

## Ministers From Other Organizations

If a minister from another reputable body desires to affiliate with the Assemblies of God, the credentials committees of both the General Council and the District Councils are under no obligation to accept the applicant's previous ministerial status, but will judge each candidate on his or her own merits as to the level of credentials to be granted. Such applicants shall be required to:

- Conform to Assemblies of God criteria for recognition.
- Complete an application for ministerial recognition.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a neighboring Assemblies of God minister or the sectional presbyter for the applicant's area.
- Submit a recommendation from the body with which the minister was formerly affiliated. If such is not available, letter of recommendation should be sought from three reputable ordained ministers who are familiar with the applicant's ministry, two of whom should be with the applicant's former credentialing body.
- Take the credential examination.
- Complete such courses as may be prescribed by the General Presbytery for ministers transferring from other credentialing bodies.
- Meet with the District Credentials Committee for an oral interview.
- Be recommended by the District Credentials Committee for action by the General Council Credentials Committee.

All previously ordained ministers so approved shall receive recognition as ordained Assemblies of God ministers with the laying on of hands by the district presbytery. All other applicants so approved shall receive the appropriate level of credential recognition.

Ministers who receive Assemblies of God recognition shall relinquish their ministerial credentials with any other organization, unless an exception is granted by the General Council Credentials Committee upon recommendation of a district council credentials committee for a minister serving as a missionary in this country who holds a credential with a member body of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship.