



APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for ministerial credentials with Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada (CAFC).

After all questions have been fully answered, this application should be returned to **CAFC at the following address: 66 Josephine Street, P.O. Box 24026, North Bay Ontario, P1B 0C7**. The CAFC Credentialing Committee will make final recommendation on each application to the CAFC Board of Directors who will, at its discretion, decide whether to approve the application and issue the credentials.

Mail/Email policy: As a credentialed member of CAFC, your name will be included on both our electronic and hard-copy mailing lists. You will receive communication from our office related to your credentials as well as promotional information to keep you up to date on what is important to the Fellowship as a whole.

Directory Listing: The name, address, phone number, place of ministry, ministry title and credential category of all active and retired credential holders is listed in the CAFC directory. The list of credential holders is issued for the use of CAFC credential holders only.

FINAL CHECK LIST

- Application form (completed, signed and enclosed)
- Signature of spouse on page 3
- Three references
- Signature of declaration on page 6
- Signature of applicant ministerial code of ethics on page 7
- Current or previously held credentials and ordination certificate, if applicable (copies enclosed)
- Theological / academic transcripts, if applicable (copies enclosed)
- Police record check (including the Vulnerable Sector Search) within the last twelve months (copy enclosed).
- Fee of \$100.00 (enclosed) ****Note: \$25 is non-refundable** should application be refused

5. APPLICANT'S CURRENT MARITAL STATUS (Indicate all categories that apply)

- a) Marital status: Single Married Widow/Widower Divorced Remarried Marriage annulled (civil)
- b) If currently married, please complete the following:
 Date of Marriage (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Place of Marriage: _____
- c) Are you married to someone who is divorced and remarried? Yes No
- d) If you are divorced and remarried, is your former spouse living? Yes No

6. CURRENT SPOUSE

I, hereby, give permission for my personal information to be shared on my spouse's Ministerial Credential Application with CAFC.
 Signature of Spouse: _____ Date: _____

- a) Spouse's full name: _____
First Initial Last
- b) If CAFC credential holder, the credential number is: _____ Gender: M F
- c) Birth date (M/D/Y): _____ Citizenship: _____

7. CHILDREN

- a) Names and birth dates of your children:

NAME	BIRTH DATE			NAME	BIRTH DATE		
	Month	Day	Year		Month	Day	Year

8. OTHER DEPENDENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS (If no dependants, proceed to next question)

Name	Relationship	Age

9. EDUCATION

- a) Secondary Schooling

NAME	DATE GRADUATED			DIPLOMA
	Month	Day	Year	

- b) Post-secondary schooling

NAME	DATE GRADUATED			DIPLOMA
	Month	Day	Year	

c) Bible College or Seminary

NAME	DATE GRADUATED			DIPLOMA
	Month	Day	Year	

d) Ministerial correspondence course

If you are an undergraduate, please indicate number of courses completed: _____

NAME	DATE GRADUATED			DIPLOMA
	Month	Day	Year	

Note: Please send copies of transcripts of your Bible College, University, Seminary, Correspondence Course, and/or any other applicable academic studies with your application.

10. CURRENT CHURCH LEADERSHIP / MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

- a) Church or organization: _____
- b) Are you on staff? Yes No If yes, indicate position: _____
- c) Full time Part time Volunteer Weekly Hours: _____ Date of Appointment: _____
- d) Describe your ministry role and function in your current position. _____

11. SPIRITUAL HISTORY

- a) Describe your life's journey and your passion for ministry. Include incidents you feel were significant in your formation as a person and your call to ministry, personal ideals, goals and salvation experience.

- b) What church do you currently attend? Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Is it affiliated with CAFC? Yes No Are you a member? Yes No

How long have you been attending? _____ How many times a week do you attend? _____

- c) Pastor's name: _____
Pastor's phone: _____ Pastor's email: _____
Have you discussed this application with your Pastor? Yes No
- d) What church activities are you involved in? _____

- e) Which church did you attend *while* in Bible College / Seminary / University?
Name: _____ When and how long did you attend? _____
What activities were you involved in? _____

12. FELLOWSHIP LOYALTIES

- a) Why do you desire to be affiliated with CAFC? _____

- b) Do you understand and agree to abide by the *By-Laws* of CAFC? Yes No
- c) Do you personally subscribe to the CAFC *Statement of Faith*, as contained in the *By-Laws*? Yes No
- d) Will you publicly proclaim the truths of the *Statement of Faith* from the pulpit? Yes No
- e) Do you agree to abide by CAFC's *Ministerial Code of Ethics*? Yes No
- f) Are you willing to cooperate with the financial plans of the CAFC and support the fellowship in all policies and purposes, personally, and in your church, which require united effort for the spread of the gospel? Yes No
- g) Are you willing to cooperate with CAFC's philosophy of ongoing professional development and encourage participation in the ministry and mission of CAFC? Yes No
- h) Will you be faithful to the Biblical standards and sacred trust of the ministry by diligence, uprightness in business matters, holiness, purity, honesty and integrity, conforming to the positive virtues taught by the Lord, manifesting an attitude of humility, and avoiding the very appearance of evil? Yes No
- i) If at any time you should adopt any views which may, in any way, be contrary to the teaching held by CAFC, before advancing the same, either privately or publicly, will you first take the matter up with the CAFC Board of Directors? Yes No
- j) If, in the event of such differing views, a satisfactory understanding cannot be reached, will you voluntarily surrender your credentials with CAFC and quietly withdraw in order to prevent divisions within the fellowship and its churches? Yes No

