



MOTIONS TO BE PASSED BY DISTRICT CREDENTIALING COUNCILS

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

Requirements:

- male in gender,
- involved in pastoral ministry,
- demonstrated an acceptable level of academic preparation for ministry, such as completion of a M.Div. degree or its equivalent,
- completed the requirements for a ministerial license,
- approved by an examining council,
- demonstrated gifts in ministry
- involved in a qualifying ministry – minimum of 30 hours per week.

For a full statement of requirements see “Steps Toward Credentialing”

Please pass one of the following motions to clearly state the desires of the examining council. Other motions may be added following the main motion if the situation requires other decisions of the council.

RECOMMEND

Recommend with no reservations

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Ordination. His paper is complete and represents the quality of an ordination paper, and he has given an oral defense of biblical issues at a level required for a Certificate of Ordination.

RECOMMEND CONDITIONAL UPON...

Recommend conditional upon making minor corrections to the paper approved by the council chairman

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Ordination. However, his paper must be corrected per issues raised in the council and approved by the council chairman before this recommendation and the rewritten paper can be passed on to Board of Ministerial Standing (BOMS). He has adequately provided an oral defense of biblical issues at a level required for a Certificate of Ordination.

Recommend conditional upon additional study approved by council chairman

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Ordination. His paper is complete and represents the quality of an ordination paper. However, his oral defense was not adequate in certain areas identified by the council. He must study these topics and address the items raised by the council in an oral explanation to the council chairman. The council chairman may approve this explanation and will then pass



along to BOMS the paper, council interview and a statement of his approval of the additional work done by the candidate.

Recommend conditional upon major rewrite of sections of paper and approval by a council committee

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Ordination, but he needs to rewrite sections of his paper as identified by the council. The rewritten paper must be approved by three members of this council before this recommendation and the revised paper is passed on to BOMS. He has adequately provided an oral defense of biblical issues at a level required for a Certificate of Ordination.

Recommend conditional upon further study and oral defense with approval by a council committee

Motion: to recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Ordination. His paper is complete and represents the quality of an ordination paper. However, his oral defense was not adequate in a number of areas identified by the council. He must study these topics and address the items raised by the council in an oral explanation in a meeting with three members of the council. The three members of the council may approve this explanation and will then pass along to BOMS the paper, council interview and a statement of their approval of the additional work done by the candidate.

RECOMMEND INSTEAD...

Recommend for Certificate of Christian Ministry Credential

Motion: to recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Christian Ministry because his paper, oral defense, and ministry position meet the requirements for the Certificate of Christian Ministry. The candidate will be informed that he may choose to accept this recommendation or request the council to advise him on steps he can take to receive a Certificate of Ordination.

NOT RECOMMENDING

Not to recommend at this time

Motion: Not to recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Ordination at this time. He will be encouraged to study the areas identified by the council, rewrite his paper to reflect this additional study, and prepare for another council exam. (NOTE: It will be helpful if the person is assigned a mentor for this time of additional study.)