



## Consecration & Ordination Detailed Program

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The Christian & Missionary Alliance Board of Directors has created national requirements for Consecration & Ordination. The Central District License, Ordination, and Consecration Council (LO&CC) has been charged with oversight and implementation of the process. Consecration & Ordination begins once you are licensed and have been assigned a mentor. Below is detailed information regarding the requirements for completion.

### **Events & Trainings**

#### **Resonate:**

C&MA New Worker Orientation hosted at the National Office in Columbus each August.

#### **Consecration & Ordination Conference**

While pursuing ordination/consecration, candidates are required to annually attend the Conference which is provided at the Central District's expense. The Consecration & Ordination Conference takes place in the Fall at Beulah Beach.

#### **Church Mobilization Training**

- Church Mobilization Workshop: A one-day training offered by the Central District each spring and fall; cost \$15. See [cdcma.org/events](http://cdcma.org/events) for details and registration.

#### **Missions Awareness** – choose one

- Complete The Mission of God and The Alliance Family Course offered by the C&MA (<https://www.allianceleaders.org/programs-courses/licensing-ordination-consecration-and-ministry-certifications/>). Please see website for cost and registration information  
OR
- Provide a certified transcript from an approved Christian and Missionary Alliance educational institution indicating that at least one introductory college-level course on world missions has been completed  
OR
- Complete the Perspectives Class at the Certificate Level ([www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org))
  - Online: See website for cost and registration information
  - In Person: See website for class locations, cost and registration information

#### **Evangelism Training** – choose one

- Evangelism Workshop: A one-day training offered by the Central District each spring and fall; cost \$15. Visit [cdcma.org/events](http://cdcma.org/events) for details and registration  
OR
- Provide a certified transcript from an approved Christian and Missionary Alliance educational institution indicating that at least one introductory college-level course on evangelism has been completed

#### **Alliance Peacemaking**

- Level 1 Training: A one-day workshop offered by certified Central District trainers each spring and fall; cost \$15; see [cdcma.org/events](http://cdcma.org/events) for registration

### **Strengths Deployment Inventory (SDI)**

- This online assessment will help you discover your strengths in leadership; register online at <http://cdcma.org/events-training>; cost is \$30.
- Notify Consecration & Ordination coordinator, Lori Turner (lturner@cdcma.org), when you receive your results

## **Education**

### **Transcripts**

Your official transcripts confirming your 30 hours of Bible/Theology/Ministry training must be on file at the Central District Office. This could also include transcripts from a non-traditional program such as LEAD or School of Ministry. Please email to [lturner@cdcma.org](mailto:lturner@cdcma.org) or send to the Central District Office, 1231 High St., Wadsworth, OH 44281.

### **Understanding the Alliance: Alliance History & Polity**

This course, offered by the C&MA National Office, is designed to help you learn the history of our movement, values and distinctives. If the Polity Course has not been completed prior to placement or fulfilled in previous educational experience, then the course must be completed. Because it is foundational, you are encouraged to take it early in the process. For information and registration for the online course go to:

<https://www.allianceleaders.org/programs-courses/licensing-ordination-consecration-and-ministry-certifications/>. The cost is \$210.

## **Reading & Book Reports**

### **Bible Reading**

Read through the entire Bible twice, using two different translations.

### **Required Books**

A reading course is part of the preparation for Consecration & Ordination. The candidate shall read all of the books on this official reading list that support Alliance core values and distinctive. A book report must be completed (<http://cdcma.org/resources-forms>) and discussed with mentor. Each report must be submitted to lturner@cdcma.org.

- ***The Pursuit of God***, A. W. Tozer
- ***The Heart of the Gospel: A.B. Simpson, the Fourfold Gospel, and Late Nineteenth Century Evangelical Theology***, Bernie A. Van De Walle
- ***Wholly Sanctified***, A. B. Simpson
- ***All for Jesus***, Robert L. Niklaus, John S. Sawin, and Samuel J. Stoesz
- ***“Statement on Sanctification,” Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance***, H8
- ***The Children’s Bread***, Keith Bailey OR ***The Gospel of Healing***, A.B. Simpson
- ***A Basic Guide to Eschatology***, Millard Erickson
- ***The Fourfold Gospel***, A. B. Simpson

### **Additional Reading**

Candidates must read 500 pages from books on the following list OR from books approved by the mentor on the following topics: ministry, leadership, diversity, missions, church, spiritual formation, or personal health. A book report must be completed for each book and submitted to lturner@cdcma.org.

