: <http://www.taac.us>) **(Required)**
- _____ Psychological Examination Report (Must be less than 90 days old.) **(Required)**
- _____ Physical Examination Report (Must be less than 90 days old.)
- _____ Letters of Reference (if any) – Not required but would add weight to your application.
- _____ Any other documents you feel would be necessary for this application.

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