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**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION  
PACKET  
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**[cima@faithdm.org](mailto:cima@faithdm.org)**



Dear Christian Minister / Ministry Friend,

I bring you Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your interest in Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA). We welcome your inquiry to a fellowship of ministers who are called by God to model biblical values, build long-term relationships, and engage wholeheartedly in ministry. Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) aims to serve ministers and ministries from all over the world. I am delighted to share this information with you.

The enclosed material should answer most of your questions. However, if you need more information please feel free to call upon us at 336-553-9899.

You may email us at [cima@faithdm.org](mailto:cima@faithdm.org)

Our web site address is [www.faitdm.org](http://www.faitdm.org) (Click On The CIMA Tab.)

Here you will find additional information and downloadable forms.

Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) is a fellowship that provides oversight and covering as a support system for ministers from around the world. We require accountability and responsibility from our ministers / ministries. We encourage all perspective members to familiarize themselves with our constitution. It is expected that those connected with Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) be men and women of integrity, respect authority, and work together with fellow ministers.

Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) is a resource for networking with other ministers and ministries and gives you freedom to join and minister in other religious organizations, associations and churches. Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) respects each person's ministerial calling. It is not our purpose to burden ministers with unnecessary organizational rules and restrictions. Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) promotes love, cooperation, freedom and fellowship in the body of Christ. We can also provide, 501 c3 coverage, for affiliated churches. It is my desire that you prayerfully consider becoming an active member of Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA). If you are so directed, please fill out the application in its entirety and mail it to:

[Faith Deliverance Ministry 3722 G Groometown Rd. Greensboro, North Carolina  
27407 USA Attention CIMA Administration](mailto:cima@faithdm.org)

Again, thank you so very much for your inquiry, and may God bless your ministry abundantly!

In Christ,

*Gregory Howard*

Apostle Gregory Howard  
Founder of Ministry

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CIMA APPLICATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

1. Please complete all information, answer all questions and obtain signatures on the application. Attach a letter of explanation where necessary.
2. Ordination documentation must accompany applications for Ordained Minister status.
3. **INCORRECT APPLICATIONS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.**

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CATAGORIES**

#### **ORDAINED MINISTER**

One who is ordained, to perform sacerdotal duties, with supporting valid documentation of date and place of ordination submitted. Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) accepts ordinations from other associations and individual churches that are in the United States. Ordinations from organizations and ministers outside of the United States of America will be accepted also **only** if the credential have been translated to American English and certified to be true by the court system of the perspective country / providence.

#### **LICENSED MINISTER**

Any minister who is not ordained who has been qualified to perform sacerdotal duties. and called by God to do so. Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) accepts licenses from other associations and individual churches that are in the United States. Licenses from organizations and ministers outside of the United States of America will be accepted also **only** if the credential have been translated to American English and certified to be true by a licensed notary person of the perspective country / providence.

#### **EXHORTER**

One who is a beginner in ministry. Exhorters are required to receive minimal religious training or pastoral mentoring, before changing their licensing level.

#### **MISSIONARY**

A missionary is one who spends the majority of their time in the country where the mission endeavor is located. The missionary must be physically involved on the mission field without secular employment or employment in a local church or religious organization.

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## FORMS

### REFERENCE FORMS:

The two people recommending the applicant must also complete a Reference Form and sign the application. It is preferable but not required that CIMA members make recommendations. In the event that CIMA members do not know the applicant the application will be considered with the recommendation of two ministers who have known the applicant for several years. The recommending ministers must submit proof of their clergy status as well.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:

The applicant in addition to completing the Application Form must complete and include this form.

### SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION:

This Application Form along with the two Reference Forms, Personal Information Form and any supporting documentation or explanations are to be sent to the CIMA administration.

### FEE SUBMISSION POLICY

There is **no fee**. Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) is totally free to join. CIMA is here to help you not to empty your pockets. You pay absolutely nothing to join and nothing to maintain membership. This is a historic time where free really does mean free. If we say it's free and charge you anything that would make us liars and you should not join a fellowship of liars because all liars will partake of their place in the lake of fire.

Now of course we do have expenses and we do accept charitable donations; however a donation is not required at any time ever unless you desire to make one yourself as God may lead you. If anyone ever charges you any amount for any reason please get their information and inform CIMA administration immediately. We will investigate and correct / discipline as deemed necessary. Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) will always be totally FREE.

### PICTURE

Please send a recent picture of yourself only with the application to help with recognition and identification. A snapshot or digital picture is sufficient it does not have to be a professional photograph. Send digital picture to [cima@faithdm.org](mailto:cima@faithdm.org) Please make sure the photo is a full frontal face shot large enough to easily identify you at a glance.

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OR  
SNAPSHOT  
([See Instructions](#))

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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### IMPORTANT APPLICANT INFORMATION:

It is vital that you read and follow the INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION on the previous page. Answer all questions.

