

# **INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

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ASSOCIATION, INC.**



Dear Minister Friend,

I bring you Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your interest in the International Ministerial Association (IMA). We welcome your inquiry to a fellowship of ministers who are called by God to model biblical values, build long-term relationships, and engage wholeheartedly in ministry. The IMA has been serving ministers from all over the United States and missionaries around the world since 1954. I am delighted to share this information with you.

The enclosed material should answer most of your questions. However, if you need more information please feel free to call the Home Office at 352-628-5198. You may email the office at [IMAHDO@aol.com](mailto:IMAHDO@aol.com). Our web site address is [www.interma.net](http://www.interma.net) and contains additional information and downloadable forms.

The IMA is a fellowship that provides oversight and covering as a support system for ministers from around the world. We require accountability and responsibility from our ministers. We encourage all perspective members to familiarize themselves with our constitution. It is expected that those connected with the IMA be men and women of integrity, respect authority, and work together with fellow ministers.

The IMA is a resource for networking with other ministers and ministries and gives you freedom to join and minister in other religious organizations, associations and churches. The IMA respects each person's ministerial calling. It is not our purpose to burden ministers with unnecessary organizational rules and restrictions. The IMA promotes love, cooperation, freedom and fellowship in the body of Christ. We can also provide 501 c. 3 coverage for affiliated churches.

It is my desire that you prayerfully consider becoming an active member of the IMA. If you are so directed, please fill out the application in its entirety and mail it to the District Chairperson. A District Chairperson's List is included with the application.

Again, thank you so very much for your inquiry, and may God bless your ministry abundantly!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy L. Warner".

Dr. Timothy L. Warner  
Chairman

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR I.M.A. APPLICATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

- 1. Please complete all information, answer all questions and obtain signatures on the application. Attach a letter of explanation where necessary.**
- 2. Indicate the license that you are applying for and enclose a check (in U.S. Dollars) for the fee to the International Ministerial Association, Inc.**
- 3. Ordination documentation must accompany the application.**
- 4. INCORRECT APPLICATIONS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.**

### **MEMBERSHIP FEE CATAGORIES**

#### **ORDAINED MINISTER**

One who is ordained, to perform sacerdotal duties, with supporting valid documentation of date and place of ordination submitted. (See by-laws Article 1 Section 3:1.c) The IMA accepts ordinations from other associations and individual churches that are in the United States.

#### **LICENSED MINISTER**

Any minister who is not ordained who has been qualified to perform sacerdotal duties. (See by-laws Article 1 Section 3:1.b)

#### **EXHORTER**

One who is a beginner in ministry. (See by-laws Article 1 Section 3:1.a). Exhorters are required by policy to receive minimal religious training or pastoral mentoring, pursuant to the by-laws Article 1 Section 3:1.a (4), before changing their licensing level.

#### **NON-PASTORAL GOLDEN AGER (65+)**

A Senior Citizen/Golden Ager (our term) who is 65 and is not a pastor. Pastors of churches pay the full fee of an Ordained or Licensed Minister regardless of age. In order to receive the reduced fee the applicant must not be the pastor of a church.

#### **MISSIONARY ACTIVE**

An active missionary is a foreign missionary who spends the majority of their time in the country where the mission endeavor is located. In order to be eligible for the reduced fee the missionary must be physically involved on the mission field without secular **employment** or employment in a local church or religious organization.

### **FORMS**

#### **REFERENCE FORMS:**

**The two people recommending the applicant must also complete a Reference Form and sign the application.** It is preferable that IMA members make recommendations. In the event that IMA members do not know the applicant the application will be considered with the recommendation of their Pastor and/or two ministers who have known the applicant for several years.

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:**

The applicant in addition to completing the Application Form **must** complete and include this form.

