

DELTA MINISTRY CENTER LICENSURE DIVISION

The Licensure division of Delta Ministry Center provides California approved credentials for those who do not possess an ordination from their own denomination. This credential will allow a Chaplain to perform marriages and other duties associated with ministry. A written examination as well as an oral examination is required for this licensure. The "Certification" level of ministry is provided for those who are in process of meeting the requirements and qualifications for the ordination level or those who do not need the Ordination for marriages, etc. This level of ministry is not required to take the oral or written exams. Delta Ministry Center recognizes the certified minister as an intern minister.

To more adequately ensure the formation of proper ministerial attitudes, and to offer a structured approach to practical ministerial training, new applicants are provided the opportunity to serve an internship under an experienced and competent pastor. If the church in which they are involved or serve as members does not provide ministerial training, Delta Ministry Center will assist the applicant in this endeavor.

When a ministerial applicant can document an active service ministry for five (5) years or more, he/she may be allowed to serve in an internship program and apply for Certification or Ordination level of ministry providing all other qualifications are met. Such an individual may, however, be asked to complete additional training or serve a probationary internship for a certain period of time.

The training program for ministry may vary in focus and desire. A mentor will be assigned to work with any individual who becomes part of the program. The program is meant to provide individuals with an appreciation and recognition of ministry and the gifts that God has given those whom He has called to the five-fold ministries spoken of in Ephesians chapter four and Romans chapter twelve.

Delta Ministry Center was incorporated to function as a 501 – C (3) religious organization for public benefit. This status allows DMC to offer the ministry credentials and properly cover the Chaplaincy Program as well as the certified counselors. It also allows individuals and corporations to donate tax deductible, charitable gifts to any division and to any of the programs.

A Board of Directors that meets quarterly, to attend to the business of the corporation and make financial decisions, governs Delta Ministry Center. The Ministry Center also employs a secretary that schedules appointments and handles all financial income and disbursements. The Center has become recognized and approved in the community as well as the Contra Costa County judicial and probation system.

When an individual desires to become credentialed through Delta Ministry Center, the following will assist you in working through the process:

Delta Ministry Center is a California based corporation approved by the Secretary of State to operate as a religious institution and offer credentials in ministry recognized by the U.S. Secretary of State. The ordination offered is an "Ordained Chaplain" and is valid for performing marriages as well as other ministerial duties within and outside the state of California (depending upon specific state regulations).

- 1) Enclosed, you will find an application for these credentials. Please fill out the application completely, leaving no blank spaces.
- 2) The applicant will also need a letter of recommendation from a pastor or someone to whom you submit to as your spiritual authority and covering.
- 3) When the application is approved, an oral interview will be scheduled with a member of the Board of Directors. This interview is simply to go over your application and allow time for comments and questions from both parties.
- 4) After the initial interview, a written examination may be scheduled. This examination will test your Biblical knowledge and is solely based on Scripture knowledge. This exam must have a score of 70 or above to proceed.
- 5) Upon successfully passing the written examination, an oral exam is scheduled with one or more members of the Board of Directors. This is a simple scenario examination to test your oral skills and overall understanding of ministry.
- 6) After successfully passing the written and oral examinations, the Certification for Ministry or credentials for Ordination may be issued.
- 7) Some stipulations or conditions may be added to the issuance of the Certification or Ordination as felt necessary by the Board of Directors of Delta Ministry Center. These stipulations or conditions, if any, usually depend upon past experience, training and number of years in ministry.
- 8) The endorsement, for the first year of ministry, is an "internship" endorsement and your certificate will read, "Ordained Chaplain Intern". The Certification in Ministry does not have an internship. This serves as a probation period for you as well as DMC.
- 9) The only requirement, other than the recommendations and the application, is that you attend the Biblical Counseling Training Course (this training may be waived with experience and alternative ministry training). When your application is returned with the requested recommendations, you will be granted endorsement for your credentials.
- 10) After the year of internship and the Training Classes are finished, you will be granted the "Ordained Chaplain" credentials.
- 11) These are renewed each year according to the documentation of your ministry and your consistence in your monthly activity reports.