

## **GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES FOR SPONSORING PASTORS**

*Before beginning the process of licensing and ordination  
take the time to pray and seek the Lord for His direction.*

### **1. Preparation**

1. Refresh yourself on the Constitution and Bylaws of the IAOG (Canada) so that you can be well informed
2. Ensure that you are current with Provincial guidelines regarding licenses to marry & interment, as well as any other governing documentation that may affect the ministry, such as T-4's, T 3010's etc. Please keep in mind that amendments to these documents take place frequently.
3. Qualify your candidate by close adherence to scriptural texts that relate to ministers and leadership.

### **2. The Candidate**

1. Ensure that all appropriate paper work has been correctly filled out. If the candidate is currently residing in Canada and is NOT a Canadian citizen, copies of ALL documentation regarding their current status must accompany the application.
2. It is mandatory to obtain a Vulnerable Persons Police check from your local Police Dept. (different provinces have different requirements especially for those who work with children)
3. Ensure that the Regional Secretary receives the documentation and signs Form 1. It is wise to consider taking the candidate with you to meet your Regional Secretary. This is a good beginning to establishing fellowship within the IAOG (Canada).

### **3. Follow-up**

1. The paperwork will be mailed directly to the sponsoring pastor. It is up to the candidate and the sponsoring pastor to set a date for commissioning and should they desire the Regional Secretary or General Secretary to be present it should be remembered that the sponsoring pastor is the Licensing/Ordaining minister.
2. The responsibility of care, prayer, discipline and follow-up is first to the sponsoring pastor. If

that member is not serving in the local church of the sponsoring pastor due to the nature of the calling (ie missionary) annual reports should be gathered to support that person's ministry.

3. Please ensure that the General Secretary and your Regional Secretary is up to date with the members contact information.

**4. These forms must accompany applications for credentials!**

1. Form 1
2. Requirements for CCW, Licensing and Ordination (take note that all documentation listed on this form is included especially taking note of 3 letters of recommendation and the bottom section which includes two questions from the sponsoring church)
3. Doctrinal questionnaire