



RHEMA Ministerial Association International

RHEMA Nigeria PMB 5345, Abuja 900003, Nigeria

Dear RMAI Applicant:

We are pleased that you are applying for membership of the *RHEMA Ministerial Association International*. In order to process your application, the following items **must** be received by our Abuja, Nigeria office:

- Two current photographs (passport size or larger)
- Membership fee _____
- One Minister's Recommendation Form
- One Relative's Recommendation Form
- One Recommendation Form

The following information is **also** required:

Itinerant Ministers:

- Itinerary (current schedule of meetings for the previous three months and upcoming three months)

Youth, Children, Music, Associate Pastors:

- Letter from your pastor or head of the ministry for which you work detailing your ministerial duties and responsibilities (please include pulpit responsibilities)

Pastors:

- Letter signed by 3-5 members of your congregation attesting to your position, church start date, location, service times, and schedule.

All Other Ministries:

- Letter outlining your ministry activities and responsibilities.

After your application has been received, your RMAI Director or his delegates will contact you.

It is our desire to process your application as quickly and efficiently as possible. To prevent unnecessary delays, please refer to your Licensing/ Ordination Information Sheet that is enclosed with this RMAI Application Packet.

Rev. Tokunbo Adejuwon
RMAI Nigeria Director



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Introduction

RHEMA Ministerial Association International (RMAI) was founded by RHEMA Bible Church USA as a support organization for RHEMA Bible Training Center graduates who are active in the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. RMAI is designed to assist, equip, and govern ministries in reaching their most effective potential.

The intent of RMAI members should be to unite in the love of Christ for the souls of men and to serve one another in a genuine spirit of fellowship and concern.

Purpose

1. To provide an avenue of unity, strength, and fellowship between RHEMA Bible Training Center graduates worldwide, RHEMA Bible Church USA, Kenneth Hagin Ministries and RHEMA Nigeria.
2. To assist RMAI members in the establishment of the ministry to which God has called them.
3. To recognize proven ministries in the Body of Christ through membership in RHEMA Ministerial Association International as licensed or ordained ministers.
4. To supply a vehicle through which counsel could be given to a member for the purpose of encouraging accuracy and soundness in doctrine, procedure, ethics, and conduct.
5. To provide a system whereby ministerial replacements and interim ministers for churches or ministries may be recommended and contacted.
6. To initiate and maintain means through which legitimate ministry projects of RMAI members may be presented to the RMAI membership for consideration and/or support (i.e., missionary endeavors, disaster relief, ministry to poor and destitute, etc.).
7. To assist in producing strong, capable, and ethical ministerial leadership in the Body of Christ.
8. To provide current ministerial information to the RMAI membership.



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THE CONSTITUTION OF RHEMA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

Nigerian Version

(Goals and Purposes for Existence)

Article I — Name

The name of this organization shall be RHEMA Ministerial Association International (RMAI) under the auspices of RHEMA Bible Church USA, aka Kenneth Hagin Ministries (USA Non-Profit Organization).

Article II — Nature of RHEMA Ministerial Association International

RHEMA Ministerial Association International was founded January 1, 1985, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA as an outreach ministry of RHEMA Bible Church USA and RHEMA Bible Training Center. The primary nature of RMAI is to provide fellowship, leadership, and service for RHEMA Bible Training Center graduates in the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In recognizing the unity of the entire Body of Christ and specifically the ministry gifts God has set in the Church as described in Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 12:28, and Romans 12:4-8, RMAI declares itself strongly in support of the supernatural ministries and operations of its members.

RMAI is an outreach and assistance organization to help establish RHEMA Bible Training Center graduates in ministry; license and ordain qualified ministerial candidates; govern its members; assist churches in locating pastors and qualified personnel; assist ministers in locating places of ministry; and provide information and counsel in various areas of organization such as non-profit law, finances, publications, and administration.

RMAI meets regularly in conjunction with the RHEMA Alumni Association for the purpose of providing members an opportunity for fellowship, as well as giving and receiving vision, direction, and valuable information leading to more effective ministry. RMAI will also function as a vehicle to review and approve applications for licensing and ordination with RHEMA Nigeria.

Membership dues are N20, 000 per member per year. Membership dues for spouses of RMAI members who also hold RMAI credentials are N10, 000 per year. For members/missionaries residing outside Nigeria, membership dues are N5, 000 per year. The renewal fee for cross-cultural missionaries who reside in Nigeria is N2, 500. Each member must renew membership dues annually in order to be considered an active member of RMAI. All members of RMAI must be licensed or ordained by RMAI, even though an applicant may hold ministerial credentials with other organizations.

