

First Jurisdiction of Illinois
Pastors and Elders Council
Pastor Carl King, Chairman
Bishop O. C. Booker, Jurisdictional Prelate

Steps to Submit a Recommendation for Pastor of the Year.

Each District Superintendent should:

1. Establish a Procedure to Submit a Candidate for Pastor of the Year. (Note: The District Supt. can be nominated as the Pastor of the Year but should reclude himself from voting). The candidate should be vetted to ensure he has met the minimum requirements for selection as the Pastor of the Year (see attached).
2. Submit the name of the Pastor of the Year candidate to the Executive Committee of the Pastors and Elder Council by 31st Day of May each year but not before April 30th. Submission should include:
 - a. Application (see attached)
 - b. A letter of recommendation from the District
 - c. A body of ministerial work to justify or support the recommendation
 - d. Any and all other pertinent information to substantiate selection as Pastor of the Year.
3. Upon the closing of candidate submission, the Executive Committee of the Pastors and Elders Council will examine each candidate to ensure:
 - a. Minimum qualifications have been met.
 - b. Review the Body of Work
 - c. Rank the candidate based upon the review of documents submitted.
 - d. The Pastor of the Year will be selected by the 3rd week in July of each year and submitted to the Jurisdictional Prelate for review and approval.
4. Pastor of the Year will be presented at the State Holy Convocation of the 1st Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Illinois. Candidate will receive:
 - a. The Bishop L. H. Ford Pastor of the Year (Plaque or Bust)
 - b. \$2,000

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Pastor of the Year
Criterion for Selection

Effective January 1, 2011

The following criterion is to be utilized as a baseline for selection as Pastor of the Year. These are the minimum standards that must be met in order to be eligible for selection. Selection as Pastor of the Year will be based upon a review of the Criterion, submitted essays and/or letters of recommendation from the sponsoring District and the candidate's qualifications.

Criterion:

Must be a member in good standing of the Jurisdiction which constitutes the following:

- Is a member in good standing of a District of churches authorized and recognized by First Jurisdiction of Illinois; and
- Must have been a member of the Jurisdiction and District for a minimum of three (3) years; and
- Must have paid their credential holders report through the Jurisdiction for the past three (3) years to the National Church of God in Christ, Inc.; and
- Must have submitted their Loyalty or Laity Report through the Jurisdiction for the past three(3) years to the National Church of God in Christ, Inc.; and
- Must be a financial supporter of the District and the Jurisdiction through tithes (if applicable), offerings, reports and all other financial requests for support; and
- Must have faithful attendance to all General District Meetings and District Fellowship Meetings; and
- Must have faithful attendance to all State Fellowship Meetings, Holy Convocation, Ministers and Workers Conference and other recognized State events; and
- Must have a life that is representative of the standards of Holiness as recognized and accepted by the Church of God in Christ.