



Requirements for Ordination as Levite Ministry Clergy and/or Chaplain:

Checklist

- A call to serve as first priority the humanitarian needs of your ministry field. Please include a brief essay describing why you feel called to your desired field.
- An agreement to represent the Levite Ministry based on the beliefs listed in your signed STATEMENT OF FAITH, MORAL CONDUCT, AND GOOD-FAITH REPRESENTATION, which includes the agreement to convey to any audience that additions to this statement do not necessarily represent the views and beliefs of the Levite Ministry and School of Worship, Inc.
- A signed VOLUNTARY HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER which includes the agreement to secure personal liability insurance before achieving an active ordination status.
- An ability to extend a non-combative relationship and friendship to clergy of all the faiths of the world. For example, this would include Islam, Judaism, Christian, Protestantism, Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and the like. **Provide a brief written dialogue with a faith group of your choice demonstrating this ability.**
- A proven and tested ability to manifest the presence of Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit WITHOUT the use of words. To be determined by a staff member during your field experience.
- Be prepared to provide an answer for the hope within you ONLY when asked. (1 Peter 3:15) **Provide a written example of sharing the hope you have in Christ to a non-believer.**
- Levite Ministry Basic Chaplaincy training (14 hrs) or training provided by an approved training organization. Two approved agencies are International Fellowship of Chaplains (IFOC.org) and The International Alliance of Chaplain Corps (IAOCC.org). These trainings usually involve a single 47 hour one (1) week training. Other training agencies and/or accumulative experience are taken into consideration.
- One (1) year Field Experience related to the discipline of your choice. (40 hours)
- A national background check to include: (DMV reports are optional)
 - a. Criminal charges
 - b. Sex Offender registries
- A world vision for peace and humanitarian causes, including emergency response preparedness in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. Critical Incident Stress
 - b. Basic needs service (for example, serving in a water and food-line)
 - c. Basic first aid and CPR
 - d. Search and Rescue



Required Coursework and Descriptions:

ALL Courses are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- 101 **Basic Chaplaincy Training: 14 hours**
This course is designed to acclimate the student to the world of chaplaincy as it relates to local and state opportunities. The course covers essential legal, ethical, spiritual, and humanitarian requirements for serving as a chaplain. [Transferrable trainings: International Fellowship of Chaplains (IFOC.org) and The International Alliance of Chaplain Corps (IAOCC.org). Other training agencies and/or accumulative experience are taken into consideration.] **COST for this course is \$75, \$50 for accepted applicants. Scholarships may be available.**
- 102 **Counseling Tools for the Lay-Minister or Chaplain: 8 hours**
This course includes an introductory education toward using tools for:
Marriage and individual enrichment Interventions, understanding & applying the KLLP (Kendal Life Languages Profile), experiencing the unshakable Christian identity, Self-Care—keys to avoiding disqualification, and more... **COST for this course is \$25. Scholarships may be available.**
- 103 **Critical Incident Stress Management Basic Group Intervention (ICISF): 14 hours**
This program is designed to teach participants the fundamentals of, and a specific protocol for, individual intervention and increase Emergency Mental Health skills. The course prepares participants to understand a wide range of crisis intervention services including pre and post incident crisis education, significant other support services, on-scene support services, crisis intervention for individuals, demobilizations after group large scale traumatic incidents, small group defusings and the group intervention known as Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD). The “Group Crisis Intervention” course specifically prepares participants to provide several of these interventions – specifically demobilizations, defusings and the CISD. The need for appropriate follow up services and referrals when necessary is also described. At the completion of this course, participants will be able to: Define stress, CIS, and PTSD; List the 10 basic interventions of CISM; and Define and describe in detail the CISM group processes of Demobilizations, Defusings and Debriefings; List at least four fundamental principles of crisis intervention; Describe common psychiatric symptoms after trauma; Demonstrate crisis communication techniques; and List risk factors for suicide. **COST for this course ranges from \$85-\$300. We will endeavor to provide this course for \$85. Scholarships may be available.**
- 104 **Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention (ICISF): 14 hours**
This training will provide the basic information about suicide as well as help develop practical skills for prevention, intervention and postvention. Small group role plays will allow the student to apply the suggested techniques as he/she learns them. This training is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about intervening across the suicide spectrum. Professionals from the fields of emergency services, security, human resources, EAP, education, and mental health may all benefit. **COST for this**
- 105 **C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Training: 24 hours**
Training includes these topics: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION, DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS PART I, DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS, PART II, LIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY AND TEAM ORGANIZATION, COURSE REVIEW AND DISASTER SIMULATION. **There is NO COST for this course.**
- 106 **CPR Adult/Child/Infant CPR, Basic First Aid & AED: 10 hours**
Online courses must be completed within 14 days of your online registration. This web-based course teaches American Red Cross CPR for adults, children (ages 1-12) and infants (under age 1); Basic First Aid; and AED. Students will learn how to recognize and respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in the CPR portion of the online course. Basic First Aid will teach students how to respond to other emergencies caused by injury or sudden illness. And, AED Essentials teaches students when and how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator). To earn CPR and Basic First Aid certification, students **must pass the online test** and then **attend a skill session to perform and review skills**. To earn AED certification, students must have current CPR certification, pass the online AED Essentials test and attend a skill session to perform and review skills. CPR certification is valid for 1 year. Basic First Aid certification is valid for 3 years. AED certification is valid for 1 year. You have 14 days from registration to complete the online portion of this course. Skill sessions must be done in person within 30 days of your course completion date. You will receive your certificate when you complete the skill session. **COST for this course is \$59. Feel free to find this course less expensive elsewhere.**
- 107 **FEMA NIMS Online Training: 8 hours**
The NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life, property, and harm to the environment. This consistency provides the foundation for utilization of NIMS for all incidents, ranging from daily occurrences to incidents requiring coordinated Federal response. Required online courses are ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700, ICS-800. These courses can be taken at the student’s convenience. **There is NO COST for these courses.**
- 108 **Placement: 40 hours**
Placement starts at the very beginning of the program and will last for a minimum of one (1) year. It will be required of the student to participate in a humanitarian relief program during the education period. A minimum of 40 hours of volunteer chaplain-in-training experience is required for ordination. Transferable experience is considered. **There is NO COST for placement.**



