

## For an acceptable ALME that meets requirements:

1. Must be in a licensed ministry – accredited and licensed with the district. The licensed worker works towards ordination/consecration.
2. There must be some buy in or compensation from the church – which could be through rent, housing, food, pay, insurance.
3. The person can be bi-vocational – while in ALME. 24 hours a week in the church are required while the person works in another job.<sup>1</sup>
4. If the person is married or is married – the spouse needs to meet the same qualifications if they go clergy track [except for ordination/consecration]
  - a. Both spouses must get **accredited**
  - b. One spouse must become either ordained or consecration which entails that they need to be licensed.
  - c. The ordained/consecrated spouse must have the following credits from a college or seminar
    - i. 30 hours of Bible, Theology and Ministry + 15 credits of missions
  - d. The non ordained/consecrated spouse must have the following credits from a college or seminar
    - i. 18 credit hours bible or theology, 6 credit hours of missions courses, 6 credit hours of ministry courses
5. The church must provide a job description and a mentor for the ALME candidate(s) that is approved both by the district and IPO. The ALME candidate must be involved in the following:
  - a. Must be involved with lost people
  - b. Must be involved in evangelism and discipleship
  - c. Must be involved with people who are not like them (culturally, socio-economically, religious, etc.)
  - d. Must be mentored for holistic health
6. The District gives final approval that a candidate is ready for applying to go overseas
  - a. Rational: Both the church and the district know the candidate(s) better than the IPO because they have been working with them in the local church and through ordination/consecration. They will have a better idea if they are ready to apply for overseas ministry. The IPO will do further evaluation of readiness through the application process (medical, personality, AM application, references, etc.)

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<sup>1</sup> Full or Bi-vocational. The ALME may be completed in either full-time or bi-vocational ministry roles. Candidates in a bi-vocational situation are required to be compensated both by the church and non-church employer. Unpaid (volunteer) church ministry roles do not ordinarily meet ALME requirements. As a guideline, candidates in bi-vocational ALME situations are required to spend at least twenty-four (24) hours per week in compensated church ministry. If there are questions about expectations for spouses, they should be discussed and approved by the IPO Director.