

Procedures for Credentials Application with the GCEPC/LEPC

We are happy that you are making application for ministerial credentials and ordination with the Evangelical Protestant Churches, (GCEPC) Inc., the General Conference of the LEPC/EPC.

Following is a brief outline of our application process:

IMPORTANT: For efficiency and assurance of proper correspondence during the application process please place the following email address in your email address book: generalconferenceepc@yahoo.com

1. Obtain, complete, and return the Credentials Application.
2. Complete and return the Fitness for Ministry Statement.
3. Mail your application fee to: **GCEPC/LEPC, PO Box 5184, West Columbia, SC 29171, USA.** Make check or money order to "GCEPC." For your convenience you may use www.Paypal.com using the email address generalconferenceepc@yahoo.com.
4. Please complete the enclosed forms as honestly and thoroughly as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the General Conference Office at generalconferenceepc@yahoo.com or www.lutheranepc.com and we will answer you as quickly as possible.
5. Once your Credentials Application and Fitness for Ministry Statement are received a background check will be completed. You will be contacted if any clarification is needed. When all of the information in your application folder is complete, the Executive Board will review it. You will be contacted by a member of the Candidate Selection Committee for a telephone interview. Assuming that everything is in order a recommendation will be sent to the Board of Advisors for consideration and approval determination. An Advisor member may contact you if there are clarifications needed.
6. The General Conference Office will notify you when determination is received.
7. You will be contacted regarding your ordination certificate and church/ministry charter.
8. You will be connected to the worldwide forum for GCEPC/LEPC/EPC ministers. This forum is used to communicate information to our ministers and for them to maintain contact with one another.

God bless you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Credentials Application



APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS



General Conference of Evangelical Protestant Churches, Inc.,
LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH
EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

Please type or print legibly and fill in completely. You may use additional sheets when necessary.

1. Full Name _____

2. Address _____

3. City, State, Country, and Zip _____

4A. Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell _____

4B. Email Address _____

4C. Website URL/address _____

5. DOB _____ Male _____ Female _____ SS# _____

6. Marital Status _____ 7. Spouse(name) _____
(divorced, married, single, separated, widowed)

8. Names and ages of children in your home _____

9. Where do you attend church? _____

10. Are you a pastor? _____ Are you ordained? _____ If so, by whom and when? _____
Are credentials still valid? _____

11. What is your reason for desiring Ministerial Credentials with the GCEPC/LEPC/EPC?

12. On a separate sheet of paper please give a detailed account of your spiritual journey. Please include your salvation and baptism experiences/information as well as any other relevant information regarding your spiritual walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

13. Please describe what you believe to be your spiritual calling. _____

14. Please describe your Christian work during the past several years. _____

15. How much time do you spend in spiritual work? _____

16. Do you have a secular job?_____ If so, what? _____

17. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____ _____
18. Are any charges, claims currently filed against you? _____ _____
19. Are you currently in criminal litigation? _____ _____
20. Do you drink alcoholic beverages? _____
21. Do you believe homosexuality is a sin and therefore will oppose the ordination of homosexuals and same-sex marriages? _____
22. Do you oppose abortion except in extreme and grievous times to save the life of the mother? _____
23. Please detail your post-secondary education. _____

24. List your college degrees, if any, and any other state or national licenses or certifications or Biblical/theological coursework, workshops, or training that you may have. (Please attach copies) _____

25. Do you FULLY understand that if approved you are accountable to the Lutheran Evangelical Protestant Church, GCEPC/EPC and that credentials may be revoked for conduct unbecoming of a minister of the Gospel of Christ? _____

26. Do you FULLY understand the LEPC/EPC/GCEPC **IS NOT** legally responsible for your actions? _____

27. Do you FULLY understand if granted membership and ordination that you will be a member and minister of the Lutheran Evangelical Protestant Church/ EPC/GCEPC? _____

28. Do you FULLY understand ANY church or cell group you plant will be a GCEPC/LEPC/EPC ministry and must register with the General Conference Office _____ ?

29. Do you FULLY understand that the EPC/LEPC/GCEPC ordains both men and women to the Gospel Ministry? _____

30. Do you FULLY understand all LEPC/EPC/GCEPC churches are congregational in government? _____

31. Do you FULLY understand that any ministry or Church that you establish is autonomous and must be self supporting? _____

32. Do you FULLY understand that you are accountable for your actions and responsible for the work of the gospel in your ministry or Church in all areas including financial? _____

33. Do you FULLY understand that the LEPC/GCEPC will not be financially responsible or financially sponsoring of your ministry, your Church, or yourself? _____

34. Do you understand that giving false information in the application for credentials with the LEPC/EPC/GCEPC can be reason for revocation of those credentials if approved? _____

REFERENCES

Please provide letters of reference from a Pastor and a lay person attesting to your character, calling and fitness for the ministry. You are required to disclose any wrongdoings, past or present, concerning whether or not you have a criminal record or are currently in litigation. We are specifically inquiring about child abuse convictions.

