

**APPLICATION**  
**BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY LICENSE**  
**THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**

- Disclosure form, baptismal statement, minister's profile form, and criminal record screening report must be on file at the Department of the Ordered Ministry office before license is granted.
- The Board of the Ordered Ministry recommends an interview by your conference committee on ministerial standing every three years for as long as you hold this license.
- This license does not require participation in the Covenant Pension Plan, however you may participate.
- This license requires completion of Covenant Orientation's "Vocational Excellence" class within two years of date of issue.
- Renewal of this license requires yearly submission of a report on four books from the Bi-Vocational Minister's Reading List.
- Please check off the boxes on the back of this application and sign your name. Please obtain the necessary signatures in Recommendation "A" before sending this application to your conference office.

Please check the box next to the license for which you are applying:

1. **Interim Bi-Vocational Ministry License.** Recommendations "A" and "C" to be completed on the back of this form. Valid until June 30. This license may be granted in the interim between Annual Meetings, and requires a favorable interview with the conference committee on ministerial standing.
2. **First-time Bi-Vocational Ministry License recommended by a regional conference ministerial association.** Recommendations "A" and "B" to be completed on the back of this form.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY WITH BLACK INK.

Name in full \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (State/Province) (Postal Code)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's full name (if married) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Present Church Membership  
(church name and location) \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education institution \_\_\_\_\_ degree \_\_\_\_\_ year degree granted \_\_\_\_\_

Please detail any formal education experiences beyond what is listed above (i.e., working on a graduate degree)

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**Present Ministry Setting**

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of work \_\_\_\_\_

Please  all boxes to indicate you have read and agree to license conditions.

- I have read the requirements of this license which are listed as bullet-points on the front of this application .
- I have read and am in full accord with the Constitution of the Covenant, the Constitution of the Ministerium, the Rules for the Ordered Ministry of The Evangelical Covenant Church, and the Covenant Affirmations .
- I have read and agree to live in accord with the Ethical Principles for Covenant Ministers .
- For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Gospel, and in consideration of my influence as a licensed minister, I am willing to make a complete dedication of myself to the highest ideals of the Christian life .
- I agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to physical health, intentional intellectual development, fidelity in a heterosexual marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and in knowledge and love of God .
- I agree with the Covenant's statement on baptism and will be a servant of the whole church by baptizing infants and adults .
- I desire to work in harmony with the Covenant and its leadership so as to promote the work of its missions and institutions .

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

### RECOMMENDATION "A" – LOCAL COVENANT CHURCH

\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby recommended to receive the Bi-Vocational Ministry License from The Evangelical Covenant Church. Date of local church approval \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor, if other than applicant

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

### RECOMMENDATION "B" – REGIONAL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_ Conference Ministerial Association and has by vote of the Association at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, been recommended to receive the Bi-Vocational Ministry License from The Evangelical Covenant Church.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary or Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Superintendent

### RECOMMENDATION "C" – ACTION OF COVENANT OFFICERS

\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby approved for an interim Bi-Vocational Ministry License by The Evangelical Covenant Church.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Superintendent

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Minister of the Ordered Ministry