



Local Church Recognition Form

The **LOCAL CHURCH** has the authority and responsibility to ordain pastors for ministry. The Pastoral Ordination process begins with the local church officially recognizing a man who has demonstrated sound character, ministerial gifting and calling into the pastoral ministry. However, as a member church in the *Charis Fellowship* there should be a commitment to mutual accountability, support and help. Submission to the process accepted by our Fellowship and INSPIRE demonstrates this mutual relationship. Recognition from a district examination board not only strengthens your church but it nurtures our mutual relationship.

Please complete this form in accordance with your local church policies and submit it along with the completed Application Form to the District Chairman of your District or the President of INSPIRE if no District Examination Board exists.

(Name of candidate for Pastoral Ordination)

is officially recognized by

(Name of Local Church)

and its leadership as having solid Christian character, discernment and ability in ministry. We also recognize God's calling in his life for Christian ministry. We understand that this commissioning to Pastoral Ministry is valid only in our local church until the ordination process has been completed. We therefore request that he be examined for Ordination by the District (National) Examining Board as to his qualification in Biblical Truth, Biblical Relationship and Biblical Mission.

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