

The Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba Ministry Credentialing/Ordination

[Christ] is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:11, 12 NLT

Pastoral ministry is a wonderful and important calling in the church. The local church and denominational leadership together have a role in discerning and affirming the call of God to ministry. The following process describes how pastors are credentialed for pastoral ministry within the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba. This credentialing/ordination process has been adopted by the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and is recognized throughout Canada. Participation in the Pastors Credentialing Orientation is required for credentialing in addition to the following.

1. The credentialing process in Manitoba is directed by the Conference Pastor and the Faith and Life Committee.
2. Pastors applying for Ministry Credentialing, Ordination or Registration to Solemnize Marriages must email or send their completed application form along with all required documents to the Conference office, attn. Conference Pastor.
3. A face to face interview with members of the Faith and Life Committee will be scheduled once all the documents have been completed. The church moderator or designate is also requested to be present at the interview.

Arrangements for conference involvement in church commissioning/ordination services can be made with the Conference Pastor.

A pastor will be removed from the Manitoba Conference list of credentialed pastors after leaving the province or ending pastoral ministry in a Mennonite Brethren church.

Available forms

- **Credentialing Questionnaire for Current Pastors** (MS Word)
- **Credentialing Questionnaire for Non Clergy** (MS Word)
- **Reference Form for Ministry Applicant** (MS Word)
- **Temporary Marriage License Application**