#### **SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION:**

**The Application Form along with the two Reference Forms, Personal Information Form and Check are to be sent to your District Chairperson along with any supporting documentation or explanations. ONLY in unorganized Districts are the completed application and forms to be sent to the Home Office.**

### **FEE SUBMISSION POLICY**

**The application fee is rated as follows:** Those making application **before September 30**, will pay the **full amount** with the application to cover processing, fellowship card and a laminated certificate. Those making application **after** September 30, will also pay the **full amount** with the application to cover processing, fellowship card and including a laminated certificate. However, those applications received **after September 30**, will be receive membership for the remainder of the current year plus the following year. In essence the **full amount** is due with the application regardless of the date. Accordingly all renewal fees are due on the same date, January 1, according to the By-Laws Article 1, Section 4.2.

### **PICTURE**

Please send a recent picture with the application to help with recognition and identification. A snapshot or digital picture is sufficient it does not have to be a professional photograph. Send digital picture to imahdq@aol.com.

(Church Memberships for 501 c.3 blanket coverage available please request an application from the Home Office).



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PLEASE  
SEND  
RECENT  
PICTURE  
DIGITAL  
OR  
SNAPSHOT  
(See Instructions)

**IMPORTANT APPLICANT INFORMATION:** It is vital that you read and follow the **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION** on the previous page. Answer all questions. Three forms **must** accompany this application as well as signatures from your Pastor (if you have one), the District Chairman, and those who recommend you. otherwise the application will be delayed.

**FORMS SENT WITH APPLICATION**

1. **Personal Information Form** 2. **(2) Reference Forms.**

Send these forms with the application to the **District Chairperson** with a check for the fee amount.

(Please **print** or type all answers)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ (Pastor, Evangelist, Missionary, etc.)

**FOREIGN MISSIONARY SECTION**

Missionary in what Country \_\_\_\_\_ (If applying as a full-time active missionary)

Do you spend a majority of your time as a missionary in this country? \_\_\_\_\_ (See Instructions)

Are you secularly employed or employed by a local church or religious organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

(If Applicable)

Church \_\_\_\_\_

(If Applicable)

Current Church You Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

(If Applicable)

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_



# **International Ministerial Association**

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM**

(Please type or print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

MI

Title (Rev. Dr. Mr. etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Married ? \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your position \_\_\_\_\_

Church Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor if other than you \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Applied For:  Ministerial  Ordained  Non-Pastoral Golden-Ager (65+)  
 Active Missionary  Exhorter

Ordination Information Date Ordained \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

By Whom \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation Provided \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

### **Educational Information**

Graduate of High School? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Attended College or University \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Attended Bible School? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name of College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bible School \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree obtained \_\_\_\_\_



# REFERENCE FORM

**The Information contained in this reference form will be held in strict confidence.**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting reference \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the applicant as a \_\_\_ Minister \_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_ Relative \_\_\_ Business \_\_\_ Other

The relationship was \_\_\_\_\_ Close \_\_\_\_\_ Casual \_\_\_\_\_ Professional.

To the best of my knowledge and judgment, the applicant is:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Questionable	Poor
<u>In Christian life and testimony</u>					
<u>In conduct and moral attitude</u>					
<u>In accepting responsibility</u>					
<u>In meeting financial obligations</u>					
<u>In family relationships</u>					
<u>In dependability</u>					
<u>In dedication to the ministry</u>					

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited the applicant's home? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

In your opinion does the applicant exhibit a "call" to the ministry? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Any additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Person Giving Reference

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



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## 2009 IMA DISTRICT CHAIRMAN INFORMATION

### **EASTERN SECTION: Director:** Rev. Dan Hernandez, National Board Member

**New England District.** (Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Canada) Rev. James F. Heard, 37 Holt Dr., Ellsworth, Maine 04605, Phone 207-667-4308, Email: Pastor@churchoflifeandpraise.com  
Send applications to the Home Office

**North East District.** (Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Washington, D.C.) Send applications to the Home Office.

