

ORDINATION/CONSECRATION PROCESS READING LIST AND REQUIRED PROJECTS - SUMMARY

1. Required Reading

A. Read through the entire Bible twice, using two different translations where available.

B. Reading course covering the Alliance distinctives (Tier 1) and the church and world missions (Tier 2):

Tier 1

- The Fourfold Gospel—A. B. Simpson
- Wholly Sanctified—A. B. Simpson
- Children’s Bread—Keith Bailey or The Gospel of Healing—A. B. Simpson
- A Basic Guide to Eschatology—Millard Erickson
- The Pursuit of God—A. W. Tozer
- All for Jesus—Robert L. Niklaus, John S. Sawin, and Samuel J. Stoesz
- “Statement on Sanctification”—Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, H8
- The Heart of the Gospel: A.B. Simpson, the Fourfold Gospel, and Late Nineteenth-Century Evangelical Theology—Bernie A. Van De Walle

Tier 2

- Borthwick, P. Great Commission Great Compassion
- Pardington, George P. The Crisis of the Deeper Life
- Smith, Terry D. Changing Course: Leading Older Churches in a New Direction
- Stoesz, Samuel J. Sanctification: an Alliance Distinctive

2. Verification of Education (only necessary if the emerging leader lacks the academic credits in the accreditation process)

3. Alliance polity course (only necessary if the emerging leader has not completed the course in the accreditation process). The link for the SOM 304 Understanding the Alliance: Alliance History and Polity course is: <https://www.allianceleaders.org/locmc/>. This is a 6-week class taken in a cohort format begin approximately every two months.

4. Required Position Papers

- Christ Our Savior
- Christ our Sanctifier
- Christ our Healer
- Christ our Coming King
- Christ’s Body: the Church
- Completing Christ’s Mission

5. Missions Awareness (may be fulfilled in one of two ways):
 - a. Complete one introductory college-level course on world missions from an approved Christian and Missionary Alliance educational institution.
 - b. Successfully complete the online course, the SOM 105 [Mission of God](#), located at the Alliance Center for Leadership Development School of Ministry. This is a 6-week class taken in a cohort format. When you have successfully completed the course, please notify your mentor.

6. Evangelism/Church Health Training

- a. The emerging leader shall provide evidence to the mentor of having completed training in personal evangelism or attend an evangelism training seminar approved by the district superintendent and the LO&CC. This requirement can also be fulfilled by taking the School of Ministry SOM 303: Building Blocks of the Local Church: Evangelism and Leadership Development. Access this course by going to the [SOM website](#). When you have successfully completed the course, please notify your mentor.
- b. Complete a course of study / training in church health and multiplication. This requirement can also be fulfilled by taking the School of Ministry SOM 303: Building Blocks of the Local Church: Evangelism and Leadership Development.

7. Level 1 Peacemaker Training

Complete the Level 1 Peacemaker Training. This training may be taken through the School of Ministry (SOM 305: Organizational Dynamics: Change, Power, and Conflict in the Church). Emerging leaders can access this course by going to the [SOM website](#). When you have successfully completed the course, please notify your mentor.

8. Preaching/Teaching

Mentor will evaluate two audio or videotape of a full-length sermons, preached at a regular church service, for ordination. Mentor will evaluate at least one audio or videotape of a full-length sermon, preached at a regular church service, for consecration.

9. Oral Examination

10. Denominational Orientation - attend a New Official Workers Forum (Resonate)

11. Additional Projects

- A. Lifelong Learning - Develop a five-year learning plan to serve as a basis for lifelong learning.
- B. Self-Understanding - Present a written analysis of your self-understanding using assessment tools such as GHC IV, IDAK, DISC, Ministry Competency Profile Guidelines, or a Gifts inventory.

12. Elder Evaluation for Ordination / Consecration

13. Mentor meeting