Membership in RMAI entitles one to an RMAI license or ordination certificate as well as other benefits from RMAI functions throughout the one-year period.

RMAI adheres to Biblical standards of righteousness in ministerial and personal conduct in accordance with the Scriptures: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

We foresee that RMAI will ultimately become a worldwide network of ministers, working together to evangelize, establish churches, teach, organize mission projects, and pursue as many varied areas of ministry as may prove beneficial for the proclaiming of the Good News.

Article III — Nature and Purpose of the RMAI Executive Administrative Board - USA

RHEMA Ministerial Association International shall appoint an Executive Administrative Board, which will consist of various ministers who hold offices and/or credentials with RHEMA Bible Church, Inc., or its auspices.

The purpose of the Executive Administrative Board shall be:

1. To recognize Jesus Christ as the sovereign Head of the Church and RHEMA Ministerial Association International.
2. To emphasize, encourage, and promote the fulfillment of the Great Commission: The evangelization of the nations.
3. To provide means by which the above objective may be accomplished.
4. To receive, review, and approve all applications from qualified candidates seeking membership in RHEMA Ministerial Association International.
5. To be responsible for conducting all ordination services as needed in conjunction with the President of RHEMA Bible Church, RHEMA Bible Training Center, and RHEMA Nigeria.

Article IV — Officers - USA

The RHEMA Ministerial Association International shall be governed by the Board of Trustees of RHEMA Bible Church.

The Board of Trustees shall have the power to appoint regional directors to assist them in overseeing the RMAI membership. The number of regional directors shall be determined by the needs of the membership and at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

Each regional director must hold valid ordination credentials with RMAI. A regional director shall serve the RMAI members in his assigned geographical area, performing duties as outlined by the Board of Trustees.

Article V — Disciplinary and Restoration Procedures

The Executive Administrative Board desires to encourage all members of RHEMA Ministerial Association International to fulfill their ministry in a scriptural and ethical manner. A member's conduct at all times should be as a minister and ambassador of Christ. If, however, a member's conduct falls within the Suspension and Dismissal categories the organization will take necessary steps to provide for the complete discipline and/or restoration of the member.

Restoration of a minister is a process that brings the minister who has erred under discipline until he/she is ready to resume ministerial duties, if possible. Restoration is not a punishment, but a necessary time of mending, using positive, corrective resources for complete recovery. When situations requiring discipline and restoration arise, RMAI members are to contact and seek the counsel of RHEMA Nigeria as to a course of action to facilitate the implementation of the process. However, if such attempts are not pursued and completed, suspension and possible dismissal may occur.

Article VI — Suspension in the Association

Should the occasion arise when unbiblical conduct by a member is made known to the association, the association will begin the process of verifying all the allegations. If the allegations are confirmed, the member shall be placed within the Suspension Category immediately.

RMAI members placed within the Suspension Category shall willingly submit their license or ordination certificate and clergy card to the RHEMA Nigeria Office upon request. Members within the Suspension Category remain legally licensed or ordained and all ministerial privileges remain intact until investigation is completed. Reasons for dismissal would include:

1. Spousal or child abuse
2. Marital Separation
3. Divorce
4. Sexual Misconduct (including pornography)
5. Ethical Violations in Finances
6. Ethical Violations with another Church or Minister
7. Failing to adhere to the Association's Tenets of Faith

Article VII — Dismissal from the Association

Any member refusing to submit to and adhere to sound counsel, correction, discipline, and restoration will be removed from the membership of RMAI and his/her ministerial credentials will be revoked.

Reason for dismissal would include:

1. Failure to submit to and complete the restoration process
2. Violations mentioned in Article VI

Article VIII — Tenets of Faith

The Tenets of Faith of RMAI shall be as follows:

The Scriptures . The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine (2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21)

The Godhead . Our God is one, but manifested in three persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, being co-equal (Phil. 2:6). God the Father is greater than all; the Sender of the Word (Logos) and the Begetter (John 14:28; John 16:28; John 1:14). The Son is the Word flesh-covered, the One Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning (John 1:1; John 1:1 8; John 1:14). The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal (John 15:26).

Man, His Fall and Redemption . Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "As it is written, There is none righteous no, not one." Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore man back to God (Rom. 5:14; Rom. 3:10; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 3:8).

Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Eph. 2:8).

Eternal Life and the New Birth . Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that worketh repentance. The New Birth is necessary to all men, and when experienced produces eternal life (2 Cor. 7:10; I John 5:12; John 3:3-5).

Water Baptism — Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39).