**East Central District.** (Lower Michigan, Ohio, Western West Virginia) Rev. James Hightower, 450 E. Britain Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022-4910, Phone 269-925-5620.  
Email: wordoftruthDM@hotmail.com

**North Central District.** (North & South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Upper Michigan) Rev. Regan Myers, W 8731 Sand Rd., Shell Lake, WI 54871, Phone 715-468-7998, Email: reganmyers58@yahoo.com

**Central District.** (Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky) Rev. Don Smith, 2567 E. Appaloosa Dr., Vincennes, IN 47591, Phone 812-882-3109, Email: donsmith@cbnstl.com

**Mid-South District.** (Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, North & South Carolina, Rev. Wayne Mays, PO Box 64, Hamilton, AL 35570, Phone 205-435-0310.  
Email: donm64@yahoo.com

**Florida District.** Rev. L.J. Pennington, 1908 E 115th Ave, Tampa, FL 33612, Phone 813-977-3843, Email: PennConn@worldnet.att.net

**Latin District.** (Spanish Speaking Churches) Rev. Miguel Mazariegos, 807 Meadow Ln., Kaukauna, WI 54130 Phone: 920-733-0797 Email: elim\_wisocnsin@yahoo.com

### **WESTERN SECTION: Director:** Rev. Charles Garner, National Board Member

**Northwest District.** (Washington, Oregon, Idaho) Rev. Willis B. Devine, 211 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Aberdeen, WA, 98520, Phone 360-532-2297, No email address

**Western District.** (California, Arizona, Nevada) Rev. William T. Wilson, 1109 W Iowa Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555-4719, Phone 760-375-8271, Email: pastorbill@integrity.com

**Mountain District.** (Hawaii, Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas) Rev. Stephen Schafer, 6919 Quay St., Arvada, CO 80003, Phone: 303-424-2321 No email address

**Mid-Central District.** (New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Upper Texas, Upper Louisiana) Rev. Joseph A. Campbell, 220 Jacob Crt., Glenn Heights, TX 75154-3868, Phone 972-617-3373, Email: jjbacampbell@cs.com

**South Central District.** (Lower Texas, Lower Louisiana) Rev. Don Crabtree, PO Box 7242, Eagle Pass, TX 78853, Phone 830-968-2328, Email: treemex@hotmail.com

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## **POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **E. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **E.1 Applications**

The IMA is an association of ministers. The Application for membership is an application for a ministerial license. Therefore membership is reserved to those holding an International Ministerial Association ministerial license.

The application consists of an application form, two reference forms, and a data base information form. A picture of the applicant must be included with the application as specified by the application.

The appropriate annual fee must be included with the application at the time the application is submitted to the district board. Those making application before September 30, will pay the full amount with the application to cover processing, fellowship card and a laminated certificate. Those making application after September 30, will also pay the full amount with the application to cover processing, fellowship card and including a laminated certificated. However, those applications received after September 30, will be considered as processed in the following year even though the license may be issued in the current year. In essence the entire fee is due with the application regardless of the date.

#### **E.1.a Ordination Requirements**

##### **NEW APPLICANTS**

The IMA may accept ordinations from other ministerial associations or organizations when new applicants present the proper documentation. The Credentials Chairman will make the determination. The IMA will not accept ordinations from individual churches and associations that are not in the United States .The IMA reserves the right to reject questionable ordinations.(9/4/07)

New applicants desiring to be recognized by this association, as Ordained Ministers, must present a Certificate of Ordination or other documentation with the application. Those who make application without the proper ordination documentation will be accepted as applying for Ministerial License. The designation may be changed when the proper documentation is presented. (9/4/07)

## CURRENT MEMBERS

Members desiring to be ordained by the I.M.A. shall complete an “Application for Ordination” as prescribed by the National Board. The “Application for Ordination” shall be obtained from and submitted to the District Chairman where applicant resides. If the applicant resides in an unorganized part of the United States, the application will be obtained from and submitted to the national headquarters.

Ordination ceremonies will not be conducted during the National Conference. In order for the ordination to be recognized by the IMA, one or more officers of the IMA must participate in the ceremony. The officer must be from the ordination candidate’s District Board or hold office on the National Board.

### E.1.b Educational Requirements

#### Exhorter

There is no educational requirement for application to ministerial license at exhorter’s level. The exhorter must be mentored by a licensed minister or ordained minister in accordance with Article 1, section 3.a.2

#### Licensed Ministers

Members holding an “exhorter license” must complete a ministry course or be mentored by an ordained minister for a period of one year prior to applying for “licensed minister” status. Documentation of completion must be submitted to the district chairman for approval.