



ECCLIASTICAL CREDENTIAL FOR A MINISTER

The council of _____ Christian Reformed Church of _____, testifies that the Reverend _____, under the supervision of this church from _____, _____ (year), to _____, _____ (year), has ministered in the office of the Word faithfully and diligently, adhering in doctrine and life to the Word of God as interpreted by our Forms of Unity and the Church Order.

Since sufficient reasons have been adduced for the council to consent to his/her acceptance of the call of _____ Christian Reformed Church of _____, we recommend him/her to Classis _____ and to _____ Christian Reformed Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and govern his/her ministry so that he/she may be engaged in it faithfully and fruitfully for the good of the church, the glory of God, and the coming of the kingdom of our Lord.

We resolve to grant him/her this credential at our meeting of _____, _____ (year).

The council of the above-named church,
_____, president
_____, clerk

Classis _____, in which _____ Christian Reformed Church is located, approves the above credential and the transfer of our brother/sister in the ministry to Classis _____ and to _____ Christian Reformed Church of _____.

On behalf of said classis,

_____ (date)

The interim committee of Classis _____, having examined the above credential, approves it and herewith authorizes the counselor of _____ Christian Reformed Church to proceed with installation.

The above-named interim committee,

_____ (date)

When transferring the Ecclesiastical Credential for a Minister:

1. The clerk of the releasing church council is to forward the credential to the secretary of the interim committee of the local classis.
2. After the interim committee has signed the credential, it is to be forwarded to the secretary of the interim committee of the classis in which the minister's new church is located.
3. After this interim committee has signed the credential, it is to be forwarded to the counselor of the church which issued the call, authorizing the counselor to proceed with the installation of the new minister.
4. A copy of the signed form is forwarded to the denominational Synodical Services Office.