

To: All Credentialing Candidates
Midwest District EFCA churches and ministries

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To the candidate:

On behalf of the staff and leadership of the Midwest District EFCA, I commend you for your desire to pursue an EFCA credential. The purpose of such a credential is to affirm God's call upon your life, to verify that you meet the qualifications and standards for ministry, approve you for ministerial service in the EFCA and to provide legal status in the exercise of your ministry.

Below is a brief outline of the process which will begin upon receipt of your completed preliminary application:

1. You will receive a packet of materials from the Midwest District office that spells out the various requirements involved in obtaining a credential.
2. You will be required to write a doctrinal thesis. Clear guidelines for the thesis will be provided.
3. If you would like help with your thesis or have it reviewed when completed, please contact me. A review is designed to help you clarify your beliefs and prepare you for the credentialing council interview.
4. Your council chairman will lead a small group of pastors and laymen who will interview you for the purpose of examining your doctrinal beliefs and ministry. The credentialing council interview takes 4-5 hours for licensing and for permanent credential candidates.
5. The process is outlined in Steps Toward Credentialing.

To the church:

Your pastor is applying for an EFCA credential. This benefits not only him but the church as well, and is one assurance of the doctrinal integrity of your spiritual leader. Please encourage him in this endeavor, giving him the necessary time to complete the various requirements. The church will be asked to provide a written recommendation for your pastor. Also, because there is both time and expense involved, the Midwest District EFCA office charges a processing fee. Please provide your pastor with a check made payable to "*Midwest District EFCA*" in the amount of \$100 for 3 year license or \$150 for a permanent credential. The fee covers only a portion of the processing expense and payment does not guarantee approval for an EFCA credential. The fee can be reduced for church planters or others for whom the cost is prohibitive. Please contact me at 785-282-3924 to request a reduced fee.

