



Evangelical Friends Church
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To: EFC-ER Pastors
From: EFC-ER Leadership Development Team
RE: Credentialing Applications
Date: February 22, 2019

The time has come once again to renew the licenses for current EFC-ER pastors and ministers! Just to clarify, there are three types of licensure:

Ministry License – given to a member of the local church whose calling and giftedness are recognized and a license would be useful for ministry; excludes those serving in full-time ministry or pastoral roles.

Complete the Ministry License application to receive this credential.

Pastor's License – required for those individuals in pastoral ministry (lead pastor or staff pastor), particularly those serving in full-time ministry; recognition of one's calling and giftedness in the area of pastoral leadership in the local church and EFC-ER.

Complete the Pastor's License application to receive this credential.

Note: Full-time pastors with a Pastors Licenses will be entered into the Recording of Ordination process. Full-time employees who are not serving in a pastoral role (Directors, Leaders, etc.) are not required to apply for this license, but they may if they choose to do so.

Recording of Ordination – formal process by which EFC-ER recognizes God's call on an individual's life to minister in the name of Jesus, and by which we formally record that calling and giftedness ordained by God.

No application is necessary. Your license will be renewed if you are in good standing with EFC-ER.

Everyone who should receive a Ministry License or Pastor's License card will need to apply, even if you have received a card in the past or completed an application last year.

Here are the steps to take:

1. Complete the attached application. This form will need to be completed by the person to receive the license and signed by the lead pastor. If you are the lead pastor, no signature is necessary.
2. NEW THIS YEAR: All applicants must submit a background check as part of the application process.
3. Send the completed form and copy of your background check to Julia McDonald at jmcdonald@efcer.org or by mail to her attention at the Evangelical Friends Headquarters at 5350 Broadmoor Circle NW, Canton, OH 44709.

The deadline for all applications is March 31, 2019. Note: any applications received after this date may not be considered for licensure in 2019.

