

#### AMERICAN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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Thank you for your inquiry. The American Evangelical Christian Churches (AECC) is a denomination founded in 1944 in Chicago, Illinois, with ministers and churches serving throughout the United States, Canada and many foreign countries. We have been called to serve those laboring in the front line ministry and to encourage you in your efforts to fulfill God's call upon your life in Christian service. It is our desire to assist and help you.

AECC can provide you with appropriate credentials and the opportunity for affiliation with others who share a like calling and who desire to fellowship with other Christian ministers and churches.

Applications are required to provide a primary pastoral recommendation from their Senior Pastor, a current AECC minister, or an established congregation. Your remaining references may include additional ministers, church elders, deacons, or other lay leaders. They may also include others who can attest to your Christian faith and practice. If you have any questions regarding your particular situation, please feel free to call and discuss them with our officer personnel.

Upon prayerful review, if you desire to apply to the American Evangelical Christian Churches for ministerial credentials and / or membership, please do the following:

- a). Complete the application (use additional paper if needed) and enclose with it or have supporting documentation forwarded to our office under separate cover. Your primary pastoral reference, as well as any other references listed on your application will be contacted by our office and requested to complete an Application Referral Questionnaire, which we provide to them.
- b). Please include your non-refundable application fee of \$60.00 (U.S. funds only) with your application.
- c). Upon acceptance, you will be invoiced the membership fee for the year in which you are approved.

After reviewing your application, we may request an interview with you before making an appropriate decision.

Federal (IRS) and State Agencies recognize our credentials. If you have any questions concerning the AECC or the application process, please feel free to contact me at (317) 788-9280 (Eastern Time zone). Thank you again for your interest in the American Evangelical Christian Churches. We pray we can be helpful and look forward to hearing from you.

Truly, yours in Christ Jesus,

Dr. Charles Wasielewsksi, Sr. President



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#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

If living in the United States, please mail this form, the Application Membership form, along with the nonrefundable application fee to the Regional Coordinator representing your area. Names and addresses are listed on page two of this form. Foreign applicants: please mail your application to the above address.

The nonrefundable membership application fee of \$60.00 (USD) should be sent in the form of a check or money order made payable to: American Evangelical Christian Churches. DO NOT SEND CASH. The membership fee is renewable each year based on the member's life and conduct, as well as maintaining a cooperative relationship with the ongoing ministry of the AECC.

To the President of the Board of Directors:	
I have received the proceeding application and have interviewed the applicant. I hereby ( ) Recommend ( ) Do not recommend approval and appropriate credentials.	
If not recommending applicant, please give reason(s) why:	
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Applicant to be granted credentials as: ( ) Licensed Minister ( ) Ordained Minister	
Signature of Regional Coordinator:	
Date:	
( ) Approved ( ) Not Approved: Date:	
Signature of Chairman of the Board:	



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#### **REGIONAL COORDINATORS:**

Region 1 - New England: States included in this Region are: ME, NH, VT, MA, RI and CT.

The Regional Coordinator is: Rev. John D. King

P.O. Box 218 Rochester, MA 02770 Email: jdking58@hotmailcom

Region 2 - North East: States included in this Region are: NY, NJ and PA.

The Regional Coordinator is: Dr. John Merrill

P.O. Box 183 Smithfield, PA 18817 Email: johnrmer@live.com

Region 3 - Mid Atlantic: States included in this Region are: MD, DE, WV, VA, and NC.

The Regional Coordinator is: Rev. Robert Hahn

1251 Hinton Dr. Huntingtown, MD 20639

Email: rhahn@chesapeakechurch.org

Region 4 - Central: States included in this Region are: MI, IN, OH, KY and TN.

The Regional Coordinator is: Dr. Lowell P. Ford

1449 Residence Dr. Newark, OH 43055

Email: lowellford@roadrunner.com

Region 5 - South East: States included in this Region are: SC, GA, AL, MS and FL.

The Regional Coordinator is: Rev. James E. Graham

1000 Pinewood Ct. Apt. 704 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Email: blindguy007@aol.com

Region 6 - Central West: States included in this Region are: WI, IL, MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE and KS.

