

Credential Classifications Continued...

Licensed Minister— Qualifications for license shall include clear evidence of a divine call, character and preparation suitable for that calling, practical ministry experience, and an evident purpose to devote one's life in service to the proclamation of the gospel.

Ordained Minister—Applicants must be 23 years of age or older. No person may be ordained to the ministry until he or she has shown evidence of a divine call and has held a ministry license and has been actively engaged in ministry and proclamation of the gospel for at least 2 full consecutive years immediately prior thereto.

**Applicants must be residents of (or hold credentials in) the district where they make application for one year and appear before its credentials committee.*

Specific SEDAG Requirements:

- All questions from application and documents **must** be answered.
- All applicants must read the General Council and District Council Constitution and Bylaws books before the Credential test and interview and make a commitment to abide by them.
- All applicants must participate of our New Ministers' Orientation held annually every first weekend of May.
- All applicants for credentials must complete the course A/G History Missions and Governance.
- There is no specific deadline to apply. However please be aware that the process may take approximately anywhere from 4 to 9 months. Therefore, the pace at which the requirements and follow up procedures are completed is at the discretion of the applicant.



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**“TO GIVE AND TO SERVE”
Mark 10:45**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Spanish Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. is a cooperative Fellowship of Pentecostal believers. Its mission is to evangelize the world, worship God, develop ministers and plant Pentecostal churches with a social commitment as we prepare for the Lord's return.

A Word from the Secretary-Treasurer

If you are in possession of this document, you are no doubt pursuing a call upon your life for ministry. There is nothing more important than obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit, and I can think of no higher calling than obeying the will of God by serving your fellowman through ministry, whether that be in the pulpit or on the mission field or with music or other skills with which you have been blessed.

Gifts and callings are of God; a credential is our response in honoring and validating that call. This brochure is a guide to help you understand the process involved in receiving a credential with the Assemblies of God and more particularly with the Spanish Eastern District Council. As you will see herein, there are varieties of options available to you in this regard.

*Serving the Lord and His Kingdom,
Rev. Sergio A. Martinez*

As a credentialed Assemblies of God minister you join the ranks of men and women who for decades have proclaimed and lived the principles set forth in the Scriptures. I encourage you to pursue your credential diligently. If my staff or I can be of assistance to you in this regard, please feel free to contact us directly. We want to help you in fulfilling God's call on your life.



WHAT IS MINISTRY?

Christ's gifts to the Church include apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11), exhorters, administrators, leaders, and helpers (Romans 12:7, 8). We understand God's call to these ministry gifts is totally within His sovereign discretion without regard to gender, race, disability, or national origin. (Constitution & Bylaws, Article 7, Section 1)

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must:

1. Be born again
2. Have been baptized in water by immersion according to Matthew 28:19
3. Have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues
4. Be in full agreement with the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God.
5. Be an official member of an Assemblies of God church.
6. Have fulfilled the study requirements for the credential desired
7. Not have a living former spouse (unless official biblical divorce recognition has been reviewed and approved prior to the credentialing process by the General Council).
8. Be currently involved in a valid ministry indicating a need for ministerial credentials
9. Pass additional written and interview exams
10. Possess US Citizenship, Permanent Residency or Legal immigration status

CREDENTIAL CLASSIFICATIONS:

Three classifications of credentials are recognized and transferable among all Assemblies of God districts: the ordained minister, the licensed minister, and the certified minister as contained in the General Council and District Council Constitution and Bylaws.

Certified Minister—They shall show promise of usefulness in the gospel work. They shall devote full or part time to Christian ministry and, at the discretion of the District Credentials Committee, may remain under the supervision of a pastor or a ministry coach or mentor. They shall show evidence of a divine call and be actively engaged in some aspect of ministry and proclamation of the gospel, except in case of ill health or advanced age.

**A Certificate of Ministry may be issued on a provisional basis as recommended by the District Credentials Committee.*