The following recommendation regarding the water baptismal formula is adopted; to wit:

"On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Baptism in the Holy Ghost . The Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the New Birth. This experience is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit Himself gives utterance (Matt. 3:11; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38,39; Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:4)

Sanctification — The Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the Doctrine of Sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation at Christ's return (Heb. 12:14; 1Thess. 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 1:30).

Divine Healing — Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and by the laying on of hands. It is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is the privilege of every member of the Church today (Mark 16:18; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; Matt. 8:17; Isa. 53:4-5).

Resurrection of the Just and the Return of our Lord — The angels said to Jesus' disciples, "...this same Jesus...shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." His coming is imminent. When He comes, "...the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..." (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16-17).

Following the Tribulation, He shall return to earth as King of kings, and Lord of Lords together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests. He shall reign a thousand years (Rev. 20:6).

Hell and Eternal Retribution — The one who physically dies in his sins without accepting Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire and, therefore, has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or repenting. The Lake of Fire is literal. The terms "eternal" and "everlasting", used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the Lake of Fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of the saints in the presence of God (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 29:20).



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LICENSING INFORMATION SHEET

Description

Licensing is available to RHEMA graduates who are in their first two years of a recognized ministerial position (i.e., Pastor, Traveling Itinerant/Teacher, Missionary, Assistant Pastor, Minister of Youth, Minister of Children, Minister of Music, Chaplain, etc.), which involves pulpit type ministry.

RMAI licensing *may help qualify* a member to preach or teach, obtain ministerial entrance into hospitals and jails, and to perform most, if not all, of the ministerial functions of a church including baptism and Communion. As laws pertaining to the solemnization of marriages vary, it is extremely important for licensed ministers to check with the proper authorities in their countries of residence to determine if they may legally perform marriages.

Requirements for Licensing

1. The applicant must be a minimum of 21 years of age.
2. The applicant must be a RHEMA Bible Training Center graduate.
3. The applicant must comply with the annual RMAI membership fee.
4. The applicant must adhere to the RMAI Tenets of Faith.
5. The applicant must specifically meet at least one of the following ministry requirements:
 - a. Full-time Ministry: the applicant's ministry position is his primary employment and primary source of income.
 - b. Although temporarily supplementing his income through a secular job, the applicant is officially recognized as a minister and is functioning in that recognized ministerial capacity on a consistent and continuing basis. Licensing is not intended for individuals planning to maintain perpetual involvement in secular work.
6. The applicant must have been an active member of RHEMA Bible Church USA during his two years as a student of RHEMA Bible Training Center. (This only applies to RBTC USA graduates living in Nigeria).
7. The applicant, if pastoring, must be conducting official church services in a public facility (not in a home) and have an average attendance of twenty to be considered for licensing.
8. The applicant, if itinerating, must have conducted a meeting twice a month for the past three months, and must have two meetings a month scheduled for the next three months.

There will be no exceptions to the above requirements unless a waiver is granted by the RMAI Executive Administrative Board.

Licensing Application Procedure

Those desiring to be licensed by RMAI must apply and be approved by the RMAI Executive Administrative Board. Please allow a minimum of 60 days for processing.

All completed applications must include:

1. Two copies of a recent *photograph* of the applicant. These should be suitable for publication purposes, preferably passport-size.
2. The completed *application form*.
3. *Membership fee*. Please transfer the fee to RHEMA Nigeria:

Account: *RAA Dedicated Account –
Rhema Bible Training Centre, Nigeria
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4. *Three completed recommendation forms.* Using the self-addressed envelopes provided, the individuals recommending you are to mail the completed recommendations directly to the RMAI office.
- The Minister's Recommendation form *must* be completed by the applicant's pastor. If the applicant is a pastor, the Minister's Recommendation form must be completed by an ordained minister who has known the applicant for at least two years.
 - The Relative's Recommendation form may not be completed by the applicant's spouse or by dependent children.
 - The other Recommendation form may be completed by a friend who knows the applicant well and is familiar with the ministry of the applicant.
5. Requirements for:

PASTORS: a letter from another minister attesting to the applicant's position and/or level of ministerial involvement or a letter signed by 3-5 members of your congregation (not from your immediate family) attesting to the applicant's position, church start date, location, service time, and schedule.

SUPPORTIVE MINISTERS on a church staff: a *letter* from the pastor attesting to the applicant's position and/or level of ministerial involvement.

ITINERANTS: a *current schedule* showing two church or evangelistic meetings per month for the previous three months and two meetings per month for the upcoming three months. Also include a letter of recommendation from two pastors for whom you have ministered.

MISSIONARIES: a letter from the head of the ministry with which the missionary will be working, or another missionary or responsible individual attesting to the applicant's position and/or level of involvement.

