



THE AMERICAS
CANADA | MEXICO | SOUTH AMERICA **2**

**ORDINATION
QUALIFICATION / REQUIREMENTS
FOR 2026**

1. DEACON / DEACONESS:

Besides the clear qualifications as laid down in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 3, any aspiring brother or sister to be ordained must have,

- i. Been a worker / minister for a period of not less than five years in a local parish.
- ii. Must have graduated from the School of Disciples.
- iii. Completed at least a Certificate Program from the Redeemed Christian College Canada (TR3C) or from any accredited Bible College, or he or she must have completed any two (2) modules of the TR3C Pastoral refresher courses.
- iv. Evidence of Tithe Payment e.g. Record with Pastor's Confirmation.

2. ASSISTANT PASTOR:

- All conditions applicable in Deacon / Deaconess above.
- Must be adjudged to satisfy the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 3.
- Must be pastoring a parish on or before **December 2025**. Must disclose name and location of Parish and date it was opened.
- Must provide a proof of previous ordination as a Deacon / Deaconess for at least 5 years.
- A spouse of a Pastor who meets all other requirements and have been a Deacon or Deaconess for not less than 5 years may be recommended for the office of an Assistant Pastor, though not a Parish Pastor.
- Must have graduated from RCCG School of Disciple.
- Must have graduated with a Minimum of Advanced Certificate from the Redeemed Christian College Canada (TR3C) or any Accredited Bible College.
- Must have completed at least any three (3) modules of the TR3C's Pastoral refresher courses.
- Evidence of Remittance compliance for at one year.

IMPORTANT NOTES / ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. A brother / sister though pastoring a Parish but is not yet ordained as a Deacon / Deaconess shall be recommended for the office of a Deacon / Deaconess and **not for the office of Asst. Pastor**.
2. Those who were Pastors (in charge) in other Ministries / Churches before joining the RCCG but are now pastoring in the RCCG Americas 2 may be considered for ordination into the office of Asst. Pastors at the discretion of the Ordination Committee and / or the Continental Overseer.
3. Brethren in-charge of Parishes outside Canada may be recommended into the Office of Deacon / Deaconess even though they did not meet the TR3C's Pastoral refresher, SOD, the Bible College and 5 years as a worker requirement. The ordination of these brethren is at the discretion and approval of the Ordination Committee, Regional Pastor and the Continental Overseer.

3. PASTOR:

- Besides meeting the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 3, **must produce evidence**

of ordination as an Assistant Pastor in the RCCG for at least 5 years.

- A wife or a husband of a senior pastor can be recommended for the Office of a Pastor, though she / he may not be pastoring a parish but must have been ordained as A/P for at least 5 years.
- Must have graduated from RCCG School of Disciple (SOD). **Nb.** Awaiting results will not be accepted.
- Must have graduated with a Minimum of Advanced Certificate from the Redeemed Christian College Canada (TR3C) or any Accredited Bible College.
- Must have completed at least any four (4) modules of the TR3C's Pastoral Refresher courses.
- Must show proof of 100% remittance compliance for a period not less than two years.
- **Non pastoring brethren must naturally not be nominated as full pastor. In the event of one, it must be approved by the office of the Continental Overseer.**

Note: Ordination committee will **NOT** accept "To whom it may concern" letters for certificates. Copies of certificates from institutes and colleges **MUST** be attached to back up any ordination application.

Copies of Documents to attach:

- i. Passport Photograph (At the beginning of the Application page)
- ii. Past Ordination Certificate(s)
- iii. SOD Certificate
- iv. Bible College (Certificate or Adv. Certificate / Diploma program, as the case may be)
- v. TR3C's Pastoral Refresher courses
- vi. For full Pastors: Two years' proof of Remittance

4. Parish Pastors can now nominate candidates for ordination effectively from **05/01/2026**. Note: The parish pastor's approval of the ordination candidate must get to their respective Zonal Coordinators on or before **21/01/2026**. **Zonal Coordinators are to screen** each approved candidate to ensure that all stipulated requirements and qualifications are met, on or before **31/01/2026** and then approve. Provincial Pastors are to approve each candidate on or before **11/02/2026**.

Finally, Regional Pastors are expected to approve candidates after validating all supporting documents to the Ordination Committee by on or before **February 20, 2026**.

Note:

- Late recommendations will not be entertained.
 - Only approved candidates from Regional Pastors to the Ordination Committee will be processed.
5. The Ordination Committee is expected to complete the final screening on or before **February 22, 2026**. The tentative approved list shall be sent to the Continental Overseer by **February 26, 2026**.
 6. In keeping with the directive of Daddy GO (General Overseer, RCCG), recommendations must strictly reflect the number of Parishes opened by each Zone in the following manner: **1 Deacon OR 1 Deaconess, plus 1 Asst. Pastor OR 1 Pastor** for each Parish opened provided all other requirements have been satisfied.

- Nomination shall not exceed 1 Deacon, 1 Deaconess, 1 Asst. Pastor, 1 Pastor at the parish level.
 - Nomination shall not exceed 2 Deacons, 2 Deaconesses, 1 Asst. Pastor, 1 Pastor at the Zonal HQ Parishes.
 - Nominations shall not exceed 2 Deacons, 2 Deaconesses, 2 Asst. Pastors, 1 Pastor at the Provincial HQ Parishes.
 - Nomination shall not exceed 3 Deacons, 3 Deaconesses, 2 Asst. Pastors, 2 Pastors at the Regional HQ Parishes.
7. All approvals must be validated with all supporting documentation.
8. All candidates **MUST HAVE COMPLETED the TR3C's Pastoral Refresher courses and Bible College** as the case may require. **NB.** Completion dates after submission of forms will not be accepted.
9. **IMPORTANT:**
- a) All approved ordination candidates will receive a personal letter from the Central Office to confirm their ordination into designated offices (Deacon, Deaconess, Assistant and Full Pastor).
 - b) All approved ordination candidates are advised to start Prayer and Fasting from **June 1, 2026.**
 - c) Everyone approved to-be ordained as **Full Pastors** should be on dry fast three days before ordination. (Please consult and adhere to your doctor for any medical concerns)
 - d) Everyone approved to-be ordained as **Assistant Pastors** should be on dry fast three days before ordination. (Please consult and adhere to your doctor for any medical concerns)
 - e) Everyone approved to be ordained must attend a MANDATORY PRE-ORDINATION ORIENTATION AND INDUCTION TRAINING at a date to be announced later before the Convention. The Ordination Committee will not entertain excuses for absenteeism.
 - f) All candidates approved by the ordination committee will still receive a letter from the Central Office stating that their ordination is approved by the General Overseer.
Please note, the approval on the CPAD is NOT the ordination letter.
 - g) Every recommendation must be accompanied by the Parish Pastor's certification that the nominee is faithfully supporting God's work financially with certificate of evidence of tithing records and diligently serving specifically named departments of the church and the length of such service. Such candidates must also not have any unresolved ministerial, marital or membership issues.
 - h) Parishes less than two years are not allowed to nominate any candidate.
 - i) Parish Pastors are not allowed to nominate themselves. If qualified, request nomination through respective Zonal Coordinator.

Remain blessed even as you comply with the above directives.

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