

Congregational Approval Form

Ministerial Study Program Church Leadership Academy

*This form must be mailed with the \$100 application fee made payable to **The Christian and Missionary Alliance**. Mail to: Pennsylvania Bible Institute, WPA District of C&MA, 341 Chestnut St., Punxsutawney, PA 15767*

Name of Applicant: _____

The Ministerial Study Program is designed for people who are called of God to full-time ministry, but who cannot complete a traditional training program. A person wishing to enroll will not be admitted to the program without the approval of his/her home congregation. We recommend that you, the local church Governing Board, interview the applicant before completing this form. Some guidelines for your consideration are listed below.

We, the pastor and officers of the _____ Church, located in _____, have interviewed the applicant and discussed his/her plans to enter the Ministerial Study Program. On the basis of our interview and observation of the applicant's spiritual experience, we recommend his/her acceptance into the Ministerial Study Program. If it becomes necessary for our recommendation to be withdrawn for any reason, we will notify the Pennsylvania Bible Institute of the Western PA District of the C&MA.

Signatures:

Pastor _____ Date _____

Church officer _____ Office _____

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(The signature of at least one officer of the church in addition to the pastor is required).

Guidelines for recommendation:

- The applicant should be at least 18 years of age.
- The applicant has been a part of your congregation for at least six (6) months, and has shown to be a sincere believer in Jesus Christ as personal Savior.
- The applicant is morally and spiritually acceptable to serve in your congregation and minister to you.
- The congregation should be willing to support the applicant in his/her studies through your encouragement, prayers, and if necessary, financial assistance.