6. Shortly after your application is received by the RMAI office, you will be contacted by your RMAI Director. This phone interview must be conducted before your application can be processed. (Please note: This requirement may not apply if the applicant is a missionary with no stateside address.)

Renewal Procedure

Regardless of the month issued, the expiration date of an RMAI license is December 31st of the year issued. (If the application is processed and approved in the latter part of the year, consideration will be given concerning the renewal fee for the following year.)

To renew a license, complete the following steps:

- Fill out the *RMAI Ministerial Credential and Alumni Membership Renewal Form* that will be sent to you.
- Send the completed form to your Regional Director. (If you don't have a Regional Director in your area yet, send it directly to the RHEMA Nigeria office.)
- Send or transfer your renewal fee to RHEMA Nigeria (see bank info above).
 - The renewal fee for an individual is N20, 000.
 - The renewal fee for a spouse of a RMAI member who also holds RMAI credentials is N10, 000.
 - The renewal fee for members/missionaries who reside outside Nigeria is N5, 000.
 - The renewal fee for cross-cultural missionaries who reside in Nigeria is N2, 500.

It is necessary to maintain active ministry in order to qualify for renewal. In the event that a member does not qualify at renewal time, his/her file will be placed on inactive status with RMAI and his/her credentials (certificate and card) will be returned to RHEMA until such time as he/she once again meets all necessary requirements.



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ORDINATION INFORMATION SHEET

Ordination is available to RHEMA graduates who have been in a full-time, fivefold ministry position for a minimum of two years. Those qualifying for ordination would be Pastors, Missionaries, Traveling Itinerants/Teachers, Associate Pastors, etc., whose ministry position is their primary employment and primary source of income. It is understood that in certain cases, such as pioneering a new work, an individual might temporarily supplement his/her income through other means. This would not necessarily disqualify an otherwise qualified candidate from ordination, assuming it was evident that definite strides were being made toward full-time status.

RMAI ordination entitles a member to all the privileges of an ordained minister. This ordination qualifies one to perform all the required ministerial duties of the church, including the solemnization of marriages and conducting baptisms, burials, and Communion.

Requirements for Ordination

1. The applicant must be a minimum age of 25 years of age.
2. The applicant must be a RHEMA Bible Training Center graduate.
3. The applicant must be a member of RHEMA Alumni Association.
4. The applicant must comply with the annual RMAI membership fee.
5. The applicant must adhere to the RMAI Tenets of Faith.
6. The applicant must have been in full-time ministry for two complete consecutive years (24 months).
7. The applicant must be in full-time ministry at the time of application for ordination and must have an active pulpit ministry, preaching or teaching in official church or evangelistic services in a minimum of twenty-five (25) times per year, and/or administering the sacerdotal duties of the church (i.e., baptism, Communion, weddings, funerals) as requirements of their ministerial position.

It is understood that some Assistant/Associate Pastors may not preach 25 times a year, but may still qualify if they are sufficiently involved in other areas of pastoral ministry (counseling, visitation, etc.)

There will no exceptions to the above requirements unless a waiver is granted by the RMAI Executive Administrative Board.

Ordination Application Procedure

Those desiring to be ordained by RMAI must apply and be approved by the RMAI Executive Administrative Board. Please allow a minimum of 60 days for processing.

All completed applications must include:

1. One Upgrade Request Form

The Upgrade Request Form is to be mailed to your Regional Director. (If you don't have a Regional Director in your area yet, send it directly to the RHEMA Nigeria office.)

Yearly Renewal Procedures

Regardless of the month issued, the expiration date of an RMAI ordination is December 31st of the year issued. (If the application is processed and approved the latter part of the year, consideration will be given concerning the renewal fee for the following year.)

In order to renew an ordination, please complete the following steps:

1. Fill out the *RMAI Ministerial Credential and Alumni Membership Renewal Form* that will be sent to you.
2. Send the completed form to your Regional Director. (If you don't have a Regional Director in your area yet, send it directly to RHEMA Nigeria:

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3. Send or transfer your renewal fee to RHEMA Nigeria (see bank info above).
 - a. The renewal fee for an individual is N20, 000,00.
 - b. The renewal fee for a spouse of a RMAI member who also holds RMAI credentials is N10, 000,00.
 - c. The renewal fee for members/missionaries who reside outside Nigeria is N5, 000.00
 - d. The renewal fee for cross-cultural missionaries who reside in Nigeria is N2, 500,00

It is necessary to maintain active ministry in order to qualify for renewal. In the event that a member does not qualify at renewal time, his/her file will be placed on inactive status with RMAI and his/her credentials (certificate and card) will be returned to RMAI until such a time as he/she once again meets all necessary requirements.



