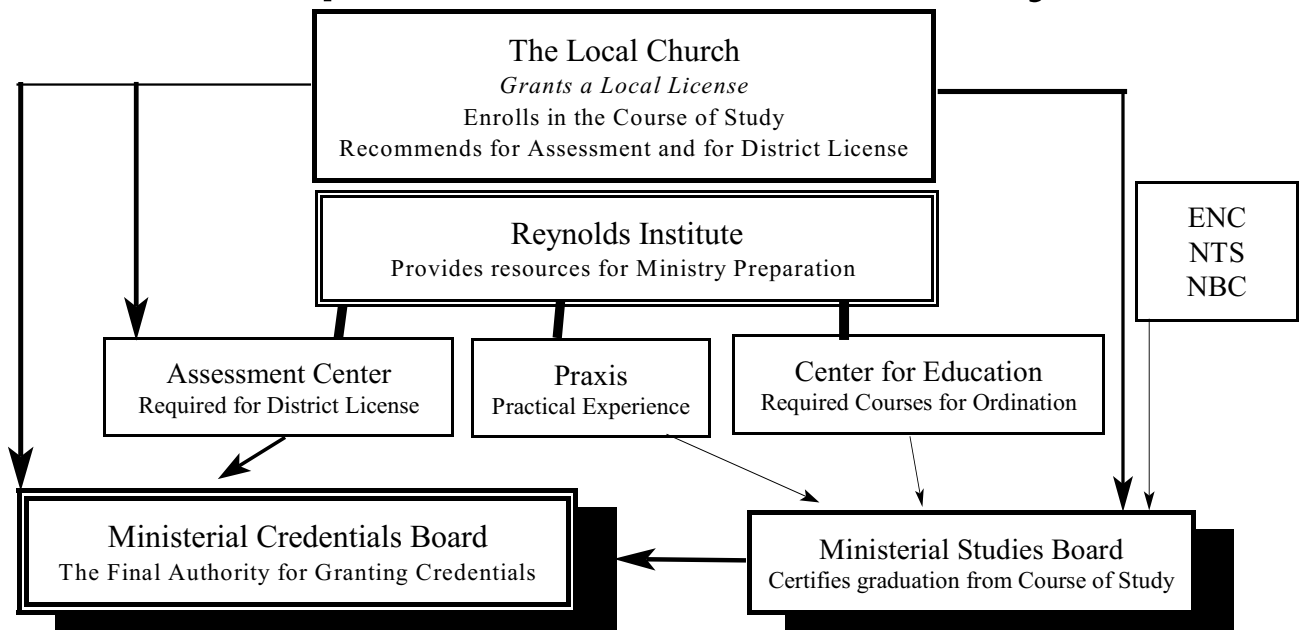


Preparation for Ministry



The Local Church:

- Senior Pastor shares vision for the need for persons to respond to the call to pastoral ministry and asks the Lord of the harvest to call laborers from his/her church.
- Senior Pastor makes know his/her willingness to talk with, provide direction and encouragement for persons exploring a call, or who are aware of a call to ministry.
- Senior Pastor, when there is a clear call, and at the appropriate time, presents the individual to the Church Board for interview for a Local Minister's License
- When a Local License is granted, the pastor enrolls the individual in the Course of Study with the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Studies, facilitates the sending of college transcripts to the Studies Secretary and encourages the beginning of the course work.
- After **one year** as a Local Licensed Minister the pastor may present the individual to the Church Board for interview for recommendation to the Assessment Center and for a District License.
- Once a District Minister's License is received the Local Church Board must annually recommend the person for renewal of the license.

Candidates and the Assessment Center:

- Application must be made by May 1 for attendance at the Assessment Center.
- The required written work is to be presented and tests taken on the Saturday following District Assembly.
- The candidate participates in the Assessment held on the last weekend of September.
- Has an the initial interview with the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Studies.

Candidates and the Ministerial Studies Board:

- Is guided in the academic course work and enters into a learning covenant.
- Annual reports and renewal of learning covenant are made each year.
- Meets with the Board as requested.

Candidates and the Ministerial Credentials Board:

- Submits Application for District Minister's License and completed Questionnaire for Licensed Ministers to the Chair of the Board, submits the Confidential Statement to the DS.
- Meets with the Board in an interview in the spring following the Assessment.
- Meets with the Board or a Committee annually for renewal of license interview.
- Annually submits an application for renewal of District License and a report to the District Secretary.

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For a more detailed description of the journey in preparation for ministry and resources for the local church go to the Reynolds Institute Web page: reynoldsinstitute.org and to the link for the Board of Ministerial Credentials (the link is on the left of the home page). Available is the "Handbook for Preparation for Ministry." It is in pdf format and may be downloaded. *Included in the handbook are "Guidelines for Church Board Interview" and "Recommendation by the Church Board for District Minister's License".*

The Assessment Handbook is on the web site under the tab for Candidate Assessment. It is in pdf format and may be downloaded. *Included in the handbook are all the necessary instructions and forms.*

Pdf files may be read with the use of Adobe Reader. If the Reader is needed there is a link on the Resources page for download.

If there are difficulties in downloading contact John White for a copy of the Assessment Handbook and Larry Ogden for a copy of the Handbook for Preparation for Ministry.

Whenever there are questions please call the District Office, or any of the other persons in the area of your interest or concern.