Statement of Faith, Moral Conduct, and Good-Faith Representation

1. The Holy Bible in the original Hebrew and Greek text is the inspired Word of God.
2. God exists in three Persons called the Trinity and includes the Father, His only Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit sent to all believers as a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.
3. Jesus Christ is the only appeasing sacrifice that reconciles God to man. That through Him, alone, there is union with the Trinity and eternal life in His presence. That through His resurrection from the dead He became the first born of His kind—the first born of the spirit species.
4. That the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, once and for all. That no sin bad enough can remove us from Him and no deed great enough can increase His love for us.
5. The Holy Spirit co-resides with our unique new born spirits inside our cleansed hearts providing a resource for the healing, cleansing, and restoration of our human souls.

“I agree with this statement of faith, and I commit to uphold these truths in my life.”

Applicant:

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Sign

Date

Witness:

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“I understand that any conversation, teaching, sermon, or written materials that add to the content of this Statement of Faith will be accompanied by an understanding to my audience that such statements and/or content do not necessarily reflect the views and/or beliefs of the Levite Ministry, Inc. unless they are Levite Ministry approved materials and content. Also, I agree to conduct myself according to the moral compass of the Bible and according to the moral compass of my conscience. In the event that such behavior is disputable, I will be prepared to defend my position scripturally.” *(please see Q&A for further details)*

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Application for Ordination

Levite Ministry, Inc., Lakeland FL.

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Brief Essay Portion and Background Checks

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why us?

2. Briefly describe your point of spiritual re-birth. How did you know you had been born again?

BACKGROUND CHECKS:

The applicant is responsible to provide a background check through one of the following agencies:

1. USSearch

<http://www.ussearch.com/consumer/index.jsp?searchtab=home>

2. Intelius

<http://www.intelius.com/background-verification.html>

Deviation from clearly moral behaviors:

First and foremost it is the position of the Levite Ministry to help those we serve. Folks that are ordained by the Levite Ministry will always enjoy a priority of restoration. Revocation of ordination can only happen if the ordained has definitively decided to pursue a moral path that clearly deviates from his/her own conscience and/or the written standards of the Bible. In the event that the ordained desires practical help toward recovery, healing, and change, the Levite Ministry will provide every possible resource to assist this process. A temporary leave of absence in the ministry field may be necessary depending on the nature of the issue.

Membership Fees and Dues:

The Levite Ministry has no membership fees or set annual dues. We do expect each ordained member to provide an offering of any amount by one of two annual dates: January 1st and/or July 1st. We would hope that routine offerings would be extended to the Levite Ministry whenever possible.

Areas of ministry:

The Levite Ministry currently provides ministry opportunities in several fields. We are always looking to expand these fields to include unique opportunities to serve in the name and with the presence of Christ Jesus.

1. Public School tutoring. This takes place during school hours and the Chaplain is expected to undergo a special training day and to provide a mentoring and nurturing atmosphere to the children she/he is tutoring.
2. Hospice Companion Care. This requires additional training, usually two full days. The nature of this intervention includes respite care, care-giver relief, vigil watch, and spiritual care upon request.
3. Emergency Response. Levite Ministry provides respite tent and Critical Incident Stress relief in crisis/disaster. We also provide avenues toward search and rescue. Significant additional training is required.
4. Unique Chaplaincy Approaches. We believe that every venue that mankind can create, a chaplain can find a place in it, be it bars, prison, or Rodeo Drive. The dregs of the earth in Jesus' day enjoyed being around Him. Jesus went to the hangouts where the religious order of the day would not dare be seen. Unfortunately, much of the religious institution of this day has the same disdain for these precious people. We welcome your advocacy for any field in which the Lord has called you. This will require an additional step to include presenting your people group, your intervention strategy, the goal of your intervention, and your personal fortification strategy. This will need to be in essay form, and a follow-up meeting with the board will be required.