



INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

A ministry of EBC Ministries
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Application for Individual Membership

NOTE: A \$25 Application fee must accompany all applications/\$125 a year dues

PLEASE PRINT

1. Name: _____ Preferred Title: _____
 2. Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____
 3. Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____
 4. DOB: ____/____/____ 5. S.S. # ____ - ____ - _____
 6. EMAIL: _____ 7. SEX: M__ F__ 8. WEB: _____
 9. Of what country are you a citizen? _____
 10. Are you a native of that country or a naturalized citizen? _____
 11. Marital Status: Married__ Single__ Separated__ Divorced__ Widow/Widower_____
 12. Have you or your spouse ever been divorced? _____ (If so, please include the date of divorce, date of remarriage and the basis on which the decree was granted on a separate sheet. Any additional information would be helpful. Each case will be reviewed on its own merits.)
 13. If married, please state your spouse's name: _____
 14. How many children and what are their ages? _____
 15. Do you/your spouse abstain from: alcoholic beverages? ____ Illegal drugs? __ Immoral Practices? ____
 16. What is your present ministry? (Please state your actual ministerial activities in detail, along with the name of the ministry and where it's located)

 17. On the average, how many hours per week do you spend in Christian ministry? _____
- Explain: _____
18. Are you financially supported by the same ministry? _____
 19. If you have an occupation in addition to the ministry, state what it is and how many hours in a week it consumes: _____

20. How long have you been employed in full-time or part-time ministry? _____

21. If you pastor a church, give name, address, and denomination _____

22. Of what church are you a member? _____

22. What classification of credentials have you held previously? License _____ Ordained _____
None _____

23. If yes, by what organization? _____

24. Have you ever been denied ordination or licensing? (If yes, explain) _____

25. Has your ordination or license been revoked or suspended? (If yes, explain) _____

26. Which designation are you applying for? Ordained Minister _____ Licensed Minister _____
Board Certified Chaplain _____ Board Certified Biblical Counselor _____

27. List the extent of your education below.

| | Name of School | Location | Yrs. Attended | Date of grad. | Subject/Major |
|---------------|----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| High School | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| College/Univ. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Bible College | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Seminary | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Other | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

28. List four individuals who are familiar with your present ministry that would be willing to vouch for you. Two should be ministers. Please type or print.

| | Name | Address | City, State, Zip | Phone |
|----|-------|---------|------------------|-------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

29. Please provide two letters of *personal* character reference and two letters of *professional* character reference.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

I hereby authorize any person making inquiry on behalf of the Evangelical Bible Chapel, Greenacres Christian Academy, Evangelical Bible Seminary or the Interdenominational Minister's Association to obtain any information from police departments and any other criminal justice agencies relating to any criminal record. This information may include, but is not limited to, arrest and conviction records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request, whether favorable or unfavorable, to any representative of the above-named institution presenting this authorization or a photocopy or facsimile copy of it. In order to assist in the compilation of this information, I hereby give the following information:

NAME: _____

MAIDEN NAME (if applicable) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

ALIASES IF ANY: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

EXP. DATE: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____

I hereby release any individual, including record custodians, from any and all liability for damages, of whatever kind or nature, which may at any time result to me on account of compliance, or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. This authorization shall be void six months from the date of execution.

A photocopy or facsimile copy of this document and any signature shall be considered for all purposes as an original.

Date Signature

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20__ by _____. Personally know _____ OR Produced Identification _____.

My Commission Expires: _____

Seal/Stamp:

Notary
Signature

Printed
Signature

Tenets of Faith

The Interdenominational Ministers Association is a ministry of the Evangelical Bible Chapel. Our purpose is to provide an organization that will offer ordination and licensing credentials to individuals that have been called by God, into ministry as missionaries, pastors, evangelists, chaplains, hospital & hospice ministers, youth leaders, or worship leaders. Our goal is to assist and equip them for service by providing accountability, training and said credentials.

All individuals applying for license or ordination must subscribe to the following Tenets of Faith. These tenets can never be changed, amended or modified.

I Believe the Bible (The Word of God) equally in all parts and without error in its origin, inspired by God.

I Believe in one God, eternally existent Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who created man by a direct immediate act;

I Believe in the pre-existence, incarnation, virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension to heaven, and the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I Believe in the fall of man, the need of regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the basis of grace alone, and the resurrection of all life or damnation.