The Regional Coordinator is: Rev. Timothy Todd

538 Monroe St. Quincy, IL 62301

Email: lucky tommy luke @yahoo.com

Region 7 - South West: States included in this Region are: AR, LA, OK, TX, CO and NM.

The Regional Coordinator is: Rev. Nevin Gnagey

2208 Quail Ridge Road Jonesboro, AR 72404 Email: gnageys@gmail.com

Region 8 - North West: States included in this Region are: MT, WY, ID, WA and OR.

The Regional Coordinator is: Rev. Forrest M. Miller

P.O. Box 472

Garfield, WA 99130

Email: malandcheryl@garfield-wa.com

Region 9 - West: States included in this Region are: UT, AZ, NV and CA.

The Regional Coordinator is: Rev. Timothy Alford

P.O. Box 4322 Crestline, CA 92325 Email: timalford@aol.com



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# **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Please type or print legibly and fill in completely (Use additional paper as needed)

Recent Photograph Required

(One taken within the last two years)

Head and shoulders Cut to fit this space

I am making application for membership and to receive the following credential (Please check one)

LICENSED MINISTER – Those with a c chaplains, Christian counselors, etc.	definite call to ministry: Preaching, evangelists, teachers,
<b>ORDAINED MINISTER</b> – Those with m as senior/associate pastor requiring the aut	ninistry experience seeking to serve a local congregation thority to officiate at weddings.
1. Name	2. Soc. Sec
3. Street Address	4. CityStateZip
5. Phone (Home) (Cell)_	(Bus.)
6. Nationality	Citizenship_
7. Date of Birth	Male Female
8. Married Status:SingleMarriedWidowed	SeparatedDivorcedRemarried
9. Name of spouse	Date of Birth
10. Nationality	Citizenship
11. Number of children living with you	
12 What are their ages?	

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13.	When and where were your baptized?
14.	What is the name and address of your home church?
15.	Who is the Senior Pastor there?
	If you serve on staff at your church, please indicate the average Sunday morning attendance.
	What is your spiritual calling?PastorChaplainTeacherOther
. , .	Describe:
10	If you currently serve in Christian service, please list your primary area(s) of ministry
	Describe your conversion experience, call to ministry and church background ( <b>Please attach a separate statement</b> ).
	What percentage of you time do you devote to your calling?
	Do you have another occupation? If so, what? Hours per week?
	With what religious organization are you currently affiliated?
	With what other religious bodies have you been identified with and in what relationship?
24.	If previously ordained: month, day, year By whom (church body or denomination)
25.	Have you considered the <b>AECC Articles of Faith</b> and are you in agreement with them?YesNo
26.	Have you considered the <b>AECC Code of Ministerial Ethics</b> and do you agree to abide by them?YesNo
27.	Have you read the requirements for <b>AECC General Membership</b> and do you qualify for membership by these standards?YesNo
28.	Do you have a criminal record or charges pending against you?YesNo. If yes, please explain each incident indicating that the matter is resolved and under the blood of Christ and that restitution have been made where Biblically appropriate and possible (use additional pages). An additional fee may be charged to cover the cost of a criminal background check
29.	Do you agree to live a Biblically moral lifestyle, one worthy of the Christian ministry profession?YesNo
30.	List any formal education you may have received and check the appropriate one(s): High School College or Bible School Seminary Other (Please send copies of all diplomas, certificates, degrees received)
31.	What degrees do you hold and from what schools?
32.	List below the name, address, and phone number of three personal references who are acquainted with your ministry gifts and history of service including on line #1 your Pastor, and AECC Minister, or another Pastor of an established ministry. Include area codes with your phone numbers. References may include ministers, elders, deacons, and other Christians.
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33. **Financial Plan.** All members are required to pay their application fee and annual renewal fee. However, since these fees do not cover all of our ministry costs, we ask that you prayerfully consider and give on a monthly or quarterly basis that offering you believe the Lord would have you give. The American Evangelical Christian Churches thanks you for your faithfulness in this matter.

