

CREDENTIALING ACTIVITIES FORMBISHOP DISTRICT **Instructions:**

1. Complete all information in box
2. Complete appropriate section below box
3. Return to Conference Office (*include Background Check Papers with requests*)

Congregation: District (*if different from above*): Name of Individual: Phone: Address: Date of Birth: Name of Spouse: Email Address: **REQUEST:**Date of Credentialing Service: **Credential desired:**

- ☐ Ordination
☐ License toward ordination
☐ License for specific ministry

Role desired:

- ☐ Bishop
☐ Lead Pastor
☐ Associate Pastor
☐ Chaplain
☐ Deacon/Deaconess
☐ Specific Ministry of

If already ordained:Name of conference currently holding credential: Address: **CREDENTIAL CHANGE:**Date of Credentialing Service: **Current Credential:**

- ☐ License toward ordination
☐ License for specific ministry

as **Credential desired:**

- ☐ Ordination
☐ License toward ordination
☐ License for specific ministry

as **STATUS CHANGE:** (*Status descriptions listed on back*)**Current Status:**

- ☐ Active
☐ Active without charge
☐ Inactive
☐ Retired
☐ Suspended

Change Status to:

- ☐ Active
☐ Active without charge
☐ Inactive
☐ Retired
☐ Withdrawn
☐ Suspended
☐ Terminated

Effective Date: **DEATH:**Date of Death:

Surviving Spouse? ☐ yes
☐ no

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☐ Background ✓☐ Monthly Report☐ Certificate Issued☐ LMC Data☐ MC USA Data☐ MPH☐ Background ✓☐ Background ✓ ☐ Training

STATUS DESCRIPTIONS:

Active: Active involvement in a ministry assignment. Used with a license or ordination
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Active without Charge: The status of an ordination credential between assignments. A credential can be in this category for up to three years between the ending of one assignment and the beginning of another.

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Inactive: The status of an ordination credential for those who have been without a ministry assignment up to three years or who have left the denomination. After three years “active without charge,” status becomes “inactive.”

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Retired: The status of an ordination credential held by those who have retired from active ministry. Also persons who have held a license for specific ministry for an extended period (normally ten years or longer) are eligible for retired status.

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Withdrawn (previously Terminated in the 1995 Polity): A license credential that has ended. Used when the assignment for a license for specific ministry was granted for ends; and when the two year (renewable once) license toward ordination expires and ordination has not occurred.

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Suspended: The credential for ministry is laid aside for a specified period of time for disciplinary reasons. At the end of the suspension period, it is determined whether the credential becomes Active or Terminated.

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Terminated (previously Withdrawn in the 1995 Polity): Used when disciplinary action is taken to remove the ministerial credential.

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Less commonly used status terms are described in A Mennonite Polity, pgs 90-91