
Ordination in the CPD – Clarifications and Requirements

A. Reading Requirements

The required reading list is as follows:

- One historical book:
 - All for Jesus by Robert L. Niklaus
 - Approved substitutions if All for Jesus has previously been read:
 - Rebirth by Lindsay Reynolds
 - Footprints by Lindsay Reynolds
 - A.B. Simpson and the Making of Modern Evangelicalism by Daryn Henry
- Three A.B. Simpson books:
 - The Gospel of Healing
 - Serving the King
 - The Self-Life and the Christ-Life
 - Approved substitutions if the above have previously been read:
 - Lord for the Body
 - The Four-Fold Gospel
 - A Larger Christian Life
 - Missionary Messages
 - The Challenge of Missions
 - Wholly Sanctified
- One theological C&MA book:
 - The Heart of the Gospel by Bernie Van De Walle
 - Approved substitutions if The Heart of the Gospel has previously been read:
 - The Glory of Christ in His Church by Samuel Stoesz
 - Sanctification by Samuel Stoesz
- One missions book (approved by the District Office) or enrollment in the Kairos Course

Note: If any of the above books have previously been read, consult the District Office for approved substitutions. All reading assignments above require a two-page report on personal application, with the exception of participation in the Kairos Course, which requires a three-page report on personal application.

- One book related to your ministry focus
- One book related to a current theological topic of your choice

Note: The above two readings require a three-page report on personal application.

- The Manual of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) in Canada (available at cma.ca)
- The entire Bible in a translation or paraphrase not previously read

Note: The above two readings do not require a submitted report, but do require email notice of the date of completion to Stacy Dryfhout at stacyd@pacificdistrict.ca.

The District Office may have copies of books in the reading list in the resource library available to borrow. Please contact cpdoffice@pacificdistrict.ca to make arrangements for this.

B. Written Requirements

The following is a list of topics for your written requirements:

- **The Scriptures**
 - a. Introduction and scope (tell us what you are going to address in the paper)
 - b. An overview of the canon of Scripture with special attention given to church councils that dealt with the canon. Address the formation of the Old Testament and when it was recognized in history. Also demonstrate an understanding of the different genres of biblical literature and how those are classified.
 - c. Provide information on the subject of the original manuscripts in terms of manuscript support and the translation/transcription process involved in passing down the Scriptures as we know them.

- d. Define and explain "divine inspiration, revelation, infallibility, and inerrancy" as they relate to the doctrine of the Scriptures.
- e. Please be sure to interact with the following texts: Matthew 5:17-18; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21.
- f. Conclusions and Applications.

• **The Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)**

- a. Introduction and scope
- b. An overview of the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and the New Testament (N.B. give special attention to deity of the Spirit)
- c. Define and explain "the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the filling of the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, and sanctification." Give special attention to the following texts: Matthew 12:31; John 14-16; Acts 1:4, 8; Acts 2; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5; 5:18.
- d. Explain the nature of spiritual gifts.
- e. Conclusions and Applications.

• **Divine Healing**

- a. Introduction and scope
- b. An overview of the subject of healing in the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- c. Interaction and explanation for specific texts related to the subject (e.g. Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:14-17; 1 Corinthians 12:28; James 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:24).
- d. Dealing with Specific issues:
 - Healing as rooted in the character & heart of God
 - How is "faith" connected to healing?
 - Influence of sin on sickness & healing
 - Why are some people not healed?
 - Jesus as our healer (our union with Jesus; receiving His risen life & fullness; the Holy Spirit's role in this)
- e. Conclusions and Applications.

- **The Mission of God and the Church (Ecclesiology)**

- a. Introduction and scope
- b. Demonstrate from Scripture and other sources, your understanding of the church, being sure to give special attention to Matthew 16:13-19; Acts 2:40-46). Include essential components of the church, the role of the Holy Spirit in its formation & when the Church came into existence.
- c. Outline and explain at least two (2) images for the church that are used in the New Testament (e.g. "body of Christ", "bride of Christ", etc.)
- d. Describe the relationship between Israel and the church and the kingdom of heaven and the church.
- e. Outline and define the ordinances or sacraments of the church, being sure to focus on their nature, & their meaning for the church.
- f. Outline and explain the offices of the church in relation to her government.
- g. Conclusions and Applications.

Please follow the above guidelines very closely. It is essential that all ordinands grapple seriously with theology and doctrine and are able to demonstrate a capacity to write theologically. If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

One paper on each subject is to be written, each being 8-10 pages in length in APA or MLA format.

Grading Criteria

Your paper will be graded based upon the following criteria:

- Grasp of topic
- Quality of research
- Scriptural foundation
- Logical progression of thought/clarity of expression
- Quality of form (layout, spelling, grammar, footnotes, bibliography, etc. according to the Ambrose University Style Guide)
- To what degree does the paper demonstrate a personal (versus predominantly academic) interaction with the topic?
- Does this paper reflect genuine interaction with the topic? To what extent did the candidate:
 - Repeat only safe answers

- Raise questions, objections, or arguments
- Come to a personal conclusion or conviction on the topic
- To what extent has the candidate demonstrated:
 - How this truth impacts their ministry?
 - Examples of applying this truth into their ministry and/or personal life
- Theologically reflecting Alliance doctrine

C. Speaking Requirements

Please submit four recorded messages. Video is preferred but audio is acceptable if video is unavailable. Include a written outline with each submission. Sample outlines may be found on our website.

Grading Criteria

Your speaking submission will be graded based upon the following criteria:

- Planning/Organization/Outline
- Effective Communication Style
- Demonstrating Effective Biblical Exegesis (The Speaker's Approach)
- Scriptural Foundation (The Listener's Perspective)
- Conclusion and/or Practical Application
- Teaching that is Consistent with Alliance Doctrine

Instructions for Speaking Submissions

Recognizing that not all ordinands are in roles that may include regular or any preaching, ordinands may consult District leadership regarding an alternative for this requirement.

For all submissions, please label and date all your material clearly.

D. Cohort Retreats

Attendance at four two-day Cohort Retreats at Camp Stillwood. Over the course of the four teaching sessions, Ordinands will be led through a structured and intentional theological study covering topics such as, Christology, Pneumatology, Creation, Atonement, Ecclesiology, Missiology, and Eschatology. Each event will also contain a teaching session with a focus on a practical pastoral skill. *Please note that as long as restrictions are in place, retreats will take place online.

E. Ordination Interview

At the end of the two-year ordination process, ordinands will participate in an ordination interview with a team from the Licensing & Ordination Committee. This interview will cover topics including:

- The Holy Scriptures
- The Trinity
- The Person of God
- The Person of Christ
- The Person of the Holy Spirit
- The Atonement
- Justification
- Regeneration
- Sanctification
- Healing
- The Return of the Lord
- Resurrection
- The Lostness of Man
- The Spirit World
- The Doctrine of the Church
- Alliance Missions
- Cultural, Social, & Moral Awareness
- Doctrinal Statement of the C&MA
- Constituted Authority
- The Pastor's Relationship to People