LEPC/EPC/GCEPC, Inc. STATEMENT OF FAITH AND CORE BELIEFS:

Ministers of the LEPC/EPC/GCEPC must accept and adhere to our Statement of Faith and Core Beliefs. Your signature on this application reflects your acceptance and belief in the Statement of Faith found on our main page and with our core beliefs, provided below. Please do not send an application if you are not in agreement with our Statement of Faith and Core Beliefs.

It is the Core Belief of the General Conference Evangelical Protestant Churches LEPC/EPC that:

- 1. The Holy Scriptures, in the original tongues, are the inspired and inerrant word of God;**
- 2. In one God, eternal and self-existent, Creator and Ruler of the universe, and manifested through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;**
- 3. That Jesus Christ is truly divine and truly human having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary;**
- 4. That Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood as a Sacrifice for our sins; He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High;**
- 5. That humankind was created in the image of God, but fell into sin causing separation from God;**
- 6. That salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all; and those who repent and believe on Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life and become the children of God;**
- 7. That the water baptism identifies us with the death and burial of Christ and that we should arise to walk in the newness of life;**
- 8. In the ministry of the Holy Spirit to glorify Christ, to convict, to enable the believer to live a godly life and to empower the Church to carry the gospel into all the world;**
- 9. In the personal and visible return of Jesus Christ for His Church;**
- 10. In the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and everlasting separation from God of all those who reject Jesus Christ.**

MINISTERIAL ETHICS

Please read and sign, if in agreement:

- 1. I will maintain high ethical and moral values in all my dealings, personally and professionally;**
- 2. I will respect each person's difference in doctrine, style and personality as they follow**

the leadings of the Holy Spirit;

3. I will always be willing to learn; I will strive to adhere to “In the essentials unity, in the non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity.”

4. I will only speak in edifying ways in regards to other ministers, ministries, and the Body of Christ at large.

5. I will strive to treat others as I desire to be treated. I will strive to live the servant shepherd model of leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ remembering that as I do “into the least of these” I have done unto Him.

6. I will support and promote the LEPC/EPC/GCEPC financially and in other ways in which the Lord leads me.

Written Signature _____

Printed Signature _____

Date _____

Please print and complete this form then send, along with supplementary sheets, copies of all educational degrees/certificates, counseling licenses, license to preach, certificate of ordination, letters of reference, etc. and a \$45.00 U.S. dollars processing fee to:

LEPC/EPC/GCEPC, PO Box 5184, West Columbia, SC, 29171 USA

The one-time \$45.00 USD application fee is non-refundable. This fee only covers administrative costs incurred in the course of investigating your application and references as well as background check.

For convenience and essence of time you may send your application by email attachment to generalconferencepc@yahoo.com or generalconference@lutheranepc.com . Please use our secure Paypal Account at <http://www.Paypal.com> for funds transfer of your application fee by sending \$50.00 and using our generalconferencepc@yahoo.com email address with Paypal.

Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you. God bless you as you follow Him in your service and call to ministry.

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The Lutheran Evangelical Protestant Church
The Evangelical Protestant Church



MINISTRY CANDIDATE
FITNESS FOR MINISTRY STATEMENT

Please truthfully answer all of the following questions with “yes” or “no”:

Have you been the subject of official disciplinary proceedings that resulted in the suspension or withdrawal of recognition of previous ordination? _____
If “yes” please fully explain on a separate sheet. This does not automatically disqualify you from ordination with the LEPC.

Have you been the subject of review, proceeding, or civil law suit either successfully prosecuted or settled out of court for any of the following?

Sexual harassment _____ Sexual exploitation _____

Sexual abuse _____ Discrimination _____

Physical abuse _____ Child Abuse _____

Financial misconduct _____ **If answering “yes” to any item in this document please fully explain on separate sheets of paper.**

Has your driver’s license been suspended or revoked due to driving while intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances? _____

Do you know of any facts or circumstances regarding your background that would warrant further review for fitness for ministry? _____

If yes, please fully explain noting dates, nature, and place of incident leading to complaint. Use extra sheets if needed.

Ordination Candidate _____ Date _____

