



Introductory Candidate/Mentor Meeting

Get to know each other:

The *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance* (E4-4, VII, and E5-4, VII) states: "A mentor shall be assigned for each candidate by the LO&CC in accordance with the guidelines provided by Church Ministries."

- Note that the candidate is the one who establishes the relationship and initiates the meetings.
- Remember this relationship will develop over time. Have realistic expectations of one another but be committed to opening your hearts and speaking honestly in your times together.
- Share how you came to Christ, your crisis experience, and your continued walk in the Spirit.
- Share about your extended family, spouse, and kids if applicable.
- Discuss your call to ministry and your current ministry setting.
- Share what you dream of God doing in your life and ministry.

Get to know the Ordination/Consecration Process:

Take time to go over the Detailed Program ([Detailed C&O Program](#)) and C&O Checklist ([Checklist Form for C&O](#)) to discuss what you may have already completed before beginning the C&O Process. The mentor can sign off on any requirements that you have finished (for example, through LEAD, in another district, or in your schooling). Explain what pathway you took to complete your educational requirements. *Note that there are various events and trainings required for ordination/consecration that are not specified in the monthly meeting sheets.* You must consistently check the district website for the availability of those events and trainings. They may be marked off on the checklist as they are completed.

Get to know the Central District:

Our 3-Fold Vision is:

Who: We are a Christ-centered Acts 1:8 family

What: Collaborating to advance the Kingdom

How: By mobilizing and multiplying transformed disciples

Get to know what future monthly meetings will look like:

Each monthly meeting will contain similar elements. Those are described below with some suggestions for covering the information. Take time to read over this as a candidate/mentor team to make certain you understand what is being asked of you in each section of the monthly meeting sheet. Please do not skip over any area. The mentor will sign the meeting sheets to indicate that the described areas have been covered adequately.

Keep in mind that you will meet 18 times before testing. The Consecration & Ordination Conference each Fall will provide for one of your meetings. Some candidates and mentors also meet during District Conference. Hosting in one another's homes and including spouses (where applicable) is also part of the requirement.

Bible Reading: Over the two years of preparation for Consecration & Ordination, you are to read the Bible twice in two versions of your choice. In order to complete this requirement, you must read about 130 chapters for each monthly meeting. At each meeting you will list the books of the Bible you read, the total number of chapters and the version you used. Please be ready to share how those Scriptures impacted you personally as well.

Discipleship and Discussion: This will be a time when you share how you are living out the Great Commandments (Matthew 22) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28) as well as equipping the saints for ministry (Ephesians 4). It is expected that you are discipling someone and that you have a more mature believer pouring into you. Take your time to go through each question thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Doctrine and Scripture: In this section, you will discuss a specific area of doctrine and explore some of the Scriptures that support it. Key words and ideas are also listed that will be helpful for you to know. The expectation is that these verses and references will be memorized, and some study of the theology will be done BEFORE the meeting. Don't skimp on this area—it will be a great help to have this done well when exam time comes.

Practicum: Practical areas of ministry will be discussed in this time. You may think some of the topics don't apply to you but be willing to hear what your mentor has to say. You might be surprised where God leads you in the future. This would be a great time to discuss other ministry challenges you have faced recently or follow up on situations you discussed previously.

Reading and Writing: For each meeting, you will either discuss a book you have read and written a book report about OR you will discuss a paper you have written.

- **Reading:** There are eight books on the required reading list. For each of those, you must complete the book report form and discuss the book and book report with your mentor. Later, you will read an additional 500 pages from the Additional Reading List. No book report form is required for the additional reading, but the content should still be discussed with the mentor. The book report form and required reading list are found at <http://cdcma.org/resources-forms>.
- **Writing:** There are six papers regarding our Alliance distinctives. For each of those, you should consult the rubric and directions for submitting found at <http://cdcma.org/resources-forms>. Please bring the paper to your meeting for feedback from your mentor before submitting to the reviewer. Do NOT wait until the end of the process before submitting papers for grading. They are DUE as they appear on the Meeting Sheet.

Other Tasks: Here you will find various items that must be done in the C&O process. We have tried to spread them out so that you are making steady progress rather than being overwhelmed with items to complete while you are studying for your test.

Prayer & Planning: Remember to end your time together by praying for one another. Don't forget to appreciate your mentor and tie up any loose ends. Items to prepare for the next meeting are also listed. **Send your initialed meeting sheet to ltturner@cdcma.org.**