I Believe in the spiritual relationship of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, living a life of righteous works, separated from the world and witnessing of His saving grace through the ministry of the Holy Spirit;

I Believe in the sanctity of life (all life, living and unborn);

I Believe in the sanctity of marriage (man and woman);

I Believe in family, as taught in the scriptures.

Ministerial Ethics

Every member of the I.M.A. is required to subscribe to and live according to the Evangelical Bible Chapel Core Values.

Disciplinary Procedure

Members shall be subject to discipline, censure or removal from membership and annulment of ordination and cancelation of credentials for any of the following reasons:

- A. Activities that bring reproach upon the Christian ministry of the I.M.A.
- B. Sinful or immoral conduct, living in a state of transgression of the Holy Scriptures of the Bible (I. Cor. 6:9, 10; Gal. 5: 19-21) as interpreted by the Executive Board based on the Tenets of Faith of the EBC set forth in its constitution.
- C. Holding or teaching doctrines that are contrary to the Word of God or in opposition to the Tenets of Faith of this organization.
- D. Failure to comply with the terms of the constitution and bylaws of the EBC.

I desire to become a member of the Interdenominational Minister's Association. I hereby accept the above Tenets of Faith, EBC Core Values with understanding of the Disciplinary Procedure and certify on my honor to the truth of the statements made in answer to the proceeding questions. If accepted in the I.M.A. I will submit to the payment of annual dues and will submit an annual ministerial report each year to remain in good standing and to maintain the validity of my credentials.

Date: _____ Signature (Full Name) _____

EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHAPEL CORE VALUES

INTRODUCTION:

1. Core values are the beliefs and values which are adopted, embraced and implemented in the operation of a ministry and are to be the principles of controlling guidance by which it seeks to accomplish what God has called the ministry to undertake and do. A Core Value is a cherished principle that controls ministry decisions and directions.
2. A list of Core Values is never complete or intended to be a finished product “once and for all.” But a list of Core Values is always intended to be a controlling statement of what the ministry will be guided and operated by, in good and sincere conscience before God.
3. The wording of a Core Value may change from time to time to better reflect what is intended by it, but the essence and position of a Core Value should never change unless the ministry has been led of God to change its mission or, sadly, the ministry has compromised and abandoned its Biblical position.
4. A ministry should desire to be recognized, known, defined and understood by the Core Values that it embraces and upholds. A ministry’s Core Values are what the ministry really is, if the Core Values are practiced and upheld, with good conscience, before God. While no ministry, or person in a ministry, is ever perfect, every ministry must strive to diligently uphold its Core Values.
 - a. Ministry Leadership must totally adopt, encourage, enforce, and believe in the ministry Core Values.
 - b. Ministry Management must thoroughly believe in and support the Ministry Core Values.
 - c. Ministry Co-Laborers must totally support the ministry Core Values.
 - d. Ministry Workers must conform to, and never embarrass, the ministry Core Values.
5. Core Values must always be implemented and enforced with Biblical love, graciousness, patience, gentleness, meekness and helpful encouragement. **CORE VALUES MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AND ENFORCED!**
6. Core Values, which are based upon the Word of God, are non-negotiable and are not open to discussion for purpose of compromise or change. Most of the E.B.C. Core Values are based upon the Word of God.
7. E.B.C. Core Values are designed to allow the ministry to lead for real commitment on the part of everyone in the ministry and not just manage for compliance. How a person in the ministry is evaluated in light of the ministry Core Values, is governed by five (5) key factors:

LOYALTY – ENTHUSIASM – ZEAL – COMPETENCE – INTEGRITY

EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHAPEL CORE VALUES

1. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes and, holds to without exception, the belief that the Bible is the inerrant and verbally inspired Word of God. The Bible is to be honored in all matters of faith and practice. Without exception, we will use and honor the Bible, as the Word, in all E.B.C. ministry matters.
2. Everyone in the ministry of E.B.C. must be born again Christians with a clear salvation testimony wherein they have trusted Jesus Christ and Him alone for their eternal salvation.
3. As Christians, we should follow the scripture that states: “Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. (Matthew 22:37)

The leading of people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is to be the primary focus of everything that we do.

It is to be the primary responsibility of everyone in the ministry of E.B.C. to be an active and fervent personal soul-winner for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

4. Everyone in the ministry of E.B.C., including Greenacres Christian Academy and the Evangelical Bible Seminary, is expected to be faithful in attendance and participation at a theologically sound and fundamental, Bible believing, Bible preaching and Bible practicing local church.

