



Ministerial Credential Packet

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# Mission Statement

In the R3 ALLIANCE community, we see a proactive, thriving culture of ministers connecting together in **Relationship, Resource, and Reformation**.

**Relationship** - Developing an atmosphere of LOVE, SECURITY, and GROWTH for each minister.

*"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." Hebrews 10: 23-25 (NLT)*

**Resource** - Providing ministerial credentials, tools, and training for growth, encouragement and enhancement.

**Reformation**—Focusing to walk daily in communion with the Holy Spirit in all areas of life and ministry.

## Core Values

1. We value the work and leading of the Holy Spirit, and we believe that nothing of lasting value happens without prayer.
2. We value HIS Church and believe that a healthy, local church is the hope of the world.
3. We will promote a Biblical worldview as having precedence over a secular worldview.
4. We are committed to teach and protect doctrinal integrity.
5. We are passionate about reaching the lost through evangelism and world missions.
6. We believe in strong, Biblical, marriage-and-family values and living with moral and ethical integrity.
7. We are committed to identifying and training the next generation of leaders.

# Tenets of Faith

- **The Holy Scripture** (2 Timothy 3:16,17): We believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, irrevocable and complete Word of God.
- **The Eternal Godhead** (1 John 5:7): We believe God is Triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the three in one.
- **The Fall of Man** (Romans 5:12): We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience he fell from perfection.
- **Basis of Salvation** (John 3:16; Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9-10): We believe that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon of all who believe on Him and confess Jesus Christ as their Lord.
- **Salvation Through Grace** (Ephesians 3:8): We believe that before salvation we have no righteousness of our own and must come to God through the righteousness of Christ.
- **Repentance and Acceptance** (1 John 1:9): We believe that upon sincere repentance and a wholehearted acceptance of Christ as Lord, we are justified before God.
- **The New Birth** (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20; John 3:5-7): We believe that the change which takes place in the Heart and life at conversion is a literal one and is the result of being born of the Spirit of God.
- **Daily Christian Life** (Hebrews 6:1): We believe that it is the will of God that we live a sanctified and holy life, growing constantly in the Faith.
- **Water Baptism** (Matthew 28:19): We believe that baptism by immersion in water is an outward sign of the inward work of salvation.
- **The Lord's Supper** (1 Corinthians 11:28): We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolical use of the bread and the juice of the vine.
- **Baptism of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:8; 2:4): We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to endue the believer with power, and that His empowering is after the same manner as in Bible days.
- **The Spirit-Filled Life** (Ephesians 4:30-32): We believe that it is the will of God that we walk in the Spirit continually.
- **The Gifts and the Fruit of the Spirit** (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11-13): We believe that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon the Christian and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life.
- **Moderation and Balance** (Philippians 4:5): We believe that all truth must be balanced with other scriptural truth in order to avoid any extreme of fanaticism and we believe that moderation should show forth in our daily walk as a believer.

- **Divine Healing** (1 Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:17; 18:18-19; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Mark 16:15-18; Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33): We believe that divine healing is the provision of Christ to heal the sick in response to the exercise of faith, the prayer of faith, the prayer of agreement, anointing with oil, the gifts of healing or the laying on of hands. We believe that this provision is for everyone today.
- **The Second Coming** (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17): We believe that the Second Coming of Christ is literal and inevitable.
- **Church Membership** (Acts 16:5; Hebrews 10:25): We believe it is our sacred duty to identify and actively participate with the local and visible Church of Christ.
- **Civil Government** (Romans 13:1-5): We believe that the laws of the land should be upheld at all times except in matters opposed to the Word of God.
- **The Final Judgment** (2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-13): We believe that all shall stand one day before God in final judgment, and there receive eternal reward or eternal judgment.
- **Heaven** (John 14:2; Revelation 7:15-17): We believe that heaven is a literal place, eternally existent.
- **Hell** (Revelation 20:10,15): We believe that hell is a literal place of eternal torment for all who reject the Lord Jesus.
- **Evangelism** (James 5:20; Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21): We believe that soul-winning is the Great Commission given to the Church.
- **Tithes and Offerings** (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Hebrews 7:8): We believe that the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is by the giving of tithes and free-will offerings.
- **Worship** (John 4:24; Psalm 150): We believe that "acceptable" and "true" worship is prescribed by God Himself in His Word. This embodies individual and corporate expressions of praise and thanksgiving and reverence in holiness.
- **Church Government** (1 Peter 5:1-5; Romans 13): We believe in church government to ensure order, and we believe in loyalty to those acting in rightful authority as they lead us in the Lord.
- **Unity, Understanding, and Love** (1 Corinthians 13:13): We believe that in essentials there must be unity, in non-essentials, understanding, and, in all things, love.

