

Licensing, Ordination & Consecration Council Coach
Discipline Coach
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Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38

EQUIPPING

In February 2026, the polity course was taught at the district office in Woodland, fulfilling an important licensure requirement within the Alliance. In March, Mike Marczak and I had the privilege of leading a one-day seminar, "Christ Our Coming King," enabling ordinands to complete the requirements for that position paper. Special thanks to Pastor Osvaldo Mata for generously hosting this event at his church.

At this District Conference, we are offering "The Church and Her Mission," a seminar that combines the content of Completing Christ's Mission and Christ's Body the Church. This provides ordinands with an excellent opportunity to complete two position paper requirements in a single session, helping them advance more efficiently through the ordination process.

One of the exciting opportunities before the LO&CC is improving the pathway toward ordination and helping candidates complete their journey within the required two-to-three-year timeframe. Since 2023, the average completion time has been six and a half years.

When I stepped into this role, I interviewed many ordinands and mentors to better understand the challenges they faced throughout the ordination process. These conversations provided valuable insights that have guided the development of a revised approach designed to remove common barriers such as travel requirements, lodging expenses, transportation costs, and tuition-related challenges.

To better serve our ordinands, we are expanding the availability of Zoom-based seminars to fulfill position paper requirements, along with competency training in Evangelism, Missions Awareness, Church Health and Multiplication, and Multicultural Ministry. We are blessed with an outstanding district staff and many gifted leaders throughout our district who are eager to teach the seminars and invest in the development of future Alliance leaders.

While these changes will take time to fully implement, we have a clear plan and a committed team working together to make it a reality. I am confident that these improvements will help more candidates successfully complete the ordination and consecration process within the required timeframe.

MULTIPLYING

LO&CC

As we continue advancing the E27K vision and experience increased numbers of accredited workers entering ministry, it became clear that additional support was needed within the LO&CC. We are grateful for our partnership with Dale Edwardson at Simpson University, who has been instrumental in working with students pursuing accreditation. Together, we have transitioned from accrediting through the National Office to accrediting directly through the Central Pacific District.

To support this growth, we expanded our LO&CC structure by establishing LO&CC North (Redding) and LO&CC South (Woodland).

LO&CC North currently consists of Dale Edwardson, Patrick Blewett, Jessie Wolske, and John Wiseman.

LO&CC South consists of Rob Douglas, Bruce Guckelberg, Shanon Lee, Edgar Castro, Stacy Douglas, Patty Herrera, Sandy Kang, Mike Marczak, Tim Brooks, John Brown, and Josh Ratiani.

We are also excited that Steve Diehl will join LO&CC North in January 2027. This strengthened team enables us to better support the growing number of accreditation and ordination interviews while serving candidates more effectively.

ACCREDITATIONS

At the beginning of Rob Douglas' tenure as District Superintendent, a goal was established to accredit 100 individuals by the end of 2027. I am pleased to report that we are making outstanding progress toward accomplishing that objective.

As of the writing of this report, 72 individuals have been accredited and 20 have been ordained since 2023. Additionally, 25 accreditations have already been completed in 2026, reflecting the continued momentum we are experiencing throughout the district.

We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dillon Barber, who passed his ordination interview in June of this year.

MENTORS

We are deeply grateful for the mentors who faithfully invest in the lives and development of our ordinands. Their service is essential to the health and effectiveness of the ordination process.

Because of the increase in accreditations and licenses issued, we currently have more ordinands than available mentors. While this growth is something to celebrate, it also presents an opportunity for us to recruit and develop additional mentors. We appreciate the patience of those who are currently awaiting mentor assignment, and we are actively working to expand our mentoring team.

In June, we hosted our first virtual Mentors' Meeting, bringing mentors together for encouragement, collaboration, and mutual support. I anticipate holding three Mentors' Meetings each year moving forward.

ORDINANDS

We are also launching Ordinands' Meetings via Zoom to provide encouragement, guidance, and practical support throughout the ordination process.

DISCIPLINE

I'm pleased to report that there has been only two discipline cases this year, which reflects a vastly improved health of our district.

CONCLUSION

I am deeply grateful for my colleagues on the Central Pacific District staff and for every member of the LO&CC team who faithfully serves our district.

Most importantly, I am thankful for the leadership of Rob Douglas, whose vision, encouragement, and commitment to the future continue to position our district for even greater effectiveness and Kingdom impact in the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

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