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Attach
2 PHOTOS
(Passport-Sized)
Suitable for publication purposes.
(Do not staple.)

APPLICATION FOR LICENSING OR ORDINATION

All questions are to be answered and all blanks are to be filled in. Please remember to enclose or transfer the membership fee and the two photos.

Last name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Date _____

Home address _____ (Missionaries, please use stateside address, if applicable) Home Phone _____

Zip _____ City _____ Country _____

Office address _____ (Missionaries, please use foreign address.) Office Phone _____

Zip _____ City _____ Country _____

To which address do you prefer correspondence be sent? Office Address Home address _____

Fax: _____ Social Security # (if applicable): _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Has your marital status changed within the last year? Yes No (If yes, please attach written explanation.) _____

Applicant's Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Name of Children _____ Spouse's Date of Birth: _____

Sex _____ Date of birth _____

Applying for (please check only one): **Licensing**

Ordination _____

Are you born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues? Yes

No _____

Are you currently in an officially recognized ministerial position? Yes

No _____

In what field of ministry are you presently engaged?

Pastor Assistant Pastor Missionary Evangelist Itinerant Minister Minister of Music

Minister of Youth Minister of Children Chaplain Other (please state) _____

How long have you been in the field of ministry indicated above? _____

Are you currently functioning in that recognized ministerial capacity on a consistent and continuing basis? Yes

No _____

In an average month, how many times do you minister God's Word in **official** church or evangelistic services?

(This does **not** include Sunday School classes, prayer meetings, Bible studies, home fellowships, etc.) _____

What is your status with RHEMA Bible Training Center?

Certificate Holder Year attended: _____ Diploma Holder Year(s) attended: _____ -

Where did you attend RBTC? _____

While attending RHEMA Bible Training Center, what church did you attend on a regular basis? _____

Are you a current member of the RHEMA Alumni Association? **Yes**

No _____

What do you anticipate your work for the Lord will be in the future?

Why do you want to be licensed or ordained with RHEMA Ministerial Association International?

Have you ever been involved in a church split? Yes No (If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

If you are itinerating to raise support for the mission field and/or will be moving outside Nigeria to the mission field, what is your estimated date of departure? ___

How much support per month have you raised? _____

How do you envision maintaining a vital relationship with RHEMA in the future?

With what other ministerial organizations do you currently hold credentials (specify licensing or ordination)?

Does your ministry position **require** you to:

Perform weddings Yes No Baptize Yes No Serve Communion Yes

No Is the ministry

your sole means of income? Yes

No _____

If it is not, what percentage of your income is generated by your ministry? _____ %

On the average, how many hours per week do you work in your ministry? _____

If you are involved in some form of secular work, please answer the following three questions.

In what type of secular employment are you involved? _____

How many hours per week do you work secularly? _____

How long do you realistically anticipate that it will be before your ministry supports you totally? _____

If you are a pastor, please answer the following questions.

Did you: Pioneer the church Assume an existing work Other

Church name _____

Date church established _____

Mailing address _____

Zip _____

City _____

Country _____

Office phone _____

Church physical location (for church referrals and for publication purposes):
 Zip _____ City _____ Country _____
 In suburb of _____ or a part of the _____ metroplex.
 (For missionaries, list country _____.)

Avg. Sunday morning attendance _____ Schedule of weekly services _____ How long have you been at this pastorate? _____

Do you have a "Sunday School" type of program? Yes No How often do you have Communion in your church? _____

What is the seating capacity of your church facility? _____

Please list the guest speakers you have had in your church during the past 6 months.

What is the distance in miles between your church and the closest church pastored by a RHEMA graduate?

If you are in a position other than a pastorate, please answer the following questions.

Whom do you consider to be your pastor?

Name of your church which you assist, travel out of, and/or attend:	Pastor's name	Size of congregation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Church address _____

Zip _____ City _____ Country _____

Describe your relationship with your home church and pastor.

