



**APPLICATION
MINISTRY LICENSE
THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**

- Disclosure form, baptismal statement, and criminal record screening report must be on file at 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 requires mandatory participation in the Covenant Pension Plan (if serving a Covenant church).
- If you have not completed one year at North Park Theological Seminary you will need to apply for Covenant Orientation. (Persons who are age 60 and over are exempt from the full Orientation Program as a requirement for this license.)
- This license requires completion of graduate-level survey courses in the foundational areas of systematic theology, Old Testament, New Testament, and church history. Within eight years of receiving your first-time license, you must show proof of completion of these four foundational courses. If you have not already completed these courses, you must complete them at North Park Theological Seminary, unless you are actively enrolled in a degree program at another ATS-accredited seminary and intend to take the courses at that seminary. Send official transcripts to Ordered Ministry.
- 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 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 Ministry License recommended by a regional conference ministerial association.** Recommendations "A" and "B" to be completed.

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)

Present Ministry Setting

Position _____ Start Date _____

Church/Institution _____

Address _____

Nature of work _____

Do you wish to pursue a permanent credential? _____ What year do you plan to complete? _____

Please indicate which of the following permanent credentialing tracks you wish to complete:

- Ordination to Word and Sacrament Ordination to Word and Service Commissioning Transfer of Ordination

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 .
- I agree to participate in the mandatory Covenant pension plan .

Date _____ Signature _____

RECOMMENDATION "A" – LOCAL COVENANT CHURCH

_____ is hereby recommended to receive the Ministry License from The Evangelical Covenant Church. Date of local church approval _____

Date _____

 _____ Pastor, if other than applicant

 _____ 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 Ministry License from The Evangelical Covenant Church.

Date _____

 _____ Secretary or Chair

 _____ Conference Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION "C" – ACTION OF COVENANT OFFICERS

_____ is hereby approved for an interim Ministry License by The Evangelical Covenant Church.

Date _____

 _____ Conference Superintendent

 _____ Executive Minister of the Ordered Ministry