

Application for Accreditation Pre-Ordination

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This form is one part of the application process for clergy accreditation within the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF), prior to ordination. Please read the general CABF credentialing policy as found on the CABF website

<https://c-abf.ca/accreditation/accreditation-policies>

Please submit this form with all other application materials to

The Rev. Dr. Rusy Edwards Chair CABF Credentials Committee 1300 Oxford Street Halifax, NS B3H 3Y8	Or by E-Mail to	rustyedwards@fbchalfax.ca
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As part of the process toward ordination and accreditation, a personal interview will be arranged with at least two members of the Credentialing Committee.

Access to the information in this completed form is reserved for members of the Credentials Committee and will be maintained in a secure location at the CABF head office.

Part I: Biographical Information

(a) Personal

Full Name:	
Home Address:	
Personal Phone:	Work Phone:
Email Address:	

(b) Current Congregational Membership

Church Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Website Address:

(c) Church Roles and involvement (other than employment)

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(d) Activities & interests

Involvement in Community, Ecumenical, Spiritual, and other Ecclesial Activities

Part II: Professional Information

(a) Employment

Employer:	Position Title
Work Address:	
Work Phone:	
Work Email:	Website:
Immediate Supervisor (person or board) and Title:	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Full-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired
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(b) Higher Education (starting with the most recent)

Degree/Certificate	Year Completed	Institution	Location

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(c) Previous Pastoral/Spiritual Leadership Experience

Employer	Address, Phone, Website	Position	Dates of Service

Part III: Background Check

The following section reinforces the high ethical standards to which clergy are called and is based on section 3.4 of the Credential Committee guidelines (16 June 2022) beginning on page 40 of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

[CABF PP Manual Current as of 20220808.pdf\(c-abf.ca\)](#)

- Please provide a current (within the last year) certificate of No Criminal Record check from the RCMP or local police force.
- Please provide the results of a current (within the last year) Provincial Child Abuse Registry search.
- Have allegations of misconduct – including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, exploitation or misconduct, physical abuse, child abuse, or financial misconduct led to a civil, criminal, ethical, professional, or ecclesiastical complaint(s) being filed against you?
___Yes ___No
- Have you ever been convicted as a result of any allegations? ___Yes ___No
- If “yes”, did it lead to your resignation or termination from a position? ___Yes ___No

Part IV: Application Checklist

Please complete the following checklist and submit with your application materials. The materials are required for consideration of your application for ordination and accreditation.

Check List

- Completed Accreditation Pre-Ordination Application Form.
- Connection and identity with CABF demonstrated by the following:
 - Individual member in good standing of the CABF; and
 - Active participation in the CABF.

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- Unrescinded CABF license.
- Letter from the congregation requesting the CABF to call an Examining Council for Ordination.
- Letter of recommendation from the candidate's mentor.
- Verification of education.
- Supervised self-reflective training - description, letter(s), and/or certificate(s).
- Personal Statement (recommended minimum length of 1,500 words) which includes comment on the following:
 - Choice of vocation and call to the ministry;
 - Christian experience; and
 - Academic and ministerial preparation.
 - General comprehension of Christian doctrine and practice, which includes an understanding of the following: the nature of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit; the Bible and its use; the purpose and place of the church in today's world; the ordinances as practiced in Baptist Churches; Baptist principles; the role of the minister; the relationship of the local congregation to the denomination and to its ecumenical witness; as well as your commitment to the CABF.
- Signed agreement with the CABF Clergy Covenant (see attached).
- Current (within the last year) Criminal Records check.
- Current (within the last year) Provincial Child Abuse Registry search.
- Signed application (which includes the appended Clergy Covenant)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR BAPTIST FREEDOMS

Our Covenant

**Being led as we believe by the Holy Spirit,
and in response to the call of God in Jesus Christ
to be disciples and servants in the world, we as
individuals and churches who cherish historic
Baptist principles, freedoms, and traditions,
humbly commit that in our life together:**

We will respect and defend the freedom and the responsibility of individuals and local churches to interpret and live the call of God in every aspect of their individual and shared lives, led by God's Spirit, informed by the Scriptures, and without coercion from the state or any ecclesiastical body;

We will support and uphold one another in mutual respect and love, and remember one another in prayer;

We will affirm and celebrate participation in the whole Church of Jesus Christ, worshipping and working together to witness to, and to further, the reign of God in our lives and in our world;

We will create opportunities for exploration of doctrinal, ethical, and social issues, entering into dialogue with one another, and with those beyond our fellowship, in a spirit of tolerance, respect, and love;

We will make the worship of God primary in all our gatherings;

We will strive, when we gather, to create times and places of refuge and renewal, health and wholeness, in which all are welcome;

We will seek to be equitable and to act justly in all our dealings;

And we will foster partnerships within the Fellowship, and with other people of faith, in order that we might live out the intent of this Covenant freely in community.