

PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION
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Dr. Darnell Bowman, Board Chairman

August 1, 2026

Dear PCEJ COGIC Pastor:

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please pay careful attention to the following information if you plan to present a Minister or Missionary to this Board for Ordination and Licensure, as well as Prospective Deacons or Deaconess Missionaries, in 2026.

A Mandatory Orientation Meeting for Pastors and Prospective Candidates in ministry is scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2026, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at the Valley Forge Convention Center (Parkview Room), 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA.

During this **Mandatory Orientation Meeting**, attendees will be equipped with vital information regarding the new three-year PCEJ Ordination and Licensure Formation Process. This formative, spiritual, pastoral, and denominational process will include Ministerial Formation and Theological Education, as well as Ordination and Licensure Readiness, specified as follows:

Ministerial Formation and Theological Education: Doctrinal and theological education, practical ministry, pastoral care, church polity, ethics, spiritual discipline, and leadership, in the first two years.

Ordination and Licensure Readiness: Review, examination, recommendation, and final preparation in the third year.

Prior to the Mandatory Orientation Meeting, the **Pastor's Letter of Recommendation** must be emailed to the Office of the Jurisdictional Bishop, ycurtis.cogicofpa@gmail.com, with courtesy copies (cc:) to the following, **no later than Saturday, September 5, 2026:**

1. Chairman, Board of Ordination and Credentials: darnell_b1595@msn.com
2. Board of Ordination and Licensure Administrative Secretary: jamesd18@comcast.net
3. Office of the Jurisdictional Secretary: OJS.cogicofpa@gmail.com
4. Office of Jurisdictional Supervisor: jmruise@aol.com (for women candidates)

The **Pastor's Letter of Recommendation** will be a **detailed letter** indicating the following:

- that he/she has demonstrated a personal commitment to Christ and to the Church
- that the applicant has been an active member in the ministry of your church congregation for two (2) years or longer;
- that he/she exhibits a commitment to the mission and vision of your local church; and has been financially supportive.

Email is the preferred method of submission for all documents.

No later than September 12, 2026, Ordination and Licensure Candidates, must submit:

- A completed application form (attached and also available online) with the required signatures
- Application fee of \$100.00. This amount will be paid each of the three years.

No later than September 12, 2026, Deacon and Deaconess Missionary Candidates must submit:

- A completed application form (attached and also available online) with the required signatures.
- Application fee of \$50.00. This amount will be paid each of the three years.

All applications will be emailed to the following:

1. Chairman, Board of Ordination and Credentials: darnell_b1595@msn.com
2. Board of Ordination and Licensure Administrative Secretary: jamesd18@comcast.net
3. Office of the Jurisdictional Secretary: OJS.cogicofpa@gmail.com
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Preferred payment method is via CashApp to \$COGICOFPA, designating “**Board of Ordination and Credentials**” in the memo line. Alternative payment methods may be made via check or money orders payable to the following address:

PCEJ
Post Office Box #19046
Philadelphia, PA 19138

The Ordination and Licensure Formation Process will convene **mandatory** monthly classes beginning Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. These classes will be held virtually, on the ZOOM platform, as well as in-person. No candidate will be fully admitted to the first class until all documentation (**Pastor's Letter of Recommendation and completed application**), and the application fee, has been received and verified by the Office of the

Jurisdictional Secretary. Once approved for admission, the candidate will receive **the official email invitation letter to access the ZOOM class on September 26th.**

Please note: A document outlining the Board policy for persons who wish to have their credentials transferred to the PCEJ will be forthcoming.

Please direct all questions to Chaplain Celestine Beckett at 215-290-6011 or revbeck@verizon.net; or Chaplain Audrey Moody at 215-848-8617/215-696-9578 or amood@aol.com.

We thank you for your careful attention to these details.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Darnell Bowman

Dr. Darnell Bowman, Chairman
PCEJ COGIC Board of Ordination and Credentials