



OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCHES INC.  
36-40 Ruth Avenue, Les Efforts West, San Fernando



**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CREDENTIALS**

**LICENSED**

**ORDAINED**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Please do not leave blank spaces. Wherever no comment is applicable insert a dash or N.A. (not applicable).
2. Please enclose two (2) recent passport size photographs and one (1) of spouse.
3. A fee of \$50.00 must accompany each renewal
4. Late renewals shall incur a penalty fee of \$25.00. A renewal is deemed late when it arrives after January 15th, of the credentialing year.
5. There shall be a grace period of 16 days after the given closing date for submitting renewal of credentials.
6. Failure to renew credentials or failure to remit credential fees will mean the expiration of credentials.
7. No minister is permitted to continue with his official duties if he/she fails to have his/her credentials renewed.
8. All credentials are valid only for the period printed on the credential card.
9. An application is considered incomplete if any of the required documents is omitted.
10. A Confidential Report from the applicant's Senior Pastor/District Superintendent and a Confidential Personal Reference from applicant's employer must be received before any renewal is considered.
11. If unemployed or self employed the Confidential Personal Reference should be completed by a person of established reputation in the community.

**A) PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Please complete questions (a) to (l) if there are changes**
  - a) Address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Marital Status: Single  Widowed  Engaged  Married  Divorced  Remarried   
Separated
  - d) Residing with your spouse? Yes  No  N.A.
  - e) Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
  - f) Has your spouse lived away from home for a period exceeding 3 months during the past year? Yes  No  N.A.  No. of children \_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_
  - g) If remarried, is your former spouse alive? \_\_\_\_\_
  - h) Has your spouse been divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes is his/her former spouse alive? \_\_\_\_\_
  - i) Are you presently employed? Yes  No  .
  - j) Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
  - k) Date employed \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position \_\_\_\_\_
  - l) List any trades, business or other skills in which you have been trained or have had experience \_\_\_\_\_

**B) MINISTRY:**

3. What church are you currently attending and what position/s do you hold?

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4. If **not the Senior or Pioneer Pastor**, please place a tick ✓ next to the ministerial activities in which you are currently involved and add brief comments and highlights of your ministry since your last application. (Use separate paper if necessary).

<u>Ministry Activity</u>	<u>Tick Here</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Sunday school	_____	_____
Water Baptism	_____	_____
Youth Ministry	_____	_____
Counseling	_____	_____
Bible Study Teaching	_____	_____
Visitation	_____	_____
Leading small groups	_____	_____
Prayer Ministry	_____	_____
Worship Ministry	_____	_____
Evangelism /Missions	_____	_____
Planning projects	_____	_____
Supervision work	_____	_____
Preaching	_____	_____
Mentoring	_____	_____

Other ministerial activities in which you are engaged. (e.g. Bible School instructor etc.)

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5. Indicate the average number of times you minister the Word each week. \_\_\_\_\_

6. To which of the five-fold ministries do you believe you are called. (See appendix A for guidance and check as appropriate)

Apostle  Prophet  Evangelist  Pastor  Teacher

7. Are you holding ministerial credentials with any other Organization?

Yes  No  (Explanation if answer is yes) \_\_\_\_\_

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**C) SPIRITUAL LIFE**

8. Do you have a consistent devotional life? Yes  No

9. List two of your major spiritual goals.

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10. List your strengths and gifting: \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Are there areas of your growth about which you have particular concerns?  
Yes  No  Please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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**D) EDUCATION / TRAINING**

12. What efforts have been made towards ongoing ministerial training during the last year?  
Seminars/Workshops  Institutions/Schools  Courses  Books   
Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E) FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

13. What gross financial support do you receive from:  
a) CHURCH: Salary \_\_\_\_\_ Allowance \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_  
b) OTHER SOURCES: Salary \_\_\_\_\_ Allowance \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_
14. With what consistency and certainty do you receive financial support?  
Monthly  Bi-Monthly  Other  \_\_\_\_\_
15. Have you received any offerings toward your personal support during the past year of ministry? Yes  No
16. **If you are the Senior Pastor:**  
a) Are you satisfied with the system of financial accounting in your church?  
Yes  No  Not really  Is your church consistently supporting O.B.S.C. Inc. LEFM Programme? Yes  No  Not sure
17. Are you registered in a Pension or Annuity Plan? Yes  No
18. Do you have debts, which you haven't paid, or are not paying? Yes  No
19. Are you reasonably satisfied with the handling of your personal finances? Yes  No
20. If not, would you like us to recommend a financial advisor/counselor? Yes  No

