



**APPLICATION
BI-VOCATIONAL 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 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 TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY WITH BLACK INK

Name in full _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

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 _____
(Name of 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 _____

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 _____

Instructions: The lead pastor of the recommending church (if other than the applicant) should print name and sign below. A member of the leadership team (chairperson, secretary, or other elected leader) should print name and sign below. Church planters, if your church does not have a chairperson, please ask your Director of Church Planting to sign instead on the church chair/secretary line.

RECOMMENDATION "A" – LOCAL COVENANT CHURCH

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

Date _____ PRINTED name of Pastor, if other than applicant Signature of Pastor, if other than applicant
 Date _____ PRINTED name of church chair/secretary Signature of church chair/secretary

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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
 Date _____ Conference Superintendent

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RECOMMENDATION "C" – ACTION OF COVENANT OFFICERS

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

Date _____ Conference Superintendent
 Date _____ Executive Minister of the Ordered Ministry

For Conference Office Use Only: Please check License Type below:

- Interim License. Good from now until June 30. Requires signatures in Boxes A and C.
- First-time License. Goes into effect as of July 1. Requires signatures in Boxes A and B.