13. PERSONAL INTEGRITY

- a) Are you aware of anything in your past or present which, if brought to light, could bring reproach on the cause of the Gospel? Yes No
- b) Are you aware of CAFC's *Discipline Policy*, accepting to submit to it if an issue requiring discipline should be brought to light? Yes No
- c) Have you ever engaged in conduct which could result in legal charges being laid against you (e.g. child abuse)? Yes No

14. POLICE RECORD CHECK (must be attached)

Date Conducted (must be within the last twelve months): _____

15. REFERENCES (the Credentialing committee may contact the following references regarding my application.)

Current Church, Denomination or Organization Leader	Name		
	Street Address		
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Phone	Email	
Former Denomination or Organization Leader	Name		
	Street Address		
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Phone	Email	
Other (not a family member)	Name		
	Street Address		
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Phone	Email	

16. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge all of the foregoing information is correct and true, and further agree to abide by the commitments made in this application.

Further, I hereby give my consent to CAFC to use and retain all personal information contained in the credential application, references or forms completed on my behalf, and any other information necessary to obtain credentials.

I agree that, if my application is successful, all personal information provided as part of the credential process will become part of the permanent records of CAFC (It is our practice to destroy incomplete or unsuccessful applications after two years).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

17. MINISTERIAL CODE OF ETHICS

As a minister of Jesus Christ, called by God to proclaim the Gospel, and gifted by the Holy Spirit, credential holders should dedicate themselves to conduct ministry in accordance with the Statement of Faith and the Ministerial Code of Ethics of the Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada.

PERSONAL STANDARD

1. The minister should be ever conscious of their high and sacred calling. (2 Timothy 4:1-5)
2. The minister should give diligent attention to the personal practice of biblical disciplines (1 Timothy 6:11-12), and to the personal development of the fruit of the Spirit. (Gal 5:22-23)
3. The minister should give adequate time to develop and maintain a spiritual readiness for faithfully discharging their ministerial responsibilities. (2 Timothy 2:15)
4. The minister should be diligent in prayer and in the reading of the Scriptures, and in personal development that would enhance effectiveness in ministry.
5. The minister should fulfill their ministerial duties using their God-given abilities and skills. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)
6. The minister should maintain a high and Biblical standard of morality in both speech and conduct. (1 Timothy 6:1-10)
7. The minister should strive to ever be commendable in manners and modest in appearance. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:12)
8. The minister should always conduct financial and business transactions in a manner that is above reproach, and give faithfully to the work of the Lord.
9. The minister should strive to give leadership in discipline and conduct in their home and manage their family with consistency. (1 Timothy 3:8-13)
10. The minister should adequately care for their own physical, emotional, and psychological well-being.

PARTNERSHIP STANDARD

1. The minister is a representative of Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada and should seek to reflect and enhance its good reputation at all times. The minister should seek to encourage participation in the mission and ministry of CAFC.
2. The minister should respect the offices of the Fellowship's national leadership.
3. The minister should seek to enhance, and not disparage, the work of both their predecessors and successors.
4. The minister should seek to enhance, support, and not disparage, the work of fellow staff members and colleagues.
5. The minister should endorse those workers, initiatives, and partnerships of Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada that have been so approved.
6. The minister should steadfastly keep guard over their congregation and refrain from giving ministry privileges to any questionable persons.
7. The minister should seek to be engaged in community activities that serve to enhance their good testimony and not interfere with other essential ministerial duties. (Acts 6:1-4)
8. The minister should refrain from any form of interference in the affairs of another assembly.
9. The minister should actively engage in methods of evangelism and outreach that would honour the Lord and the vision, mission, and core values of Christian Aboriginal Fellowship of Canada, also respecting the ministry of neighbouring assemblies.

PASTORAL STANDARD

1. The minister should accept their calling as a sacred obligation and faithfully perform those duties.
2. The minister should recognize their responsibility as a spiritual shepherd to all their flock and to those who have no shepherd. (1 Peter 5:1-4)
3. The minister should regard service and ministry as primary and remuneration and rewards as secondary.
4. The minister should never violate the confidence of those who seek help, except where disclosure is mandated by law.
5. The minister should seek to guard their church's good reputation in the community and its testimony to unbelievers.
6. The minister should take a leading interest in the local church property, seeing that it is kept in proper repair without creating burdensome financial obligations.
7. The minister should see that true and accurate church records are kept at all times.
8. The minister should be actively involved in mission activities, locally, nationally and internationally. (Acts 1:8)

I, hereby, have read, and agree to abide by the standards outlined in this code of ethics:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____