

## Ministry Personnel Recognition Guidelines

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### I. Terminology

#### 1. Listing in FEBCC National Directory

This is the inclusion of ministry staff and vocational Christian workers, active or retired, in the FEBCC National publications and is the prerogative of the FEBCC National Board.

#### 2. Commissioning

This is the recognition of a qualified individual as being suited for some aspect of vocational Christian ministry and is the prerogative of a local church.

#### 3. Ordination

This is the recognition and setting apart of a qualified male for vocational pastoral ministry following a satisfactory examination of one's conversion, call to ministry, and statement of beliefs. This is the prerogative of a local church.

#### 4. Licensing

This is the FEB CENTRAL Region's recognition of a qualified individual for chaplaincy ministry whereby the candidate is given the authority to solemnize marriages. This is the prerogative of FEB CENTRAL Region.

#### 5. Credentialing

This is the FEB CENTRAL Region's recognition of a local church ordained and Association approved individual - engaged in a pastoral-type ministry - whereby the individual is given the authority to solemnize marriages. This is the prerogative of FEB CENTRAL Region.

### II. Procedures for Licensing and Credentialing

#### 1. Licensing

FEB CENTRAL Region approval for licensing requires:

- i. The candidate to be a member in good standing of a FEB CENTRAL church;
- ii. The member church to be in good standing with FEB CENTRAL Region;
- iii. The candidate to be approved by the FEBCC National Chaplaincy Agency for active ministry;
- iv. The FEB CENTRAL Regional Council's licensing sub-committee's approval of the FEBCC National's Agency's recommendation; and,

- v. The FEB CENTRAL Regional Council approves the licensing sub-committee's recommendation.

## 2. Credentialing

FEB CENTRAL Region approval for credentialing requires:

- i. The candidate to be a member in good standing of a FEB CENTRAL church;
- ii. The member church to be in good standing with FEB CENTRAL Region;
- iii. The candidate to be approved for credentialing by the membership Association of Churches following the appropriate local church ordination process; and,
- iv. The FEB CENTRAL Regional Director to have received a letter from the Association Moderator verifying completion of the above items.

## III. Withdrawal of License and Credentials

### 1. License

Withdrawal of an individual's license will result when:

- i. The chaplain is no longer in active service in FEB CENTRAL, or with the FEBCC National Chaplaincy agency;
- ii. The FEBCC National Chaplaincy agency recommends withdrawal to the FEB CENTRAL Regional Council, due to serious doctrinal deviation from the FEBCC Affirmation of Faith, moral failure, or negligence.

It is the responsibility of the FEB CENTRAL Regional Director to inform the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations of the chaplain's change of status.

### 2. Credentials

Withdrawal of an individual's credentials will result when:

- i. The individual is no longer in active service with the FEBCC and in the FEB CENTRAL Region. However, special consideration will be given to those engaged in active evangelical ministries;
- ii. The Association or local church notifies the FEB CENTRAL Regional Council Executive of employment termination due to serious doctrinal deviation from the FEBCC Affirmation of Faith, moral failure, or negligence.

It is the responsibility of the credentialed individual, or the ordaining church to inform the appropriate government agency of the individual's change of status. Failing confirmation of such responsibilities, the FEB CENTRAL Region will notify the governing provincial agency.