**Oversight Leader’s Coversheet for Credentials Committee**

**Virginia Mennonite Conference**

**1. Candidate’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Current Congregational Membership: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**3. District/Cluster: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Oversight Leader: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**4. Ministerial Role in Assignment (check the applicable box).**

* Lead Pastor
* Associate pastor & Title:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Mission Assignment: VMM
* Mission Assignment: Overseas
* Mission Assignment - Church Planting
* Special Ministry: Chaplain
* Special Ministry: Teaching
* Special Ministry: Administration/Leadership

**5. a. Credentials Requested (check the applicable box):**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | LTO (license toward ordination) |  |  | OAW (Ordination: active without charge) |
|  | LAO (active overseas ministry |  |  | OIN (ordination inactive-left or inactive for more than 3 years) |
|  | LSM (license for special ministry |  |  | ORE (ordination retired) |
|  | OAC (ordination active) |  |  | OPR (ordination on probation) |
|  | ODE (Ordination deceased) |  |  | OSU (ordination suspended) |
|  | OSM (ordination special ministries) |  |  | OWI (ordination withdrawn - nondisciplinary) |
|  | OAO (Ordination overseas) |  |  | OTE (ordination terminated (disciplinary) |
|  | OAO (Ordination overseas) |  |  |  |

**5.b. If candidate is applying for ordination, to verify that the candidate has completed 4500 hours of service, please provide verification of the years in pastoral ministry under the applicable heading (full time if the candidate has been in full time service; half time if about 20 hours per week, etc.).**

**Full time** (2 years x 40 hours per week would equal about the 4500 hours):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Half time** (4 years x 20 hours per week would equal the 4500 hours):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Quarter time** (10 hours per week would equal the 4500 hours):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**6a.. Provide oversight leader’s assessment of the six competencies for ministerial credentials. Specify where the competencies [a) Mennonite seminary, b) other than Mennonite seminary, c) compatible education experience, e.g. Stephens ministries and/or other education from an educational provider, or d) basic knowledge). Please check the appropriate box.**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **MC USA** | **Education Attained** | | | |
|
| **Core Competencies** | **a) Menno Seminary** | **b) Other than**  **Menno Seminary** | **c) Compatible educ. experiences** | **d) Basic**  **Knowledge** |
| Biblical story |  |  |  |  |
| Anabaptist Menno history &  theology |  |  |  |  |
| Christian spirituality/ discipleship |  |  |  |  |
| Self-awareness & emotional health |  |  |  |  |
| Contextual awareness & missional engagement |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership |  |  |  |  |
| \*Pastoral Ethics |  |  |  |  |

**\*Not a MS USA identified core competency**

**6.b. As the oversight leader, please evaluate the candidate’s skill level for each competency below by checking the applicable box:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oversight Leader's Evaluation of Training** | |
|  | **Growth Area** | **Satisfied** |
| Biblical story |  |  |
| Anabaptist Menno history &  theology |  |  |
| Christian spirituality/ discipleship |  |  |
| Self-awareness & emotional health |  |  |
| Contextual awareness & missional engagement |  |  |
| Leadership |  |  |
| \*Pastoral Ethics |  |  |

**\*Not a MS USA identified core competency**

**7. It is important that the Oversight Leader review and/or discuss the topics documents listed below with the candidate. Please identify the date on which you did so.**

Date Completed

* 1. *Confession of Faith in A Mennonite Perspective* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  2. *A Shared Understanding of Church Leadership* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  3. VMC *Leadership Handbook* review \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  4. Financial viability of personal finances \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  5. Ethical expectations for a minister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Provide any additional comments that would be helpful in processing this credentialing application.**

**To begin the process, please forward this form to:**

**Credentials@virginiaconference.org**

Draft Proposed: January 28, 2015

Revised for Credentials Committee: February 16, 2015