This agreement is for your protection and the protection of the other members of the AECC. If you have any questions it, please feel free to call our office and talk to one of our staff people about it. We are here to help you. **AGREEMENT** I acknowledge and affirm that the information provided by me in this application, including all attachments and exhibits, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am granted general membership or receive credentials of any kind from the American Evangelical Christian Churches, my membership and any credentials my be withdrawn or terminated by AECC, at any time and without notice, if any information is found to be false or misleading. I hereby authorize AECC and its agents to complete investigation of my background, character, reputation and fitness, before granting me general membership in AECC or affording me any credentials or certification. This application shall constitute authority to all of my past and present employers, to all educational institutions I have attended, to all religious institutions and other organizations to which I have been associated, to all government entities (including criminal records check), and to any other person or entity having information about me, to fully disclose such information to AECC. Such information includes, but shall not be limited to, personnel files and records, grades and grade point averages and transcripts, earned degrees, professional licenses, attendance and discipline records, complaints, suspensions, license revocations or fines, and such other oral and written information which, in the exclusive discretion of AECC, may be relevant to determining my suitability for general membership and credentials of any kind. I hereby release any such employer, educational or religious institution, government entity, and other person or entity, and their representatives and agents, from any claim or liability of any kind for complying with such information requests of AECC. I also hereby release the American Evangelical Christian Churches and its representatives and agents from any claim or liability of any kind in ducting such investigation. I authorize the making and retention of photocopies or facsimiles of all such information, and request that photocopies or facsimile copies be accepted on the same basis as original documents. Signature BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL PROFILE Please answer, giving appropriate scriptural references (use additional pages as needed). 34. Did the fall of man result from voluntary or involuntary transgression? 34. Are modern day revelations, visions and prophetic utterances EQUAL IN AUTHORITY with the Bible? Yes No 35. Select six of the following which declares the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and check accordingly. \_\_His virgin birth His sinless life His miracles His driving the money changes from His confounding lawyers at age 12 \_\_\_\_His exaltation to the right the temple hand of God \_\_\_The price of His betrayal \_\_\_\_His temptation in the wilderness \_\_\_\_His bodily resurrection from the dead His substitutional work on the cross 36. Define "spiritual death".

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37. What are the conditions of salvation?\_\_\_\_\_

38.	What is the inward evidence of salvation?
39.	What is the outward evidence of salvation?
40.	What are the elements of Holy Communion and what is their meaning?
41.	How do you baptize and what is the meaning of water baptism?
42.	Is healing provided for in the atonement?
43.	Define tithing.
44.	Do you believe it is God's will that each of us tithe?
45.	What is the "blessed hope" spoken of in Scripture?
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The American Evangelical Christian Churches is neither Fundamental nor Pentecostal in doctrine. The questions offered are voluntary in nature. The applicant will not be received, nor denied into ministry, based *only* on your answer to these questions.

**Application Fee is \$60.00 U.S. funds.** Please send your application, *with* the application fee, to the AECC Regional Coordinator listed below. If there is no Regional Coordinator listed, send you application, with the application fee to the AECC Headquarters address found at the top of page one of this application. Please allow a *minimum* of six (6) weeks to process the application.



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	TO THE INTERNATIONAL MODERATOR:
	n and interviewed the applicant. I hereby nend approval and appropriate credentials
Regional Coordinator Signature	Date
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Approved	Not Approved
AECC President Signature	Date



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# REFERENCE QUESTIONAIRE Reference #1

Date:
References Name:
References Address:
The following person, for ministerial credentials and membership with the American Evangelical Christian Churches, has given your name to us as a reference concerning an application. Please respond as best as you can to all of the questions listed below. Upon completion, please return questionnaire to the address listed below.
Applicants Name:
1. How long have you know the applicant?
2. Do you believe that God has placed a call upon their life?
3. In what way?
4. In your opinion, is the applicant a living testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ? In what way(s)?
5. Do you attend the same church as the applicant?
6. If known by you, what is the pastor's opinion of the applicant?

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7.	Do you believe that the applicant is a Godly leader? Yes No
	If yes, in what ways?
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The American Evangelical Christian Churches would like to thank you for your help in considering this applicant. Please be assured that your responses will be kept in strictest confidence.



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# REFERENCE QUESTIONAIRE Reference #2

Date:	
References Name:	
References Address:	
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# REFERENCE QUESTIONAIRE Reference #3

Date:
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References Address:
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Page one of two: Reference Questionnaire #3

7.	Do you believe that the applicant is a Godly leader? Yes No
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