

Ordination Requirements

1. Study Requirements

1.1. Candidates shall read the following books and submit a two page report focusing on personal application:

1.1.1. 1 Historical Book:

- *All For Jesus*, by Robert L. Niklaus

Alternates:

- *Footprints: The Beginnings of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*, by Lindsay Reynolds
- *Rebirth: The Redevelopment of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*, by Lindsay Reynolds

1.1.2. 3 Books authored by A.B. Simpson:

- *The Gospel of Healing*
- *Serving the King*
- *The Self Life and the Christ Life*

Alternates:

- *The Lord for the Body*
- *The Four-Fold Gospel*
- *A Larger Christian Life*
- *Missionary Messages*
- *The Challenge of Missions*
- *Wholly Sanctified*

1.1.3. 1 Theological Christian and Missionary Alliance Book

- *The Heart of the Gospel: A.B. Simpson, the Fourfold Gospel and Late Nineteenth-Century Evangelical Theology*, by Bernie A. Van De Walle

Alternates:

- *The Glory of Christ in His Church*, by Samuel J. Stoesz
- *Sanctification: An Alliance Distinctive*, by Samuel J. Stoesz

1.1.4. 1 Missions Book

- *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*, edited by Ralph Winters and Steven Hawthorne (Read any 300 pages)

Alternate:

- Completion of the Kairos Course with submission of a three-page report focusing on personal application.

1.2. Candidates shall read the following books and submit up to a three page report focusing on personal application:

1.2.1. 1 reading related to the worker's focus of ministry.

1.2.2. 1 reading related to a current theological topic.

1.3. Candidates shall read:

1.3.1. The entire Bible in a version not previously read

1.3.2. The Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada

Candidates may submit their written reports in the language of their preference. In some instances, where books are unavailable in the language of the candidate, other books may be substituted. All substituted books must reflect Alliance doctrine. When substitution of reading requirements becomes necessary, the selection of books shall be done in consultation with the District Superintendent and the Chair of each appropriate national cultural association recognized by The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. Languages not represented by national organizations may substitute books in consultation with the District Superintendent.

2. Written Requirements

Candidates shall write four papers in the language of their preference. Ordination papers should be 8 - 10 pages, typed and double-spaced, outlining the candidate's understanding of the subject with insight into its application to the candidate's life and ministry. A proper bibliography should be included, documenting research and quotations used. The candidate will complete all four papers listed under one of the following themes, with approval of the Ordaining Council:

Theme 1 – The Fourfold Gospel

- Christ as our Saviour
- Christ as our Sanctifier
- Christ as our Healer
- Christ as our Coming King

Theme 2 – Life and Ministry

- Christ-Centred Life and Ministry
- Spirit-Empowered Life and Ministry
- Mission-Focused Life and Ministry
- The Scriptures (Alternate: Divine Healing)

3. Speaking Requirements

Submission of four recorded weekend sermons in the language of preference.

Alternate: In those cases where the candidate has little opportunity to preach, the Ordaining Council may approve submission of four recordings of a 20 minute teaching time demonstrating an ability to rightly handle the Word of God.

4. Oral Examination Requirement

Candidates shall complete an oral examination before the Ordaining Council. To the extent possible, Ordaining Councils shall include ordained pastors fluent in the language of the candidate. The Council will examine a candidate's:

- a) call to the Gospel ministry;
- b) personal experience and maturity in Christ;
- c) theological understanding and working knowledge of Scripture;

- d) completion of the study, written and speaking requirements; and
- e) evaluations from local church leadership and the District Superintendent.

5. Amendments

Ordination requirements may be amended by the President as per Ordination Policy, item 1.

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