

Federation of Christian Ministries COMMISSIONING

What is FCM Commissioning?

FCM Commissioning is authorization to act officially and legally as an FCM minister.

The purpose of commissioning is to enable a woman or man to baptize, to preach, to witness marriages, to conduct funerals, to preside at worship services and in some cases to provide pastoral care and counseling. It does not authorize one to be a professional counselor.

What are the requirements for commissioning?

- Applicants for commissioning must guarantee adherence to FCM's ethical code of conduct.
- To be commissioned one must submit three letters of recommendation, have a peer as monitor, and demonstrate requisite qualifications and good character.
- Applications are available on the FCM website.
www.federationofchristianministries.org
- Commissioning is renewed each calendar year and can be revoked for serious ethical misconduct.
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What standards are there?

- FCM requires accountability by means of an annual report.
- FCM fosters mutual support with other members in similar ministries at national assemblies and local meetings.
- FCM provides guidance in obtaining Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and becoming qualified for various chaplaincies and specialized ministries.
- FCM provides a national registry for baptisms and marriages.

Is commissioning ordination?

- FCM authorizes or ordains its members for ministry through a process called commissioning.
- In the spirit of equality, *FCM supports women in their desire to be ordained.* FCM can help in accessing required theological training and peer support.

Other notes....

- Commissioning is not required to be an FCM officer or for a member to preside at any of its worship services.
- All FCM members are considered equal, whether commissioned or not, and regardless of race, creed, church affiliation, age, sex or sexual orientation.



Federation of Christian Ministries Founded 1968

New Paradigms of Ministry Serving the People of God

A prophetic ministry and community empowered by God...serving as equals and partners in ministry, engaging in interfaith dialogue, worship services, community and house churches, providing pastoral and spiritual care, officiating at weddings, baptism, and funerals, spiritual direction, retreats and healing....

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Mission Statement

Called by God's Spirit and grounded in personal spiritual practice, the Federation of Christian Ministries responds by worshiping God and supporting the growth in faith and ministry of its individual and collective members.

Our Christ-inspired organization does this by welcoming people of all spiritual persuasions.

We offer empowerment and certification to those who have discerned a call to ministry.

FCM was founded to help married Catholic priests continue in ministry. Today it enables the ministry and ordination of women as well as men.

FCM often focused on promoting the right of women to be ordained. Today, while retaining this concern, it now makes no distinction between the ordained and the laity. All are equal.

Ministry is no longer considered just the function of clergy to conduct worship services, weddings, funerals and baptisms. Today ministry for FCM embraces any loving service of one person to another. And no one form of ministry is superior to any other.

While claiming a foundation in Christian scriptures and tradition, FCM respects the traditions and sacred writings of all major religions.

For those who need civil or religious credentials to perform traditional forms of church ministry, FCM has a program to commission and endorse those qualified.

As a member of FCM you can define your ministry.

- officiating weddings ...baptizing..
- celebrating worship services...preaching...
- hospice care...alternative form of healing counseling...
- emergency and disaster help...foodbanks. halfway houses....
- meditation and community prayer ... interfaith dialog....
- spiritual direction...psychic awareness and self understanding...
- shelter for battered women or the homeless...retreats... prison ministry..
- drug abuse..disaster aid... peace and justice

Your potential is limitless.....

The Federation of Christian Ministries invites you to join in a common mission and spiritual journey. We welcome you to an ecumenical community in which all are equal.

Membership requirements.....

Acceptance of the fundamental ethical principles that Jesus taught, which are common with those of all major religions. A desire to minister to or be of service to others.

Benefits of membership FCM Programs

- * Commissioning
- * Endorsement
- * Training & Education Programs
- * Peace and Justice Program
- * Denominational Concerns Program
- * Faith Communities
- * Newsletter & Email News
- * Ministry listing on the FCM website
- * LinkedIn Discussion Groups (web) FACEBOOK
- * Annual National Assembly
- * Prayer support
- * National Directory of Members
- * National Registry for baptisms, marriages and holy unions
- * Central Office for membership services

For information regarding application for membership, visit our web site:
www.federationofchristianministries.org

Additional questions, please contact the following
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