**F) HEALTH**

21. When last did you have a Medical check-up? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please indicate the result by ticking one of the following:  
i) No Illness   
ii) Illness - well controlled   
iii) Illness – not well controlled  (please explain under confidential cover)
22. Are these habits a normal part of your lifestyle?  
Rest  Vacation for family  Exercise
23. Are you registered in OBSC's Medical plan (Or do you have Medical Insurance otherwise? Yes  No

**G) EVANGELISM**

- 24. Do you generally promote L.E.F.M. program among your congregation? Yes  No
- 25. What special activities has your church initiated over the past year to encourage the propagation and dissemination of the glorious Gospel of Christ and win souls for His Kingdom? (Use separate paper if necessary)

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**H) OPEN BIBLE INSTITUTE**

- 26. Do you generally promote the ministry of the Bible Institute among your congregation?  
Yes  No  Not really
- 27. Do you recruit suitable candidates for the Institute? Yes  No
- 28. Which of the Bible School graduates in your church, would you recommend to apply for Associate Minister's Credential?

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**I) FUTURE THRUST**

What suggestions can you put forward for the improvement of this organization?

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**J) COVENANT PROMISE**

- 29. Do you pledge under God to live and minister in a way that is commensurate with the teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, choosing rather to suffer loss yourself and spare the flock of God? Yes  No  Not sure
- 30. Do you realize that as a member of this church, you will be held to the Scriptural standard of not taking a 'brother' to court (1 Cor. 6:1-8)? Yes  No  Not sure
- 31. Will you work at all times in harmony with the organization supporting the standards, doctrines and policies? Yes  No  Not sure
- 32. Will you submit yourself to those in authority over you in the Lord, honoring and esteeming them under God? (Rom. 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:12, 13)  
Yes  No  Not sure

## APPENDIX A

Indicate the frequency with which each of the following statements are true of you and your ministry using the following key: 1 – Never, 2 – Rarely, 3 – Sometimes, 4 – Often, 5 – Always.					
	1	2	3	4	5
1. The spirit or gift of prophecy has been upon me, through which others have received exhortation, edification, comfort or conviction.					
2. I've demonstrated the willingness to stay with and protect God's people when I've seen false teachers and satanic assignments coming. (Jn. 10:12)					
3. I have trained, equipped and deployed other or new ministers.					
4. I am a diligent student of the Word of God and continually demonstrate a divine passion for the Word.					
5. I have an undeniable passion for souls.					
6. I have begun to reproduce other teaching ministers and or ministries.					
7. I've demonstrated ministry which has involved church judgments, including setting God's house in divine order. (E.g. Paul dealing with persons' false doctrine - 1 Tim. 1:20. Church discipline for divisive ones - Rom. 16:17)					
8. I have demonstrated great wisdom in winning souls, through fruit-bearing strategies as God gave the insight.					
9. I have been given certain other gifts of the Spirit and signs of the prophetic office, e.g. visions, dreams, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, miracles, healings, gift of faith, discerning of spirits.					
10. I am a gatherer of God's people and do not say or do or allow anything to scatter the sheep.					
11. I've established and founded churches on the sure foundation Christ Jesus and administered special care for them.					
12. I am sound in my theology, and able to give wholesome balanced doctrine.					
13. I have been a part of 'presbyteries', that is, teams of ministers prophesying over others.					
14. Personal contact with the persons I serve is a delight to me. I enjoy building relationships with God's people (Jn. 10:3)					
15. I have stirred up the saints to personal evangelism as well as to equipped and released others with the evangelistic gift.					
16. I have accurately predicted or foretold things so that a proactive stance could be taken.					
17. I feel a strong call to care for God's people. (Jn. 10:13)					
18. I am an effective communicator of God's truth in a way that helps individuals to understand.					
19. Many have been won to Christ through my ministry.					
20. Signs and wonders by the Spirit of God, inclusive of baptism of the Holy Spirit, have followed my ministry.					

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Form received: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment checklist

Attachment	Status	Date Received
Fees		
Passport Pictures		
Confidential Report		
Personal Reference Report		

Meetings	AGM	Assembly Meetings	Other
# Convened			
# Attended			
Comments			

Reports	Monthly Financial Reports	Operational Reports
Comments		

Financials	Personal Tithes	Church Tithes	OBIT 1%	OBHS 1%	Debts to National Office
Comments					

**BOARD OF CREDENTIALS:**

Remarks:

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Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_

Notified \_\_\_\_\_

Date credentials renewed \_\_\_\_\_

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**National Elder/Director**

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**National Secretary/Treasurer**