## **Requirements for Ordination, Licensing or Ministerial Apprenticeship**

**All individuals who believe in the principles, nature, and purpose of R3**

**ALLIANCE may make application to become a part of this fellowship if the following requirements are fulfilled:**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The applicant must be called of God to minister as laid out in Ephesians 4:11.
2. The applicant must be actively involved in the ministry.
3. The applicant must agree with the R3 ALLIANCE Statement of Faith.
4. The applicant must include a detailed, typed ministry résumé along with application.
5. If credentials are held with another organization, submit a copy of certificate.
6. The applicant must return the completed packet, processing and annual fees to a member of the Presbytery.
7. The applicant must submit a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$50.00.
8. The applicant must submit an annual license/ordination fee of \$150.00. This fee will be refunded if the application is not approved.
9. The applicant must have a Biblical Studies education - we will evaluate your current education to see if it qualifies.

## **Credentialing Process for R3 Alliance of Ministers and Churches Ministry Apprenticeship**

This level of credential is for those who are developing a call to fulltime vocational ministry and are devoting part of their time to Christian ministry. They shall remain under the supervision of a pastor or designated supervisor and be actively engaged in some aspect of ministry.

1. Complete the application:
  - a. Review all documents in the application packet.
  - b. Indicate your agreement with doctrinal statement of R3.
  - c. Provide transcripts or certificates for completion of any required courses.
  - d. Submit application fee.
2. Provide references:
  - a. Provide the name of a senior pastor with whom you have been directly associated and to whom you have been accountable in ministry.
  - b. Provide two other references, at least one in a secular field.
3. You will be contacted by a member of the Credentials Review Committee to establish a date and time for a personal interview.
4. Interview with Credentials Review Committee member. (This interview may be conducted via teleconference, videoconference or in person.)
5. Approval of credential with instructions for advancing future credentials.
6. You may expect to receive your Ministry Apprenticeship credential via postal mail within two weeks of the interview approval by the Credential Review Committee.

## Ministry License

This level of credential is for those who have met the qualifications for licensure and show evidence of a divine call and demonstrate the character for that calling. They shall have practical ministry experience with the intended purpose of devoting one's life in service to proclaiming the gospel.

1. Complete the application:
  - a. Review all documents in the application packet.
  - b. Indicate your agreement with doctrinal statement of R3.
  - c. Provide transcripts or certificates for completion of any required courses or credential from another credentialing body.
  - d. Submit application fee.
2. Provide references:
  - a. Provide the name of a senior pastor with whom you have been directly associated and to whom you have been accountable in ministry.
  - b. Provide two other references, at least one in a secular field.
3. You will be contacted by a member of the Credentials Review Committee to establish a date and time for a personal interview.
4. Interview with Credentials Review Committee member.
  - a. This interview may be conducted via teleconference, videoconference or in person.
5. Approval of credential with instructions for advancing future credentials.
6. You may expect to receive your Ministry License credential via postal mail within two weeks of the approval by the Credential Review Committee.



## Ordination

This level of credential is for those who give proof of their call and whose maturity in ministry qualifies them for leadership in fulltime ministries. Applicants must be at least 23 years of age, have held a ministry license, and have been actively engaged in proven fulltime ministry for at least two consecutive years.

1. Complete the application:
  - a. Review all documents in the application packet.
  - b. Indicate your agreement with doctrinal statement of R3.
  - c. Provide transcripts or certificates for completion of any required courses or credential from another credentialing body.
  - d. Submit application fee.
2. Provide references:
  - a. Provide the name of a senior pastor with whom you have been directly associated and to whom you have been accountable in ministry.
  - b. Provide two other references, at least one in a secular field.
3. You will be contacted by a member of the Credentials Review Committee to establish a date and time for a personal interview.
4. Interview with Credentials Review Committee member.
  - a. This interview will be conducted in person.
5. Approval of credential
6. Commissioning Service
  - a. There will be a commissioning for fulltime ministry with the laying on of hands for spiritual service. This will be done with the leadership of the R3 Alliance of Ministers and Churches.
7. You will receive your ordination credential after the Commissioning Service.

**REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO MINISTERIAL LICENSE:**

- ✓ The applicant must be at least 21 years of age for licensing.
- ✓ The applicant must have two years of Biblical studies. Biblical studies can be local (in-house or off-campus), extended education, or online courses.

**REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO ORDINATION:**

- ✓ The applicant must be at least 23 years of age for ordination.
- ✓ Applicants must be licensed for two years before becoming ordained.
- ✓ The applicant must be actively ministering and speaking on a regular basis.

**ALL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKETS MUST INCLUDE:\***

1. Application Form
2. Signed Code of Honor Pledge
3. Recent photograph
4. Non-refundable \$50.00 application fee
5. \$150.00 annual membership fee (Ministers who are accepted in the last quarter of the year will not have a renewal fee for the following year. This fee is due annually.)
6. Two recommendations from persons who have known your ministry for at least two years
7. Minister's Invitation completed by a member of the Presbytery
8. Statement of Ministry
9. Résumé including your education, ministry, and work background

\*No action will be taken on your application until all fees and completed forms have been submitted.

## **Fee Schedule**

**\* Please make checks payable to R3 Alliance**

1. Application Fee - \$50
2. License / Ordained Annual Fee - \$150
3. Affiliation Annual Fee - \$125
4. Church Affiliation Annual Fee - \$1,000

## **Overview of Requirements:**

The R3 ALLIANCE endeavors to create and maintain high standards of proving one's calling and commitment to the ministry. Moreover, it is our desire to provide opportunities for growth towards maturity in Christ, as well as facilitate peer fellowship that serves to give checks and balances for accountability and chain-of-command under authority for legitimate ministry. Since a calling to ministry holds great responsibility before God and man, it is not to be taken lightly. "Mail-order" credentialing agencies abound. Therefore, it is our commitment to take seriously your calling and stewardship by requiring all applicants and those who hold credentials in good standing with R3 ALLIANCE to maintain mutual accountability, doctrinal soundness, financial integrity, and moral purity in all aspects of the minister's life, teachings, and ministry. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy, a young pastor in Ephesus, saying: "...set an example to the believers in speech, in life, in love, faith, and in purity" (1 Timothy 1:9; 3:5-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; Galatians 6:2,4; 1 Timothy 4:12b NIV).

**Please complete this form in its entirety. Please print or type.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

1. Attach copies of credentials you have held with any other organization.
2. You **MUST** include a Ministry Résumé with this application which includes:
  - a) Education: In addition to high school and / or college, include Bible schools, trade school, correspondence schools, etc.
  - b) Complete employment history

## Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

HM Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

When were you born again? \_\_\_\_\_

Filled with the Holy Spirit? (Acts2:4) \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Ministerial Experience

Have you been licensed through another organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been ordained through another organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why have you chosen R3 ALLIANCE for ministerial credentials? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

- Disaffiliated from another organization. Why?
- Convenience
- Legal reasons
- Agreement with vision
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How did you hear about R3 ALLIANCE? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you committed to a local church? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

To what level? • Deeply • Moderately • Little

4. Your Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / ST / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please describe the call of God on your life and your vision for accomplishing this: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Have you ever personally been involved in a church split? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

7. Have there ever been any civil or criminal proceedings against you?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

8. Are there currently any legal judgments against you? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
(If you answered YES to #6, 7, or 8, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

9. Give the name, address, and telephone number of at least one R3 ALLIANCE Credentialed Minister with whom you are acquainted: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. If you are approved for ministerial credentials, what can you contribute that would benefit the R3 ALLIANCE family? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What is your understanding of tithing?\_\_\_\_\_

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12. Do you tithe to your local church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

# Code of Honor Pledge

I am in accord with the Statement of Faith and the credential requirements of R3 ALLIANCE. I will always conduct myself in a manner becoming to Christ Jesus and His Kingdom... in word, in spirit, and in conversation. I will never give cause for accusations to be made against me in the conduct of my personal affairs or public ministry. I am willing to accept counsel and advice from R3 ALLIANCE, submitting myself in love, understanding that R3 ALLIANCE has the authority to revoke my ministerial papers if my conduct becomes reproachful. I accept my membership at R3 ALLIANCE as a PRIVILEGE and NOT a right. I also understand that R3 ALLIANCE reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any member at any time if, in the judgment of the Presbytery, such action is deemed necessary to safeguard R3 ALLIANCE's ideals of Christian and moral character. I understand that my signature below is my acceptance of the entire Code of Honor and completes a contract between R3 ALLIANCE and myself, which is a prerequisite for my membership.

