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INDEPENDENT ASSEMBLIES

Application for Ministerial Credentials
Revised March 2017

For Office Use Only:
 Exhorter
 License
 Ordination
Date Accepted _____

New Applicant Advancement Transfer Reinstatement
Applying for: Exhorter's License Minister's License Ordination

Our purpose for granting credentials (pages 18 & 19, by-laws and policies) is threefold:

1. So that we may know **them which labor among us** according to 1 Thessalonians 5:12.
2. To certify and confirm our confidence in the character and calling of **the ministers in our fellowship**.
3. To qualify **our ministers** in a legal sense to comply with the requirements of the law.

It is our policy not to grant any level of credential to any applicant, however qualified, if it seems obvious that the applicant wants credentials only, and has no intention of working in fellowship with the Independent Assemblies. In rare or unusual cases, exceptions are made and an "Exhorter License" or "Minister License" may be granted, but not "Ordination" status.

We do not extend ministerial credentials to anyone involved in the following: homosexuality, or any sexual activity outside of marriage; the use of intoxicating liquor, narcotics, hallucinogens or tobacco; any form of occult, any involvement in a militia group with intent to overthrow the government of the United States of America, or membership in any secret order such as the Masonic Lodge and its various branches including the Masons, Scottish Rites, Shriners, Eastern Star, Demolays and Rainbow Girls. It is our firm belief that the Bible teaches against these things and any participation constitutes unacceptable conduct.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Full Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephones - Residence () - _____ Office () - _____ Fax () - _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? yes no If not, what country? _____

Gender: Male Female E-mail Address: _____ Website _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Date of Conversion _____ Place of Conversion _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced If Divorced, How many times? _____

How many times since conversion? _____ If married, has your companion been divorced? yes no

How many times has your companion been divorced since conversion? _____ Date of Marriage _____

How long were you or your spouse divorced before current marriage? You _____ Spouse _____

Have you held credentials with any other fellowship, organization or licensing body? yes no If yes, give its name and your reason for leaving _____

Do you now hold credentials with Independent Assemblies? yes no If yes, what is your current level of credential? Exhorter License Ordination

Name of Church you currently attend: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Pastor's Phone Number: () - _____

What training have you had to qualify you for the ministry to which you have been called?

On Campus Bible School Correspondence Bible School Pastoral Instruction Other

If "Other," explain: _____

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1. Do you agree with our Code of Conduct as presented on page 1? yes no
 2. Have you read the entire Bible? yes no
 3. Do you believe that all of the Bible is the true and inspired Word of God? yes no
 4. Have you read our By-laws and Policies Book? yes no
 5. Do you accept our doctrinal position on the Trinity of the Godhead? yes no
 6. Have all men sinned? yes no
 7. Can good works save a soul from hell? yes no
 8. Is faith in the shed blood of Jesus essential to salvation? yes no
 9. Do you believe that once saved, it is possible to be lost? yes no
 10. Do you teach and practice water baptism according to Matthew 28:19? yes no
 11. Is speaking with other tongues the initial, physical evidence of the Holy Ghost Baptism? yes no
 12. Have you received the Holy Ghost Baptism according to Acts 2:4 and 10:44-46? yes no
 13. Is divine healing in the atonement? yes no
 14. Will Jesus return to rapture (*catch away*) His church before the seven year tribulation? yes no
 15. Will you conduct your ministry and personal behavior according to the stated doctrinal positions and code of conduct of the Independent Assemblies? yes no
 17. Do you tithe faithfully? yes no
 18. Are you willing to help support our World Missions program? yes no
 19. Are you now carrying a full schedule of duties as pastor, evangelist, missionary, etc.? yes no
 20. What is your present ministerial position? _____
 21. How long have you derived your support from the ministry of the gospel? _____
 22. I declare that all the information given is true and complete, and having read all the requirements on this application, I will accept and abide by the same.

Applicant's Signature: _____

This applicant must be recommended by applicant's pastor or other **ordained** minister of Independent Assemblies and this application signed by same.

Recommended by (print or type) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () - - Fax () - - E-mail Address _____

Very Important: If the applicant's recommending pastor is not an **ordained** minister with the Independent Assemblies, the application must be endorsed by a minister who is **ordained** with the Independent Assemblies, who is in good standing, and who will attest to the credibility and integrity of the recommending pastor.

To Be Completed by Recommending Minister

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What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

How long have you known him/her? _____

Have you had ample opportunity to observe the ministry of the applicant? yes no

If so, what is your evaluation? _____

Have you had opportunity to evaluate the sincerity of the applicant? yes no

If so, what is your evaluation? _____

Have you had opportunity to evaluate the integrity of the applicant? yes no

If so, what is your evaluation? _____

Do you know whether the applicant has a good working knowledge of the Bible? yes no

If yes, what is your evaluation? _____

Do you believe the applicant is honest when dealing with finances? yes no

Do you believe the applicant is truthful at all times? yes no

Does this applicant have a history of being in the midst of church confusion and turmoil? yes no

In your opinion, Will this applicant be a valuable minister in the Independent Assemblies? yes no

If there is anything else you would like to tell us about the applicant, write anything you wish on the following lines:

The answers and comments given above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I do offer my recommendation for approval of this application:

Recommending Ministers Signature: _____

Date of Signing _____

**To be completed by Endorsing Independent Assemblies Minister when
the Recommending Minister does not have credentials with the
Independent Assemblies**

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Are you well acquainted with the Recommending Minister? yes no

How long (*approximately*) have you known him/her? _____ years _____ months

Do you know him/her to be a minister of sincerity and integrity?..... yes no

Are you confident that he/she is completely truthful? yes no

Do you have complete confidence in the judgment of the
Recommending Minister in regard to the qualifications of the applicant?..... yes no

Other comments: _____

The answers and comments given above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and I do offer my endorsement to the Recommending Minister.

Endorsed by: (print or type) _____ Phone (____) ____ - _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of Endorsee: _____ Date _____

Notice to Applicant: CREDENTIAL FEE & PHOTO MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

Exhorter \$50.00 – License \$80.00 – Ordination \$90.00 – Reinstatement \$10.00 Additional
Important! Whenever possible, include a copy of current credential certificate or of last credential held.

Please Mail To:
INDEPENDENT ASSEMBLIES
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Ada, OK 74821