

NRP ORDINATION

Bylaws Article 19

ORDINATION AND LICENSING OF MINISTERS

PURPOSE OF ORDINATION

The purpose of all credentials is to support the mission and work of the local church by empowering the candidate to carry out sacred aspects of ministry such as marriage, baptisms, and burials as well as to serve in community affairs that would require the authenticity of recognized ministerial authority that comes from a credentialing body.

PROCESS OF ORDINATION

An applicant seeking ministerial credentials from NRP shall make their request in writing to a member of the Apostolic Council.

It is the policy of NRP, after examination, to license a new applicant for a period of two years. During that time, they are vested with all the ecclesiastical powers needed to serve the church and conduct sacred affairs. After two years of faithful service, the minister is then ordained. Once ordained, the minister is then eligible to serve in governmental capacities in NRP such as serving on the Apostolic Council or in other venues as determined by the Apostolic Council.

If a minister who is already licensed/ordained through another organization should also seek credentials from NRP, their request will be reviewed on a case-by-case evaluation.

Ordination by NRP will be renewed every two years in February by the Apostolic Council. Termination of ordination by NRP may occur as a result of a moral or ethical failure of the ordained minister.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION

Any applicant seeking credentials from NRP must support the mission and projects of NRP. Every applicant must agree to accountability **to the government of their local church** in moral, financial, doctrinal, and missional affairs. Every applicant must be in proper relationship with a local church and its senior pastor.

If the applicant is a Senior Pastor or a Father-Minister (Pastor Emeritus) or an apostolic minister, they must have accountability beyond local church government. **This accountability would include at least 2 overseers (or board members) who are also active members of NRP.** This would also apply to those engaged in evangelistic work and cultural engagement initiatives. (Such as pro-family and community ministry.)

All ministries licensed and ordained by NRP **must agree to a one-time application fee of \$50** and must be willing to submit to any discipline and restoration that is given by the Apostolic Council. **They must also maintain an active membership in NRP through the payment of annual dues (as determined by the Apostolic Council) and regular participation in organizational activities. All Senior Ministers are committing to fund NRP as a mission of their local church.** This financial contribution shall be equal to 10% of the Senior Minister's support package. We recommend this financial commitment is given as part of the mission budget of their local church. Non-senior leaders are not required to tithe to NRP but are recommended to tithe to their local church. As part of the NRP mission and family, non-senior leaders would be expected to financially contribute to the NRP mission.

By receiving their ministerial credentials through NRP, the minister is voluntarily agreeing to maintain these disciplines.