Statement of Faith

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant Word of God? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe in the Divine Trinity, that God is one, but is manifested in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, being co-equal and co-eternal? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe in water baptism by immersion as a direct commandment of the Lord, and that this ordinance is for believers only, and is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the New Birth? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Also, do you believe that this experience is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith and by the laying on of hands? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that healing is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and is the privilege of every member in the Church today? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ shall return for the Church and that His coming is imminent? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Also, do you believe that following the Tribulation, He shall return to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, and together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests, He shall reign a thousand years? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that those who physically die in their sins without accepting Christ are hopelessly and eternally lost in the Lake of Fire, and, therefore, have no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or repenting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that the Lake of Fire is literal and that the terms "eternal" and "everlasting," used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the Lake of Fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in denoting the duration of joy and ecstasy of saints in the Presence of God? |

Other Questions

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you receive the elements in Communion as symbols of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you partake of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages (including wine or beer) in excess? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you advocate organized/choreographed dancing within the church? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that all people or all Christians have demons in them that need to be cast out? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you believe that every pastor must be under the authority of an apostle and/or a prophet to be in order? |

Membership Fee

The amount of the RMAI fee is as follows:

N20, 000 for individuals

N10, 000 for a spouse of an RMAI member who is also licensed or ordained with RMAI

N5, 000 missionaries residing outside Nigeria

N2, 500 for cross-cultural missionaries who reside in Nigeria

The total fee of _____ N I will send with this application was transferred on the date of _____.

Did you enclose two copies of a recent photograph? Yes No Did you enclose your membership fee? Yes

No

If you are an **itinerant**, did you remember to attach:

1) a current schedule of church or evangelistic meetings for the previous three months and the upcoming three months? Yes No

2) a letter of recommendation from two pastors for whom you recently ministered? Yes

No

If you are a **pastor**, is another RMAI member or 3-5 members of your congregation providing a signed letter attesting to your position, church start date, location, service times, and schedule? Yes

No

If you are a **missionary** or serve in a **supportive** position, is the pastor or the head of the ministry for which you work, or a fellow missionary, providing a letter attesting to your position and/or level of ministerial involvement and detailing your ministerial duties and responsibilities? Yes

No

Please read carefully the following affidavit of agreement before signing.

I acknowledge that I agree with the Constitution, Statement of Faith, and Ministerial Ethics proclaimed, practiced, and set forth by the RHEMA Ministerial Association International.

I hereby state my willingness to submit to the spiritual authority and guidelines of the RHEMA Ministerial Association International. If at any time I feel I can no longer agree with the beliefs and practices of this organization, or if it is requested by those in authority, I will forfeit and return my ministerial credentials (certificate and card) to the RHEMA Ministerial Association International. I further understand that my credentials are to be returned if I cease to function in a qualifying ministerial position.

I understand that the *RMAI Membership Handbook and Directory* gives an update on all members annually. This includes not only active members, but also those whose memberships have "Lapsed" due to non-renewal, those who have become "Inactive," those who have "Withdrawn," and those who may have been "Dismissed" during the course of the year. I understand that if my membership lapses, or if I become inactive, withdraw from, or am dismissed from RMAI, my name will appear in the appropriate category in the next *RMAI Membership Handbook and Directory*.

Signature

Date

MINISTER'S RECOMMENDATION

RHEMA Ministerial Association International

RHEMA Nigeria PMB 5345, Abuja 900003, Nigeria

Name of Applicant _____

Last

First

Middle

The above named person is applying for Ministerial Credentials with RHEMA Ministerial Association International. The questions listed below should be answered honestly and correctly, for serious consideration will be given to your answers.

Our files are kept confidential, so please complete this form to the best of your ability and return it to our office in the envelope provided.

1. How long have you known the above person? _____ years.

2. Has your relationship been: Intensive Very close Close Casual
 Intermittent Distant Other _____

3. What has been the nature of your acquaintance? Were you . . .

CHURCH: Pastor Church Leadership Praise and Worship Leader
 Co-worker Other

SOCIAL: Friend of the family Personal friend Neighbor Other _____

4. To your knowledge, does this individual have a definite call to the ministry?

Yes No Do not know

Comments _____

5. To your knowledge, is applicant currently involved in active ministry?

Yes No Do not know

6. Pulpit Experience/Preaching and Teaching:

Well-experienced
 Light experience
 No experience
 Do not know

7. Work Ability (in the ministry):

Very industrious; does more than required
 Satisfactory work ability
 Enough to get by
 Does not meet minimum requirements
 Do not know

8. Stability/Ability to withstand pressure:

Tolerates pressure well
 Average tolerance/usually remains calm
 Easily irritated
 Cannot handle pressure
 Do not know

9. Personal Organization:

Conscientious, tidy, and clean
 Fairly neat
 Tends to be disorderly
 Disorderly and untidy
 Do not know

10. Response/Attitude to Authority:

Helpful and cooperative
 Usually responsive
 Resentful of authority
 Not cooperative/very resentful
 Do not know

11. Emotional Stability:

Self-controlled and mature
 Usually stable
 Moody and changeable
 Many uncontrolled periods/unstable
 Do not know

