

CREDENTIALING COMMISSION INFORMATION PACKET

Lancaster Mennonite Conference

The Lancaster Mennonite Conference credential packet is for use when credentialing a person called from within the congregation who has no desire to be considered for another position in another congregation or conference sometime in the future. This packet includes:

- Credentialing Procedure - *a step by step guide through the credentialing process*
- Credentialing Activities Form
- Memo to Bishop Candidate - Requested Information
- Credentialing Leadership Information
- Reference Questions
- Authorization for Disclosure - *to be returned to the conference office*
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance - *for PA citizens, to be mailed to the address on the form or completed online*
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home>.
- Child Protection Policy: LMC Credentialing Commission Guidelines
- Interview Questions
- Orientation Information
- Overview of Lancaster Mennonite Conference's Leadership Development Programming
- Reporting Child Abuse
- Please read and familiarize yourself with the following statements:
- Congregation/Conference Covenant
- Mission Statement
- The Church and Homosexuality
- Covenant/Code of Sexual Ethics for Ministers
- Code of Ministerial Ethics for Credentialed Persons
- Sabbaticals for Pastors
- *Confession of Faith*
- *A Mennonite Polity for Ministerial Leadership*

The bishop is responsible to make sure the candidate fills out and returns the appropriate documents, taking time to go through the packet with the candidate, reviewing each document. The candidate should be given any reference materials in the packet that they do not already have. The remainder of the packet should be returned to the conference office.