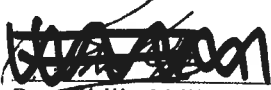


**THE INDIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD - NORTH AMERICA**  
**EASTERN REGION**  
**ORDINATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

- (1) Candidates for ordination as a pastor in the Indian Pentecostal Church of God, North America, Eastern Region, shall be selected by the local church according to the by-laws, policies and procedures of the local church.
- (2) The candidate shall be a recognized minister of a local church at the time of the ordination.
- (3) Candidates for ordination shall have a combination of theological education and practical ministry experience for a minimum of seven (7) years, including a minimum of three years of education and three years of experience as follows:
  - (a) Theological education to be considered shall be from an IPC approved institution or an accredited seminary, college or university that subscribe to the mainstream Pentecostal teachings.
  - (b) Thirty (30) undergraduate credits or 24 graduate credits shall be counted as equal to one year of education.
  - (c) The practical ministry experience shall be obtained within a local church setting as an evangelist, associate minister, youth minister or deacon under the direct supervision of a senior pastor. Three years of such experience shall be obtained at a local church within the Region and/or an IPC Region within the United States.
- (4) Candidates for ordination shall be of mature experience and shall have demonstrated his ability to undertake the responsibility of the ministry. He shall be required to comply with the standards as set forth in the Scripture, especially those found in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 & Titus 1: 1-9.
- (5) An application in the prescribed form along with the applicable credentials and the local church recommendation shall be submitted to the Region Presbytery (pastor members of the Region Council) for consideration.
- (6) Candidates for ordination shall appear before the Region Presbytery for interview when required.
- (7) All ordinations within the Region shall be authorized by the Region Presbytery. The ordination service shall be conducted under the auspices of the Region presbytery by a minister approved by the Presbytery. However, the time and place shall be left to the discretion of the candidate and/or the local church.
- (8) Transfer of credentials to the Region shall be considered for candidates holding credentials from non-IPC churches that are consistent with these guidelines provided the required procedures herein are fulfilled.
- (9) Candidates with a minimum of three years of theological education or equivalent ministry experience as noted above (#3) may apply for credentials as an Evangelist or as a Licensed Minister provided the required procedures herein are fulfilled.

*Adopted and approved by the Region Council on December 9, 2012*



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