



Application for Ordination

The Acts 2 Network is a relational network of like-minded church leaders designed to provide educational opportunities, in the context of relational environments, with a goal of reaching the world for Christ. Ordination in a network like the Acts 2 Network is based in a belief that God has called you to be a servant leader in the context of authentic Christian community. It is a recognition that servant leaders are a part of the Body of Christ and therefore are as much in need of support and accountability as any other member of the body.

Applying for ordination in the Acts 2 Network is a statement of trust that God has led you to love other leaders as you are loved by them, to serve other leaders as you allow them to serve you and to celebrate together what God is doing in the context of the Acts 2 Network community.

Please respond to each question thoroughly (or write N/A when a question is not applicable) using additional pages as needed. Please number your answers, on any attached pages, corresponding to the appropriate question.

Personal Information:

Date of Application: _____

1. Applicant Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____ Email: _____

2. Spiritual History:

2a. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Yes ____ No ____

2b. Have you been water baptized? Yes ____ No ____

2c. How long have you had a personal relationship with Christ? _____

2d. Describe how you came to faith in Christ.

2e. Have you established Jesus as your sanctifier and Lord? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please describe what that means to you.

2f. Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please describe how the Holy Spirit has empowered your life and ministry.

3. Church History:

3a. Please list the name and address of the church you currently attend.

3b. Are you a member in good standing? Yes ____ No ____

If no, name and address of the church that holds your membership:

3c. What is your role, if any, in your local church? _____

4. Marital History:

4a. Marital Status: _____ If married, when? _____

Spouse's name: _____

4b. Have you ever been divorced? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, when? _____
(If yes, please complete the application marriage addendum.)

4c. Has your spouse ever been divorced? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, when? _____
(If yes, please complete the application marriage addendum.)

4d. Does your spouse have a personal relationship with Christ? Yes ____ No ____

4e. If so, how long has your spouse known the Lord? _____

4f. Describe how your spouse came to faith in Christ.

4g. Describe your spouses' support (or lack thereof) of this application.

5. Family History:

5a. Please state the names, ages and gender of each of your children.

5b. Which, if any, of these children are still living at home?

6. Ministerial History:

6a. Do you currently hold credentials with any other organization? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, name and address of the organization:

If yes, describe your expected future relationship with that organization.

6b. Have you ever been denied credentials by any organization. Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please describe.

6c. Have you ever had ministerial credentials revoked/suspended. Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please describe, including the resolution of the matter.

6d. Ministerial Experience (attach résumé if desired):

Area of Service/Organization:

Dates of Service:

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7. Educational History:

7a. School	Degree or Diploma	Date completed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7b. Significantly influential conferences/seminars attended:

7c. Describe any books that profoundly impacted your views on life and ministry and how they affected your thinking.

8. General Information:

8a. What is your present means of financial support? _____

8b. Do you have a non-ministry trade or profession? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please describe.

8c. Do you have outstanding debts (other than a home mortgage)? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please describe your process for retiring that debt.

8d. Do you have a record of any illegal activity? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please describe the resolution and/or status.

9. Ministerial Plans and Projections:

9a. Please explain why you are applying for ordination with the Acts 2 Network.

9b. To what specific ministry do you feel called? Describe your calling.
(If ministry outside the U.S.A., which country?)

9c. In what ways will ordination in the Acts 2 Network enhance that ministry?

9d. Do you have any doctrines or beliefs that conflict with the Acts 2 Network's Statement of Faith? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please describe:

9e. Describe the extent to which you anticipate interacting with Acts 2 Network pastors and leaders in the days ahead. _____

10. **360° References:** (By listing references I give permission for an Acts 2 Network representative to make confidential contact with the persons named below.)

Someone who provides you with leadership:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____ Email: _____

Someone who serves on a peer level with you:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____ Email: _____

Someone who looks to you for leadership:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____ Email: _____

Current Acts 2 Network ordained minister who is sponsoring this application:

(May be the same as one listed above):

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____ Email: _____

Application for Ordination Declaration Addendum

I declare that the given information is true and correct and that there is no impediment to my credential being approved. I further declare that there is nothing undisclosed in my past that could, if exposed, become an embarrassment to the Acts 2 Network. I have never been convicted of an illegal activity that I have not revealed in this application. I do not hold any doctrines or beliefs that are contrary to the Acts 2 Network's written Statement of Faith. I am not involved in any behavior unbecoming of a minister of the gospel or that would constitute cause for my ordination to be rescinded should that behavior be exposed.