12. From your knowledge of the applicant's general character, past record, and present behavior, check any of the following which apply:

Uses tobacco Has been involved in serious community disturbances
 Gambles Has been arrested or served time in prison
 Drinks alcoholic beverages excessively Has a reputation for involvement in behavior indicating serious moral weakness

13. Having observed this person in the ministry, would you:

Highly recommend

Recommend

Recommend with reservations

Please list reservations _____

Not recommend

I do not know enough about his/her ministry to make a valid recommendation

14. Please give us your personal comments on the integrity of the applicant to aid us in our decision-making.

15. If you are completing this form for a current or future staff member, please attach a separate letter which specifically details this individual's current or future ministerial duties and responsibilities.

Signature _____

Age: 18-25 26-35 36-50 over50

Email _____

Address _____

Zip _____ City _____ Country _____

Telephone _____

Ministry Name _____

Your Position _____

Organization of Ordination _____ Year _____

Are you a RHEMA graduate? _____ Year(s) _____

Which RBTC did you graduate from? _____

RELATIVE'S RECOMMENDATION

RHEMA Ministerial Association International
RHEMA Nigeria PMB 5345, Abuja 900003, Nigeria

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle



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2. Has your relationship been: Intensive Very close Close Casual
 Intermittent Distant Other

3. What is your relationship with this individual?

4. To your knowledge, does this individual have a definite call to the ministry?
 yes No Do not know

Comments _____

5. To your knowledge, is applicant currently involved in active ministry:
 yes No Do not know

6. Pulpit Experience/Preaching and Teaching:

- Well experienced
- Light experience
- No experience
- Do not know

7. Work Ability (in the ministry):

- Very Industrious, does more than required
- Satisfactory work ability
- Enough to get by
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- Gambles
- Drinks alcoholic beverages excessively
- Has been involved in serious community disturbances
- Has been arrested or served time in prison
- Has a reputation for involvement in behavior indicating serious moral weakness

13. Having observed this person in the ministry, would you:

- Highly recommend
- Recommend
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- Please list reservations _____

- Not recommend
- I do not know enough about his/her ministry to make a valid recommendation

14. Please give us your personal comments on the integrity of the applicant to aid us in our decision-making.

Signature _____

Age 18-25 26-35 36-50 51 & over

Email _____

Address _____

Zip _____ City _____ Country _____

Telephone _____

Are you a RHEMA graduate? _____ Year(s) _____

Which RBTC did you graduate from? _____

RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant

Last First Middle



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Yes No Do not know

Comments _____

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 Moody and changeable
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 Do not know

12. From your knowledge of the applicant's general character, past record, and present behavior, check any of the following which apply:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uses tobacco | <input type="checkbox"/> Has been involved in serious community disturbances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambles | <input type="checkbox"/> Has been arrested or served time in prison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinks alcoholic beverages excessively | <input type="checkbox"/> Has a reputation for involvement in behavior indicating serious moral weakness |

13. Having observed this person in the ministry, would you:

- Highly recommend
- Recommend
- Recommend with reservations
- Please list reservations _____
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- Not recommend
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14. Please give us your personal comments on the integrity of the applicant to aid us in our decision-making.

Signature _____

Age: 18-25 26-35 36-50 over50

Email _____

Address _____

Zip _____ City _____ Country _____

Telephone _____

Ministry Name _____

Your Position _____

Organization of Ordination _____ Year _____

Are you a RHEMA graduate? _____ Year(s) _____

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RHEMA Ministerial Association International

RHEMA Nigeria PMB 5345, Abuja 900003, Nigeria

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

We have found that many different or varying views exist even among our own graduates on some of the basic aspects of ministerial credentials. The following questions and answers are presented so that members and potential members of RMAI can understand this organization's philosophy and approach to licensing and ordination.

What is licensing and ordination?

Ministerial credentials (licensing and ordination) issued by an organization such as RMAI are not substitutes for the calling, the equipping, or the anointing which comes from God. The issuing of credentials represents a recognition that a person has been called, equipped, and anointed by God to serve Him in a certain capacity.

When a person is licensed or ordained, he is ordained into full eldership in the Body of Christ. We understand an elder to be one whom the Holy Ghost has made an overseer in the church and has given the responsibility to "feed the church of God" (Acts 20:17,28). In other words, the term "elder" speaks of one who is a recognized minister of the Gospel; one who preaches and teaches regularly; and one who is responsible for conducting such sacerdotal duties as water baptism, Communion, weddings, and funerals.