## **Papers**

### **Required Papers**

Candidates shall submit six position papers which are an original, comprehensive treatment of the subject and should be no less than eight pages in length. The paper is to be a statement of the candidate's personal theological position. When completed, submit to the reviewer to be graded. Copy in the Consecration & Ordination mentor for his or her review. The graded paper will be returned to both the candidate and the mentor with comments and, if needed, request for further refinement.

Detailed rubrics are available on our website under <http://cdcma.org/resources-forms> with details on how to submit to the appropriate reviewer.

- **Christ Our Savior**
- **Christ Our Sanctifier**
- **Christ Our Healer**
- **Christ Our Coming King**
- **Christ's Body: The Church**
- **Completing Christ's Mission**

## **Other Requirements**

### **Preaching/Teaching Video**

Develop the discipline of preparation and delivery of sermons and/or Biblical teaching. Each year present at least one video of a full-length sermon, for the mentor's review of both content and delivery of Biblical material. If a sermon isn't conducive to your setting, please discuss with the Consecration & Ordination Coordinator. An evaluation form is available at [cdcma.org/resources-forms](http://cdcma.org/resources-forms). Evaluation sheets should be submitted to [lturner@cdcma.org](mailto:lturner@cdcma.org).

### **Elder Recommendations**

Contact each elder in your local church to request a recommendation in November of the year preceding your exam. At least five recommendations are expected. If your church has fewer than five elders, please request recommendations from other ministry leaders who know you well. Elder recommendations are available at <http://cdcma.org/resources-forms>. Recommendations are due by November 30.

### **Scripture Memorization**

Engage in methodical Scripture memorization to understand theological principles and prepare for the exam. Scripture memory requirements are included on each meeting sheet and also at the Scripture Memorization button (<http://cdcma.org/resources-forms>).

### **Service**

Serve acceptably for at least two years in the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

### **Mentor Meetings**

At least nine times each year, the candidate is to meet with his or her mentor to prepare for ordination or consecration. The goal is to establish a relationship as well as to have accountability for completing requirements. The candidate should initiate each meeting. The majority of meetings should be in person.

- If married, it is encouraged for spouses to join you for at least one meeting
- The candidate is encouraged to host the mentor at his or her home for one meeting and the mentor should host the candidate if possible.
- Each meeting has the following components which are described in detail on the "Introductory Meeting" page found at [cdcma.org/meeting-list](http://cdcma.org/meeting-list).
  - Bible Reading

- Discipleship and Discussion
- Doctrine and Scripture
- Practical Ministry
- Reading and Writing
- Other Tasks
- Prayer and Planning
- A monthly meeting sheet is provided for each of the 18 meetings [cdcma.org/meeting-list](http://cdcma.org/meeting-list).
- Mentors will initial each completed item and candidates will send meeting sheets to [lturner@cdcma.org](mailto:lturner@cdcma.org) . The candidate may initial in the event of a virtual meeting.

## **Examination for Ordination/Consecration**

To qualify for Consecration & Ordination in the Central District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CDCMA):

- Complete all requirements as listed above
- Submit all 18 meeting reports with mentor's initials proving completion
- Submit the C&O Checklist, completed and signed by candidate and mentor
- Obtain recommendations from the elders of the local church
- Pass the written exam
- Pass the oral exam before the LO&CC

Quizlet study cards are available at [cdcma.org/resources-forms](http://cdcma.org/resources-forms) for your benefit.

**Important Note: Anyone who needs an extension past the date originally agreed upon for Consecration & Ordination must request approval for an extension from the Central District Superintendent.**