I further declare that I will, with God's help, adhere to the requirements for ordination as set forth in Acts 2 Network's Ordination Requirements.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Acts 2 Network Sponsoring Member: (printed) _____ Date: _____

Acts 2 Network Sponsoring Member: (signature) _____

If you or your sponsoring member is unable to sign this document in good faith please contact the Acts 2 Network offices to discuss your concerns.

The Acts 2 Network Board of Directors retains the right to remove any Acts 2 Network credentials if any of the above information proves to be false, misleading or materially inaccurate.

Please note that the Acts 2 Network considers all pastors to be independent contractors. The Acts 2 Network ordains pastors, but the pastors are legally responsible for their own actions. The Acts 2 Network is a voluntary association of pastors and does not assume responsibility for the actions of the pastor and has no control over the actions of network pastors. The Acts 2 Network believes in the sovereignty of each local church. Neither the Acts 2 Network, nor its officers and directors, assumes responsibility for matters that arise between pastors and their local churches, or matters that arise within the local churches. Ordination by the Acts 2 Network does not confer any right or privilege related to the performance of legal ceremonies (such as weddings) or to receive compensation or tax benefits for the performance of services.



Self-Study Guide

(for meeting the educational requirements
for ordination)

Applicants who do not meet the formal educational requirements for ordination may be ordained after a carefully designed, mentored, self-study process. That process is to be designed in concert with the applicant's mentor and approved by the Acts 2 Network Board of Directors. Each mentored self-study should include a combination of Core Requirements

and Electives. All books/courses in the Core Requirements section must be completed. Electives are determined by the applicant's stated calling and interest. No more than one book/course should be assigned per quarter (for a maximum of 8 books/courses in a two-year mentored self-study.)

Applicants may request, through their sponsoring member, that these requirements be altered or waived in lieu of the applicant's life experience and demonstrated understanding of the subject matter. An applicant, who meets all other requirements, will receive Candidate Status after a personal interview with the Acts 2 Network board. Full ordination will be issued after the educational requirements are met.

Core Requirements:

All applicants must demonstrate an understanding of the topics listed:

Biblical Knowledge:

Biblical Foundations—CBI course

Old Testament Survey—CBI course or *Survey of the NT*, Paul N. Benware

New Testament Survey—CBI course or *Survey of the OT*, Paul N. Benware,
Through the Bible in One Year, Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow (in lieu of OT and NT Survey)

Church Dynamics:

Surprising Insights from the Unchurched, Thom Rainer

Leadership Development:

21 Laws of the Leader, John Maxwell

Visioneering, Andy Stanley

Electives:

A selection from the following books/courses may be prescribed depending on the applicant's stated calling and educational needs.

Biblical Theology:

Elements of a Christian Worldview, Dr. Mike Palmer
Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible, Myer Pearlman
What the Bible Says about the Holy Spirit, Stanley Horton

Pastoral Theology:

Firestorm—Preventing and Overcoming Church Conflicts, Ron Susek
Pastoral Counseling: The Basics, James Dittes
Church Administration: Creating Efficiency for Effective Ministry, Robert Welch
Reframing Organizations, Bolman and Deal

Church Planting:

Planting Churches in the Post-Modern Era, Ed Stetzer
Starting a New Church, Ralph Moore

Leadership Development:

Spiritual Leadership, Oswald Sanders
Transforming Leadership, Leighton Ford

Communications/ Preaching:

The Dynamic Communicators Workshop, Ken Davis
Preaching for Change, Rick Warren

Church Dynamics:

Cell Church Solutions, Joel Comiskey
Simple Church, Thom Rainer
The Purpose Driven Church, Rick Warren

Teen Ministries:

My First Two Years in Youth Ministry, Doug Fields
Youth Builder, Jim Burns
Reaching a Generation for Christ, Richard Dunn and Mark Senter
Postmodern Youth Ministry, Tony Jones

College Ministries:

Emerging Church, Dan Kimball
Everything Twenties, David Edwards and Margaret Feinberg