Eldership in the Body of Christ is not something which is to be conferred lightly or hastily. The Apostle Paul told Timothy to...*Lay hands suddenly on no man* . . . (1 Tim. 5:22). He stated that a bishop (overseer) must not be a novice (1 Tim. 3:6) and that even those serving as deacons should "first be proved" (1 Tim. 3:10).

Because of the fact that many young ministers have not had the time to develop their ministry, and yet need some type of recognition in order to perform certain aspects of ministry, RMAI

will issue a ministerial *license* to those who are in a recognized ministerial position. *Ordination* is available to those who have been in a full-time, fivefold (Spiritual Leadership) type of ministry position for a minimum of two consecutive years.

It should be noted that an upgrade from licensing to ordination is not automatic. It is necessary that there be growth and development in the scope and maturity of that ministry in order for an upgrade request to be granted.

Who qualifies to receive ministerial credentials?

In one sense, all believers are called to minister. In other words, all believers are called upon to serve God with their entire lives, to live lives that are above reproach, and to share the Gospel with others. All Christians have a holy calling in this sense and are responsible directly to God for fulfilling it.

Ministerial credentials, however, pertain to that segment or group of believers who have been entrusted with certain duties within the fivefold (Spiritual Leadership) ministry. Their functions and responsibilities differ significantly from those of a volunteer lay worker or a person serving in a helps capacity (Sunday school teacher, prayer group leader, nursing home visitation, etc.). The nature of their work also may cause them to be recognized by and receive certain benefits from civil authorities.

Not only has the Bible established the spiritual qualifications and standards pertaining to the character and work of one who is to be recognized as a minister, but our own social and legal

system has defined what constitutes a minister, clergyman, or pastor from a functional standpoint. It would be improper and misleading for any organization to issue credentials to individuals who do not conform to the generally accepted definition of a minister. It is generally understood that ministerial credentials are granted to an individual who meets the following criteria:

1. One who has a divine call to public ministry in the fivefold sense of ministry as stated in Ephesians 4:11.
2. One who has completed a course of study in preparation for the ministry.
3. One who has been set apart by a group recognizing and concurring with this call.
4. One who is held responsible by that group for compliance with doctrinal and ethical standards.
5. One who has exhibited proper fruit in character and in ministry.
6. One who devotes significant time to preaching and teaching the Word of God from a recognized ministerial position.
7. One who is required by his ministerial position to administer the ordinances of the church and to conduct weddings and funerals.
8. One who derives the majority of his income from ministerial duties, or is at least making definite strides in that direction. Credentials are not necessary for one who intends to maintain a secular career.

The above-mentioned criteria do not minimize the importance of the efforts of individuals involved in other forms of “helps” ministry, but they do lay the groundwork for establishing proper qualifications for those who are to receive ministerial licensing or ordination.

With whom should one hold ministerial credentials?

In a day when ministerial credentials can be obtained in a variety of simplified ways (internet), this is a very pertinent question. There are two main areas that should be considered. The first area is the credibility of the organization itself. Is there proper leadership? Are there proper standards and accountability? Is there a concern for and ministry available to the members? Is the direction and doctrine of the organization consistent with the Word of God? These questions need to be answered.

Once satisfactory answers are obtained to these questions, the second consideration is the heart of the member or potential member. The organization should be one to which he can willingly submit himself in loyalty and commitment. He should sense a spiritual “connection” with and respect for the group and its leaders. In other words, one’s formal connection should reflect one’s heart commitments and his loyalties. Our experience has shown that it is advisable for a person to be a committed member of one organization rather than to be only partially committed to more than one group.

It would be unethical for a person to join a ministerial organization only to benefit from that group’s credibility when his heart was not at all committed to that group. It would be especially unscrupulous to use such a formal connection to mislead others into believing that the organization condones or endorses doctrines or practices which are not at all in harmony with the organization itself.

If a minister esteems an organization enough to seek its credentials, he should also respect the organization enough to make every effort to attend its functions and show his support through prayer and giving.

Why is it necessary to renew credentials annually? Why is a person who ceases to minister required to return his credentials?

Some organizations ordain “for life,” and that is their prerogative to do so. The directors of RMAI felt it best to make credentials renewable on a yearly basis so that those holding credentials are those who are active in ministry. There is simply no necessity for a person to have credentials who is not in active ministry.

When an individual ceases to minister in a qualifying capacity and returns his credentials to RMAI, he is simply placed on inactive status and the certificate is held in the RMAI Nigeria office. The inactive member may request that his credentials be reactivated as soon as he is in a qualifying position.

It should be added that the RMAI Office stands ready to assist any member, active or inactive, who is seeking assistance in ministerial placement.