

Living Church Ministries, Inc

Ministerial Definitions and Requirements



Please note: Laws and requirements regarding these functions vary between countries and states, so you will need to refer to your local government agency prior to practicing any official functions, counseling services or holding legal ceremonies and services.

Requirements for Ministers

- Enrollment in, or completion of, the Living Church Ministries, Inc (LCM) Ministerial Program or equivalent (as determined by the Senior Pastor)
- Be actively involved in ministerial service (for example, prison ministry, minstrel, ministerial assistance)
- Be a member of Living Church Ministries and pay the annual membership dues
- Pay the annual minister dues
- Be in relationship with the Living Miracles Ministry (see details on next page)

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Commissioned Minister

This recognition is given to those who feel a definite call to living a life in service to God. These individuals are involved in ministerial training while working in their chosen vocation. A specific commissioned ministry may involve sharing Christ's teachings through services and music, prison or hospital ministry, or by offering ministerial assistance.

Licensed Minister

This recognition is for those who are called into the ministry and are recognized to have exhibited that call and maturity. These individuals may be working in their chosen vocation but have not yet entered full time ministry. Such persons are authorized to perform some sacerdotal functions such as holding church services and offering spiritual counseling. Given the apprentice nature of this designation, limited authority is granted to officiate ceremonies and run the affairs of the church as overseen by the Senior Pastor and/or other designated Ordained Ministers.

Further requirements for Licensing

- Complete the two-year LCM Ministerial Program and Counseling Module or equivalent (to the satisfaction of the Senior Pastor)

Ordained Minister

This recognition is given by the Senior Pastor to those persons who have "established" themselves or demonstrated their devotion in ministry by having worked in their vocation as a Minister for at least two years. Ordained Ministers are authorized to perform all functions of the ministry including holding church services, ministering ceremonies (for example, weddings, baptisms, and funerals), providing spiritual counseling, and taking charge of a congregation, and must be capable of doing so, as determined by the Senior Pastor.

Additional requirements for ordination

- Complete the two-year LCM Ministerial Program, Counseling Module, plus additional ministerial training to the satisfaction of the Senior Pastor (or equivalent)
- Complete the LCM Ministerial Program test
- Attend an interview with the Senior Pastor or an appointed Ordained Minister



Maintaining Minister Status (Commissioned, Licensed and Ordained)

- Be in relationship with the Living Miracles Ministry through:
 - Receiving inspired emails through our mailing list
 - Attending or holding scheduled services and events in person or via the internet
 - Being in communication with members and ministers of our global Living Miracles Ministry throughout the year either in person, via email, telephone or Skype contact
 - Participate in an annual check-in call with a minister from the Living Miracles community
 - Joining our online communities and visiting the Living Miracles websites for updates of what is happening locally and around the world
- Attend a Living Miracles paid online or in-person event every 6-months:
 - As a participant during Ministerial Training
 - As a participant or assistant when Commissioned or Licensed
 - As a participant, assistant or facilitator when Ordained
- Maintain current contact details by sending any changes to admin@livingchurchministries.org

Removing Yourself as a Member/Minister

Since you are a valued member of our community, please be in communication with us before doing this. If you are sure that you no longer have a calling to be a minister with our church, you will need to send an email to admin@livingchurchministries.org so that we can remove your information from the website(s). We are not able to refund fees.

Thank you and God bless you. We are honored to serve God with you.