



PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
BOARD OF ORDINATION AND CREDENTIALS  
Bishop Guy L. Glimp, S.T.M., Jurisdictional Prelate  
Mother Katie S. Allen, Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women  
Dr. Darnell Bowman, Board Chairman

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Dear PCEJ COGIC Pastor:

We greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please pay careful attention to the following information if you plan to present a minister or missionary to this Board for ordination or licensure in 2024.

The following will be submitted to the Board **no later than December 15, 2023**.

- A completed application form (attached) with the required signatures.
- A copy of the signed license as minister or deaconess-missionary from the national COGIC.
- A letter of recommendation from you, addressed to the Chairman and mailed to Administrative Secretary (address below). This will be a **detailed letter** that will indicate the following:
  - that the applicant has been an active member of and in the ministry of your church congregation for the past three years, at least;
  - that he/she exhibits a commitment to the mission and vision of your local church; and has been financially supportive;
  - that he/she has demonstrated leadership capability;
  - that he/she has demonstrated a personal commitment to Christ and to the Church.
  - that he/she has been appropriately licensed by the national church as a minister or deaconess-missionary.
- The fee for this Ordination and Licensure process includes the application, the Training Institute classes. That fee is \$125.00, payable in full no later than February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Preferred payment method is by CashApp -- \$COGICOFPA, designating "**Board of Ordination and Credentials.**" Money orders payable to "COGIC of PA" will be received. Cash and Personal checks will **not** be accepted.

The Training Institute of the Board will convene **mandatory** monthly classes beginning Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 9a.m. These classes will be held virtually, on the ZOOM platform. **Once the completed application, the letter of recommendation from you, the appropriate national COGIC certificates, and the required application fee have been received, the invitation to join the ZOOM meeting will be emailed to the candidate.**

In preparation for this 2024 process, each applicant will have purchased the following texts:

- **The Official Manual of the Church of God in Christ**. Available online at COGICJUSTICE.NET \$12.
- **Understanding Bible Doctrine as Taught in the Church of God in Christ**, by Bishop P. A. Brooks and Elder Charles Hawthorne. \$16.
- **The Official Handbook of the Department of Women of the Church of God in Christ**, \$25.

Each of these texts may also be obtained from:

COGIC Bookstore 285 Main Street, Memphis, TN  
or cogicpublishinghouse.net or by calling 877-746-8578.

At that mandatory initial session, details of the Training Institute class schedule will be given.

If you have questions, please contact Chaplain Celestine Beckett at 215-290-6011 or [revbeck@verizon.net](mailto:revbeck@verizon.net); or Chaplain Audrey Moody at 215-848-8617/215-696-9578 or [amood@aol.com](mailto:amood@aol.com).

We thank you for your careful attention to these details.

Sincerely yours,  
**Dr. Darnell Bowman**  
Chairman

**All mail will be sent to:**  
**Ms. Linnita Dailey, Administrative Secretary**  
**PCEJ Board of Ordination and Credentials**  
**5838 Whitby Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19143**  
[jamesd18@comcast.net](mailto:jamesd18@comcast.net)

**Email is the preferred method of submission of documents.**