Southwest Evangelical Ministries



172 Marks Trl., Trent, Texas 79561

APPLICATION FOR ORDINATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out completely. Incomplete applications can not be considered. Should your answer require more space than allowed add a blank sheet of paper and number accordingly. If something doesn't apply place an N/A (not applicable) next to the question. Your submission authorizes SWEM to check each reference and statement.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS			
Name (first, middle, last)			
Street Address			
City	_State	Zip	
Country			
Day Phone			
Night Phone			
Mailing address or PO Box if different from above			
City	_State	Zip	
Country			

What is your gender? Male or Female
What is your age?
Date of birth?
What is your marital status? Single, Married, Widow(er), Divorced
Maiden Name if married woman
NOW TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY Spouse's Name
Spouse's date of birth
Child's Name
Child date of birth
Child's Name
Child date of birth
Child's Name
Child date of birth
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Child's Name
Child date of birth
What Church do you attend?
Denomination:
Church Address
Pastor's Name
Pastor's Phone

PLEASE WRITE A SHORT STATEMENT AS TO WHY YOU WISH TO BE LICENSED WITH SOUTHWEST EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES?

What is your ministry training (courses, schools, certificates, degrees)?

ertificate or Diploma	Years	Address	School

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our Ministers Internship Program is set up so you can have a solid foundation in the Word of God and be able to do it from your home. There is no cost and you can take it over the period of one year though many students and/or ministers have completed it in much less time. If you are not in full time ministry for 5 years or you have no formal biblical training, you must go through the Ministerial Internship Program.

This is mandatory for Licensed Lay Ministers and Gospel Workers

(Your license will be probationary until your first year of Bible College is complete.)

Optional but encouraged for seasoned ministers.

I wish to enroll in the Bible College

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR PAST, WHICH MIGHT HINDER YOUR

TESTIMONY? i.e. jail, prison, divorce, bankruptcy, addictions of any type. Please explain when, how, why and when you were set free. It is important that we address these issues up front should the enemy try to use such history against you. (We are not about condemnation.)"The only thing that can hinder a man/woman in their walk with God is the failure to repent and the continuance of sin."

What ministry have you been involved with and what was your part from the latest to the earliest?

Organization	Address	Position	Dates Involved

Will you agree to abide by the by-laws and the policies of SWEM should you be granted a license? YES _____ NO ____

Our ministers serve in local churches, serve as pastor/teachers and missionaries. You will find them on the street, in hospitals, nursing homes, in the churches, in jails, caring for the widows and orphans. We fulfill the Great Commission that was given to us by Jesus Christ. Do not under estimate your ministry because you are not standing behind a pulpit. Most denominations in America have a hard time recognizing ministers that are not standing behind a pulpit in some form. At SWEM, we realize the back bone of any ministry is the "called leadership" serving in areas that facilitate the pastor and his calling.

Define your ministry or the one you want to have.

Have you or do you belong to any other churches/organizations/fellowships/denominations in which you held or presently hold lay or ministry credential? Please specify group name, type of credential held, and dates you held or are holding them. Yes _____No____ Holding another credential will not necessarily eliminate you from holding credentials with SWEM as long as you will abide by our bylaws and submit your reports and vows each month.

Group Name		
Contact Name		Telephone ()
Address		
City	ST	Zip
(whether the report be good or bad, w	ve will see	k the Lord for His direction. A good
report does not guarantee acceptance	in SWEM	I, a bad report does not deny acceptance
into SWEM) It is our intention to do	everything	g with integrity, so as to be faithful
stewards.		

If you left any group listed above or any church with hurt feelings or false teachings please explain below.

For What level of Credential are you applying (check one)?

___LICENSED GOSPEL WORKER or LICENSED LAY MINISTER-- Appropriate for occasional preachers, Bible college students, Sunday school teachers, Bible Study leaders, Christian musicians, church secretaries, nursing home ministry, jail or prison ministry, and all those with specialized and/or non-pastoral ministries. Being commissioned as a Gospel Worker will authorize you to preach, hold Bible studies, and conduct prayer and healing services. (You may still stay in this position or continue onto ordained minister, we leave that up to you) Please fill in the first reference with your pastor's information. He will be a Mentoring Pastor over you for this year of study and training. He/She may be your own pastor or an SWEM Minister should your pastor decline this position. For any of the following please Supply 2 references for spiritual recommendation. i.e. your pastor, minister you work with, your spouse, etc.

Name		Telephone ()
Address			
City	ST	Zip	
Name		Telephone ()
Address			
City	ST	Zip	

And one Secular reference for character. i.e. Boss, Business owner, Client, etc.

Name	,	Telephone ()
Address			
City	ST	Zip	

__ORDAINED MINISTER -- Appropriate for those who are required to preach, officiate at the Lord's Supper, baptize, and otherwise fulfill the role of a Minister. An ordained minister is considered to be a full-fledged minister of the Gospel by SWEM. Authorized to preach, lead worship services, officiate at Holy Communion, baptize, conduct weddings and funerals. An ordained minister must have completed the Ministerial Internship program or some other form of accepted Biblical Education.

___ORDAINED BISHOP -- An ordained bishop is an individual who is fully trained and experienced for the Ministry. This is signified by a public act of the laying on of hands by duly authorized SWEM representative(s). In order to be eligible for ordination by SWEM, you must either (1) been previously ordained by some other recognized Christian group. (2) been an ordained minister of SWEM for at least two years of three years of full time ministry. All candidates for ordination must sit for a written and /or oral examination designed to determine their ability to present and defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is no license fee for whichever level you are applying for. You will be required to send to SWEM a yearly report of your ministry.

May the Lord's Blessings overflow your home and your ministry.

I hereby, submit this application as a true and accurate representation of the facts and vow to support Southwest Evangelical Ministries and Churches with my tithes and report monthly how God is growing me and His ministry that He has given to me. I also authorize SWEM to contact my references for verification.

Signature

Date

Please send this completed form to the address below. SOUTHWEST EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES 172 Marks Trl. Trent, Texas 79561 E-mail: trent.church@live.com Web: http://www.swem.synthasite.com