Everyone in the E.B.C. ministry is expected to be supportive and encouraging of his or her local pastor.

5. That anyone on the staff of E.B.C. is dedicated to supporting the giving of our tithes and offerings to the Lord as a part of our Biblical faith.

Everyone in the ministry of E.B.C. is encouraged and expected to be faithful and regular in their giving of tithes and offerings, as required by Scripture.

6. That the ministry of E.B.C. is a ministry and not a business.

As a ministry, E.B.C. is dedicated to honoring the Word of God to the best of our ability in everything that we do, and to being led by the Spirit of God to accomplish the Will of God for this ministry.

Every person participating in the ministry of E.B.C. should recognize and participate in it whole-heartedly as a ministry, and not merely a job or business.

7. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that our efforts and dedication in everything that we do is to be done for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lazy, half-hearted, nonfervent, nonpunctual, nonexcellent and nonfollow-through to completion efforts are sins, which should never be approved of, or permitted to become our standard of personal performance in our ministry efforts for the Lord. We should do all things as unto the Lord, according to scripture. Our best should be our goal.

All ministry deadlines and goals should be fervently kept and honored.

8. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that all Christians are called upon to keep a Biblically holy and separated life in our walk with God, and in all matters of life activity.

While no ministry, or person in ministry, is ever perfect, every ministry must strive to diligently uphold its Core Values.

When failure through sin occurs, the Christian is to confess his or her sin to God and repent by turning away from that sin promptly and completely. Leadership will decide consequences.

9. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that in all leadership roles, persons should refrain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, or the abuse of any legal drugs.

All profanity, or any form of non-Christ honoring remarks are forbidden. Words that build should be used instead of words that destroy.

All Christ dis-honoring amusements, entertainments or leisure activities are to be avoided. All pornography, irrespective of how it is provided, is forbidden.

10. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that our manner of dress and personal appearance, both at and away from the ministry, is to be Biblically modest, non-worldly, or honor to the standard of the ministry and of honor to our testimony for the Savior, Jesus Christ.
11. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that the most important and critical ministry asset is the people in the ministry whose lives are dedicated to the ministry and its goals, values and beliefs.

E.B.C. believes in developing and improving the skills, abilities, opportunity to serve and spiritual character of its people as a matter of Biblically required stewardship to God. E.B.C. believes that everyone in the ministry is to be treated with respect, encouragement and proper honor.

E.B.C. believes that the people in the ministry are to be valued and treated with the utmost Scriptural love and care as a matter of Biblical command and belief.

12. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes in Biblical servanthood for everyone participating in the ministry.

The ministry believes that the serving of those who afford themselves of the benefits of the ministry, as well as the serving of each other within the ministry, is a privilege and honor to be done as unto the Lord.

The ministry believes that everyone in the ministry should aspire and daily strive to be the “servant of all.”

13. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that criticism, murmuring, gossip, disloyalty, subversion or disobedience of ministry directives, non-truthfulness and the encouragement of disobedience or disloyalty to the directive of the ministry of E.B.C. and its leadership, is Biblically forbidden if engaged in by any person who is a part of the ministry.

Everyone in the ministry should be given the fair opportunity to be heard by leadership on matters of proper concern to them in the ministry.

Communication which is Christ-honoring is to be encouraged throughout the ministry and particularly between co-laborers and the leadership. Helpful suggestions should always be encouraged and reviewed.

PROPER COMMUNICATION.

14. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that the criticism or showing of disrespect to any other Christ-honoring ministries is Biblically wrong and will not be permitted.
15. That the ministry of E.B.C. believes that the Bible mandates the Christian education of our children, as a matter of the faith, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
16. The ministry of E.B.C. is an Interdenominational Church, and everyone in the ministry must be fundamental in their Bible based beliefs, doctrines and lifestyle.

Everyone in the ministry of E.B.C. must affirm and support the Bible-believing position upon which the E.B.C. is based.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED EBC CORE VALUES, THEN SIGN AND RETURN **ENTIRE DOCUMENT** WITH YOUR IMA APPLICATION.

I understand that the afore Core Values are an instrument of EBC Ministries and that my understanding, and agreement with these core values, is required for ordination into the IMA.

Signature

Date

Printed name:
