



## INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION PROCESS

Please complete the attached application in its entirety, accompanied by the following items:

- A personal testimony** of faith and ministry to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Letters of recommendation** from two pastors.
- A \$50.00 processing fee** (non-refundable).
- A photograph** of you (and your family if possible).
- Completed Background Investigation Form.**

Send your completed application, along with all of the items listed above, to the Harvest Network International (HNI) office via e-mail, fax or mail. After your application is received, our representative for your region will contact you for an interview and will send the HNI office a letter of recommendation.

Your application and recommendation from our Regional Representative will be reviewed by the Board of Elders at its next meeting. At that time, they will determine whether ordination, general license, or special license will be granted. We will notify you of the Board's decision following their quarterly meeting.

### **ANNUAL FEE**

The annual Harvest Network International membership dues are \$300 per individual member. Dues are prorated according to your acceptance date, and a dues statement will be sent to you along with your membership certificate. Dues are payable by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Failure to pay your annual dues by the end of the calendar year could result in retraction of your HNI credentials.

### **INQUIRIES**

Please address any inquiries regarding the application process to the e-mail or address at the bottom of this page.



## CREDENTIALING GUIDELINES

All applicants should normally meet each of these five criteria, unless waived by the Council of Elders:

1. **Calling:** There should be evidence of a *call* to ministry (Acts 13:2).
2. **Training:** There should normally be *training* and graduation from a recognized Christian seminary, Bible school, or other vocationally-appropriate curriculum (unless there is equivalent on-the-job or life-experience training to make up for it). (II Timothy 2:15).
3. **Affirmation of Others:** There should be evidence of the *affirmation of others* (written and verbal) and/or prophetic confirmations (II Timothy 1:18).
4. **Fruit:** There should be at least initial evidence of ministry *fruit*, demonstrating the call of God to a particular ministry, and the anointing to go with that call (Matthew 12:33).
5. **Character:** There should be evidence of a *life-character* lived in harmony with the standards laid down for leadership (II Timothy 3:1-13).

## CREDENTIALING CATEGORIES

**Ordination:** This credential will be issued only to those with a qualified fulltime call that is transferable between ministries and congregations to life time service in the Kingdom.

**General License:** This credential is for ministers who are serving under the ministry of a local church or para-church ministry. A second category of general licensing will be issued to an individual moving towards ordination but who has yet to fully satisfy all of the five criteria listed above.

**Special License:** This credential will normally be issued to those with a *special call* to a *specific* Christian ministry that requires professional credentialing and will not include official pastoral duties such as performing weddings etc. (Examples: teacher in Christian school, prison ministry, etc.).

In view of the three stated credential categories and having provided all application process details asked for, I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby request consideration for (check one):

Name of Applicant

Ordination

General License

Special License

All credentials issued by HNI are done so under the sole authority and at the discretion of the Board of Elders.





**MINISTRY BACKGROUND**

When were you saved? \_\_\_\_\_ When were you baptized in the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of ministry have you been called to? \_\_\_\_\_

What **practical** steps are you currently taking to fulfill that calling (other than seeking ordination/licensing)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you feel you need ordination/licensing in order to fulfill this calling? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently or were you ever credentialed for ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, under what organization's covering did this take place (name, address, phone, email)?

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Give an overview of your ministerial service (use additional page if needed):

	<u>Church/Ministry</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates served</u>
(a)	_____	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____	_____

Were you ever asked to leave a local church, a ministry, a denomination, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, under what circumstances? Please give a complete response on a separate sheet.

What are your Ephesians 4:11 giftings?

Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ Evangelist \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

List your motivational giftings in order of strength (encouraging, evangelizing, interceding, giving, leading, mercy, pastoring/shepherding, prophesying, teaching, serving). \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you describe the context of your most effective ministerial gifting?

Lead person or support staff? \_\_\_\_\_

Pioneer or settler? \_\_\_\_\_

Rural, inner city, or suburban? \_\_\_\_\_

What age group(s) does your ministry tend to focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your theological orientation? (Lutheran, Calvinist, Arminian, Holiness, Classical, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Third Wave Evangelical, Word of Faith, Covenant Community, Other)

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Do you presently have a personal pastor or spiritual mentor from a network other than Harvest Network International? (Circle)                      yes                      no  
If so, give the person's name and phone number:

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From what church background does he/she come? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently a member of a local church? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, give church name, address, phone number, and pastor's name:

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## **FINANCIAL STATUS**

Are you enrolled in a pension plan? And/or social security? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your own home? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you financially solvent and able to pay your bills? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, explain \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not presently in full-time ministry, are you employed in a secular job? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_

If married, is your spouse currently working outside the home? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is the nature of his/her employment? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have medical/health insurance? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever brought lawsuit against someone or had lawsuit brought against you? If yes, explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever declared bankruptcy? If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Where did you learn of Harvest Network International? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to be under the covering of Harvest Network International? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHARACTER REFERENCES

Please obtain letters of reference from two pastors who have known you over a number of years (preferably, one of these should be your current pastor). These letters should address your personal character, the quality of your marriage (if applicable), and the performance of your ministry. (See item 2 on application process page.)

We reserve the right, if considered necessary, to follow up on any ministry experiences and to request references from the applicant's most significant ministry involvements.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

1. Have you read the Harvest Network Int'l Constitution?  Yes  No
2. Do you fully and without reservation subscribe to the Confession of Faith of Harvest Network International?  Yes  No
3. Do you promise, with the help of God, to live in accordance with the provisions of the Harvest Network International Constitution?  Yes  No
4. Do you agree that, if an accusation of moral or ethical failure is made, HNI has the right in advance to come into the situation and investigate?  Yes  No  
If the accusation of failure is valid, do you agree to submit to and HNI approved restoration process?  
 Yes  No
5. HNI requires that each active roster member participate in at least one official HNI event every two years to maintain his/her status. Do you agree to attend an HNI Regional or National event at least every two years?  Yes  No

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Signature

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Date

The form may be signed electronically or with a wet signature.