



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



**ORDAINED MINISTER'S CREDENTIAL
 (NEW APPLICATION)**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- I. Please do not leave blank spaces. Wherever no comment is applicable insert a dash or N.A. (not applicable).
- II. Please enclose two (2) recent passport size photographs of self and one (1) of spouse.
- III. A fee of \$50.00 must accompany each application.
- IV. All credentials are valid only for the period printed on the credential card
- V. New applications which arrive after 31st January will be placed on file and brought forward the following year.
- VI. An application is considered incomplete if any requested document is omitted.
- VII. 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 application is considered.
- VIII. If unemployed or self employed the Confidential Personal Reference should be completed by a person of established reputation in the community.
- IX. Please attach copies of your certificate/s of your theological training.
- X. Please note that you should only apply for ordination credential if you have been in proven active ministry as a licensed Minister for not less than five consecutive years.
- XI. Please study the Constitution, Bye Laws & Policies of the Organization.

A) PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ___/___/___ E-mail: _____
 Telephone: Home _____ Office _____ Cell: _____
4. Marital Status: Single Widowed Engaged Married Divorced Remarried
 Separated
 - a. Residing with your spouse? Yes No N.A.
 - b. Spouse's name: _____ Date of marriage: ___/___/___
 - c. 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 _____
 - d. If remarried, is your former spouse alive? _____
 - e. Has your spouse been divorced? ____ If yes is his or her former spouse alive? _____
5. Have you at any time held credentials with any other religious organization/s?
 Yes No If so, state with whom? _____
 - a) Why did you leave that organization? _____
 - b) Have you ever been denied credentials with any other organization?
 Yes No If your answer is "Yes" give reasons. _____

6. Do you currently hold ministerial credentials with any other organization?
 Yes No (Explain if answer is YES) _____

7. For how many consecutive years have you been in active ministry as a Licensed Minister with this organization? _____

B) MINISTRY:

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

9. 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.)

10. If you **do not have** a Credential with OBSCTT, then give a brief history of your conversion and ministry activities on a separate sheet, listing the places where you have ministered, length of time at each place and the results.

(a) Are you baptized with the Holy Spirit? Yes No

(b) Do you speak in tongues? Yes No

11. Approximately how many sermons have you preached during the past 12 months? _____
(Kindly submit copies of your last five sermon notes, with the approximate dates you preached them and where).

12. Why do you desire Ordination Credentials?

13. Are you aware of the responsibilities of the credential for which you are applying?

Yes No

14. Are you willing to be employed secularly as necessary while you minister? Yes No

15. Are you in full agreement with the doctrines as set forth in the Open Bible Standard Churches Believer's Manual? Yes No

16. Do you hold any other doctrines besides those stated in the Believer's Manual?

Yes No (If so, name and explain them on separate sheet)

17. Will you work at all times in harmony with the organization, supporting the standards, doctrines, policies and decisions of the organization? Yes No

18. What type of ministry do you prefer? _____

19. 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

C) EDUCATION/TRAINING

20. What efforts have you made towards ongoing ministerial training during the last year?

Seminars/Workshops Institutions/Schools Courses Books

Explain _____

D) EMPLOYMENT:

21. Are you employed currently? Yes No .

a. Employer _____
Address _____
Date employed _____ Current Position _____

b. List any trades, business or other skills in which you have been trained or have had experience _____

22. (Complete this question if you are not a credentialed Minister with OBSCTT)

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED	YEAR	CERTIFICATES OBTAINED
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____

E) FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

- 23. Have you been tithing regularly? Yes No
 - a. If you do not have Credential with OBSCTT, please attach your personal tithe record for the last twelve (12) months, certified by your church.
 - b. Will you pledge to tithe faithfully to OBSCTT National Office in the future as a good steward of God? Yes No
 - c. Is your tithe 10% of your gross income? Yes No
 - d. What gross financial support do you receive:
 - i. From the church: SALARY_____ ; ALLOWANCE_____ ; NONE_____
 - ii. From other sources: SALARY_____ ; ALLOWANCE_____ ; NONE_____
- 24. With what consistency and certainty do you receive financial support?
Every month _____ Bi monthly _____ Other _____
- 25. Have you received during the past year of ministry any offerings toward your personal support? Yes No

NB: Questions 25-30 are to be filled out by Senior Pastors ONLY

26. CHURCH FINANCIALS

- a. Do the church's financial records accurately reflect its financial transactions since the last audit? Yes No Don't know
- b. Are you satisfied with the system of financial accounting in your church?
Yes No Not really
- c. Is your church consistently supporting O.B.S.C. Inc. LEFM Programme? Yes No Not sure
- d. Are you registered in a Pension or Annuity Plan? Yes No
- e. Is arrangement for gratuity in place? Yes No

F) EVANGELISM

- 27. Do you generally promote L.E.F.M. program among your congregation? Yes No
- 28. What special activities have 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)

G) OPEN BIBLE INSTITUTE

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

H) HEALTH

- 32. 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)

- 33. Are these habits a normal part of your lifestyle?

Rest Vacation for family Exercise

- 34. Are you registered in OBSC's Medical plan or have Medical Insurance otherwise?
Yes No

I) COVENANT PROMISE

- 35. 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
- 36. Have you familiarized yourself with OBSCTT's Constitution & Bylaws and Policies?
Yes No
- 37. Do you realize that as a member of this church, you will be held to the standard of not taking a 'brother' to court (1 Cor. 6:1-8)? Yes No Not sure
- 38. Will you work at all times in harmony with the organization supporting the standards, doctrines and policies? Yes No Not sure
- 39. 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: _____

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(For Official Use Only)

Date Form received: _____

Attachment checklist

Attachment	Status	Date Received
Fees		
Passport Pictures		
Confidential Report		
Personal Reference Report		
Theological Diploma		
History of Conversion		
Sermons		
Tithes Record		

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: _____

Date of Interview _____

Accepted _____

Rejected _____

Deferred _____

Notified _____

Date granted credentials _____

National Elder/Director

National Secretary/Treasurer