Three forms must accompany this application as well as your signature. Two references must accompany this application as well. References do not have to be members CIMA but must be members of the clergy. [SEE Reference Form Notes](#)

### FORMS SENT WITH APPLICATION

1. Personal Information Form
2. Two (2) Reference Forms.

Send these forms with the application to the **CIMA Administration** at the address on this application.

(Please print or type all answers)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Full Middle Last

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**No P.O. Box Here Please**

Mailing Address (If Different):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**P.O. Box Accepted Here**

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Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ (Pastor, Evangelist, Missionary, etc...)

Your Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable) (If Applicable)

Current Church You Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

### FULL TIME FOREIGN MISSIONARY SECTION

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ( ) No ( ) Pending ( )

Missionary in what Country / Countries \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you spend a majority of your time as a missionary in this country? Yes ( ) No ( )

[\(See Instructions\)](#)

Are you employed at a church or religious organization? Yes ( ) No ( )

Are you secularly employed? Yes ( ) No ( )

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**QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Are you married? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )

Spouse's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

*If Applicable*

2. Are you living with your Spouse? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )

3. Have you been divorced? Remarried? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )  
**(Attach letter of explanation regarding previous marriages)**

4. Have you ever been charged with a sex crime or sexual misconduct? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )  
**(Attach letter of explanation if applicable)**

5. Do you have any type of criminal record? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )  
**[If yes, attach explanation including date(s)]**

6. Have you read and are you in agreement with the Doctrinal Position of CIMA? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )  
*(If NO, attach letter of explanation)*

7. Have you read and are you in agreement with the affirmation of Faith of CIMA? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )  
*(If NO, attach letter of explanation)*

8. Are you willing to abide by the rules and regulations of Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA)? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( ) *(If NO, attach letter of explanation.)*

9. Have you been ordained? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( ) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**(A copy of your Ordination Certificate MUST be submitted with the application)**

I have answered all the above questions truthfully.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM**

**(Please type or print)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Full Middle Last

Title (Rev. Dr. Mr. etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Married **Yes** (  ) **No** (  )

Spouse's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Full Middle Last

Home Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your position \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Church Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor if other than you \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Applied For: (  ) Ministerial License (  ) Ordained Minister  
(  ) Missionary (  ) Exhorter



**ORDINATION INFORMATION:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation Provided **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )

**Educational Information**

Graduate of High School? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )

No Attended College or University **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )

Attended Bible School? **Yes** ( ) **No** ( )

Name of College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bible School \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Years attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree obtained **Yes** ( ) **No** ( ) **Pending** ( )

Type of Degree \_\_\_\_\_



# REFERENCE FORM

Full Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Person Submitting Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Country / Province

Reference Clergy Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Title \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the applicant as a *(check all that apply)*

Minister  Friend  Relative  Business  Other \_\_\_\_\_

The relationship was  Close  Casual  Professional.

To the best of my knowledge and judgment, the applicant is:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Questionable
In Christian life and testimony				
In conduct and moral attitude				
In accepting responsibility				
In meeting financial obligations				
In family relationships				
In dependability				
In dedication to the ministry				

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited the applicant's home? **Yes** (  ) **No** (  )

In your opinion does the applicant exhibit a "call" to the ministry? **Yes** (  ) **No** (  )

Any additional Information: (Type On Additional Sheets of Paper) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Giving Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Person Giving Reference (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



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# **POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Applications**

Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) is an alliance of ministers and ministries. The Application for membership may also serve as an application for a ministerial license. All members of CIMA must either be a member of the clergy or be applying for clergy licensing.

The application consists of an application form, two reference forms, and a data base information form. A picture of the applicant must be included with the application as specified by the application.

### **Ordination Requirements**

#### **NEW APPLICANTS**

Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) may accept ordinations from other ministerial associations or organizations when new applicants present the proper documentation.

Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) will not accept ordinations from individual churches and associations that are not in the United States unless the [required criteria](#) has been met.

Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) reserves the right to reject questionable ordinations.

New applicants desiring to be recognized by this association, as Ordained Ministers, must present a Certificate of Ordination or other documentation with the application. Those who make application without the proper ordination documentation will be accepted as applying for Ministerial License. The designation may be changed when the proper documentation is presented.

## **CURRENT MEMBERS**

Members desiring to be ordained by Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) shall complete an “Application for Ordination” and submit it to CIMA Administration.

Ordination ceremonies will not be conducted during the National Conference. In order for the ordination to be recognized by Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) one or more officers of Christian Independent Ministerial Alliance (CIMA) must participate in the ceremony. The officer must be from the ordination candidate’s District Board or hold office on the National Board.

## **Educational Requirements**

### **Exhorter**

There is no educational requirement for application to ministerial license at exhorter’s level. The exhorter must be mentored by a licensed minister or ordained minister.

### **Licensed Ministers**

Members holding an “exhorter license” must complete a ministry course or be mentored by an ordained minister for a period of one year prior to applying for “licensed minister” status. Documentation of completion must be submitted to CIMA administration for approval.

