

PENNSYLVANIA EASTERN KEYSTONE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



CATECHISM CLASSES ORDINATION COUNCIL APPLICATION

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ORDINATION PROCESS

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The following is the process implemented to ensure that **Candidates for Ordination** by the *Pennsylvania Eastern Keystone Baptist Association* are adequately catechized and examined.

1. Applications for Ordination must be submitted and signed by the Senior Pastor of the potential candidate. Applications are available on-line (www.pekba.com) or hard copies may be obtained by contacting:

Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard

Saints Memorial Baptist Church

47 South Warner Ave.

Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

(610) 525-5806

(484) 272-7824

pastorpreachermidwife@gmail.com

2. All candidates are **required** to attend: the **Orientation Session, Twelve(12) Catechism Classes** and the **Council Orientation Session** which will be held at the:

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Orientation Session March 16, 2019 9:00am-11:00 pm

Catechism Classes: 9:30-2:30

March 30

April 6

April 13

April 27

May 4

Classes are designed for persons from PEKBA congregations whose Pastors have determined that they are ready to be considered for Ordination. If this is a non-PEKBA congregation it is hoped that the congregation will become a member of PEKBA. A meeting may be required with the Director of Christian Education, an Area Moderator, or the PEKBA Moderator to determine if the application will be accepted

1. Classes will take place on Saturdays. There are either **TWO** or **THREE** classes scheduled on each Saturday.
2. Students are also required to complete the necessary reading and other assignments for each class.
3. Students are required to attend all sessions, in the event of an emergency student will need to make arrangements to make up the session. Repeated absences will result in the student needing to take the classes at another time
4. After successful completion of the classes and assignments, students are able to participate in the Ordination Exam. The Council will be held at the Monumental Baptist Church
5. The Council will determine if a candidate receives **Pass With Distinction, Pass, Conditional Pass** or **Unsatisfactory**
6. Upon the **successful completion** of all *Catechism Classes* and **successful completion** of the *Council*, (Candidates who receive either a PASS With DISTINCTION or PASS) the Senior Pastor and Candidate will be notified in writing. This is so that the Senior Pastor may begin preparing for the Ordination Service.
7. The Association will provide a Certificate to the Church. The Association will provide a Report of the Council. The Association will also participate in the Ordination Service for the candidate, under the direction of that Senior Pastor.
8. If a candidate receives a **Conditional Pass**, the Council in conjunction with the Director of Christian Education and The Moderator will determine what is needed. The Senior Pastor will not move toward Ordination until those conditions have been met
9. When those conditions have been met, the Pastor will be notified in writing. After this notification the Pastor may begin preparing for the Ordination Service. The Association will also participate in the Ordination Service for the candidate, under the direction of that Senior Pastor.
10. In the event that the candidate **does not successfully** complete either the classes, or the Council, the Senior Pastor will also be notified in writing. The Council will indicate what additional work is needed by the Candidate. The candidate is not

ready to proceed with Ordination and will need to appear again before an Ordination Council (panel) once the additional work has been completed.

The Catechism classes are **\$350.00** per candidate. It is expected that the payment will be paid in full by the Orientation Session. If there is a need for a payment plan that arrangement should be made by the Orientation Session and must be completed before the end of the classes.

In the event that a student withdraws from the course, or does not complete for any reason there will be no refunds.



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ORDINATION APPLICATION

Cost - \$350.00 per candidate

Date: _____ Spring 2019 _____

Candidate's Personal Information

1. Name of Candidate: _____
2. Address: _____
3. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
4. Candidate's Telephone Number: _____
5. Candidate's Email Address: _____

Candidate's Educational Background: (Please check all that apply)

6. G.E.D. ___ H.S. Diploma ___ Bachelor's ___ Master's ___ Doctoral ___
7. Please list below the Post High School Academic Institutions Attended and the dates of graduation:

Church Involvement:

8. Church Affiliation: _____
9. Address: _____
10. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
11. Senior Pastor: _____

12. Is Congregation a Member of PEKBA? Yes____ No____

13. Briefly describe your current involvement

Additional Requirements to Complete Application Process: (The following are to be submitted with this application. All documents must be typed/double spaced/Times New Roman/12 Font) Please Submit **HARD COPIES** (ie do not scan and send by email)

- 1 - The candidate must write a **1 page Biography.**
- 2 - The candidate must write a **1 page Conversion Narrative.**
- 3 - The Candidate must write a **1 page Call to the Ministry Narrative.**
4. The Candidate must write a **1 page Your Role in the Church**

[To be completed by the Senior Pastor)

Pastor _____

Senior Pastor's Telephone Number: _____

Senior Pastor's Email Address: _____

How long has the Candidate been affiliated with Church? _____

In what role (s) does the Candidate currently serve in Church:

What role, if any, will the candidate be considered for post ordination?

Signatures:

Candidate: _____

Senior Pastor: _____

Application Deadline:

- **Winter/Spring 2019 (submit by March 6, 2019)**
- **Fall 2019 (TBA)**

Tuition - \$350.00 per candidate

Checks should be made payable to PEKBA

Payment for the course is expected prior to the first class

Please Submit Completed Application and Check to:

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Note: Please include “PEKBA Ordination” on the envelope.