1. I PLEDGE to seek after the heart of God and apply myself to be conformed to His image in all areas of my life through personal spiritual devotion.
2. I PLEDGE to continually seek the current flow of the Holy Spirit in each and every unique move He gives to the Body of Christ without compromising Scriptural integrity.
3. I PLEDGE to live a lifestyle that gives honor to God and abstain from questionable actions that would harm my testimony as a minister or discredit the body of Christ. This encompasses all biblical standards given by the Word of God morally, socially, and legally.
4. I PLEDGE to maintain a proper Biblical order for my marriage, home, and family.
5. I PLEDGE to operate in integrity within the financial operation of my home and ministry.
6. I PLEDGE to operate within the constraints of confidentiality between ministers.
7. I PLEDGE to give myself to a ministry of restoration of fallen ministers and parishioners as they cooperate with that process.
8. I PLEDGE to carry a heart of restoration and healing for fellow ministers in need.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Requirements for Maintaining Credentials

In order to maintain ministerial credentials granted you through R3 ALLIANCE, you must annually meet the following requirements:

1. Return the annual membership fee by January 31st of each year. Dues are currently \$150 per year.

Communication is vital for this fellowship of ministers, and we ask that you communicate with us on financial matters even if you are unable to financially meet this obligation by the stated date. No one would be declined credentials or have credentials revoked based on an inability to pay.

A late fee may apply if we do not receive a response from you by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

2. Return the annual Ministry Victory Report, which will be available online.
3. Abide by the Code of Honor Pledge. Failure to abide by this pledge can mean immediate revocation of your credentials.
4. Keep lines of communication open updating R3 ALLIANCE leadership on what is happening with you in ministry.

I understand that if I do not fulfill any of the above requirements, my status and the credential I hold will become inactive. I agree to keep the lines of communication open with the leadership of R3 ALLIANCE as to what is happening in both my personal life and ministry. If my credentials should become inactive, I also understand that I must resubmit an application and recommendations in order to bring them back to an active status.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: WE HAVE SET THE POLICY THAT ALL MINSTERS AND MINSTRIES WHO CURRENTLY HOLD CREDENTIALS WITH NEW LIFE INTERNATIONAL, AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING, WILL BE GRANDFATHERED INTO THE R3 ALLIANCE. To be adopted will require that each minister and ministry alliance be updated in all pertinent information and agree with the Mission Statement, Core Values, Tenants of Faith, Code of Honor Pledge, and maintain all required fees.

All fees will be due during the month of January of the given New Year. A grace period will be permitted if there are legitimate extenuating circumstances until March 31<sup>st</sup> of that year. Some exceptions may be considered by the Presbytery in case of unique hardships on individuals that inhibit them from providing the required fees.

In the event that an individual or church fails to meet the required fees, those credentials and affiliation will go into a lapse mode and be considered "inactive" until they have met the requirements of remaining current on the annual fees.

# Invitation

\*\*\* This form is to be completed by a Presbyter or Member Minister of R3 ALLIANCE.

(Applicant's name) \_\_\_\_\_

As a representative with R3, I personally recommend for (check one below):

- Ordination       Licensing       Ministerial Apprentice

with R3 ALLIANCE. I believe that such an association would be mutually beneficial for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Minister's Name (Please Print): Presbyter Member Minister

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of Ministry Involvement

Please use this form to verify your involvement in ministry and to what degree (full, part- time, or occasional). This will assist us in qualifying for ordination or licensure.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This form is to be completed by the person who is directly responsible for your involvement in active ministry: i.e. - minister, pastor of a church, business manager, etc.

Applicant's Name: Will be (has been) working with us in the following capacity (please be as detailed as possible): \_\_\_\_\_

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Effective on (from) the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

