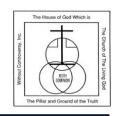
NORTH CAROLINA DIOCESE

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To: Ordination, Confirmation and Reclassification Committee and Candidates

From: Bishop Charlene M. James A. Jurisdictional Prelate

Date: Friday, March 28, 2025

Re: Ordination, Confirmation, and Reclassification Committee Virtual Screening

"The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2.

I am continually basking in the joy of the Lord, for the electrifying movement of the Holy Ghost during the 2025 Sunday Bible School Convention; I sincerely pray for continued blessings upon the family and friends of the North Carolina Diocese.

Many of you are preparing for the 2025 General Assembly in Nashville, TN, June 16th – 23rd, we want to ensure that we meet all of the requirements to screen all Ordination, Confirmation, and Reclassification Candidates. We want to have everything done in a timely manner. After speaking to Tr. Bishop Mary L. Lebby, Assistant Bishop, the following recommendations are submitted to the diocese for dissemination:

ORDINATION, CONFIRMATION, AND RECLASSIFICATION

All Presiding Elders of the North Carolina Diocese are asked to communicate with each Pastor of the church where you preside to find out if there are any candidates for Ordination, Confirmation, and Reclassification. Please be governed by the following:

- 1. If there **are not** any persons who are recommended for Ordination, Confirmation, and Reclassification, the Presiding Elder is asked to submit an official communication via email to the Jurisdictional Prelate (BishopCMJamison@hogckd.org) indicating that the local church does not have any candidates for recommendation. This should be submitted to the Jurisdictional Prelate on or before April 12, 2025, at 10:00 AM.
- 2. If there **are** persons who are recommended for Ordination, Confirmation, and Reclassification, the Candidate is asked to fill out the official Ordination and Confirmation form (located at www.HOGCKD.org/nccommunications) and submit that form, along with the required certificates of completion, as indicated in the 2025 Spring Communique; see attachment.

Once two copies of all required letters, forms, and certificates have been gathered, the Presiding Elder is asked to mail one of the two copies of the completed packets, per candidate¹ to: Bishop Charlene M. Jamison, Post Office Box 190621, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33319, and the second copy is to be held by the Presiding Elder for record. A formal letter of recommendation should accompany each candidate's packet, signed by the local Pastor and Presiding Elder (computer-generated signatures will not be accepted). This should be received at the Office of the Jurisdictional Prelate before April 12, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

Each candidate is encouraged to create a checklist to ensure that all forms and certificates are readily available for the Presiding Elder and is encouraged to bring their documents to the General Assembly as a back-up.

ORDINATION, CONFIRMATION, AND RECLASSIFICATION VIRTUAL SCREENING

The integrity of the candidate screening process is paramount for equipping individuals for their next phase of service to the Kingdom of God. As this committee convenes, I earnestly request that each member engage in fervent prayer and fasting, seeking the divine guidance of the Holy Ghost so that we may assist those we serve in realizing their fullest potential as they embark on their journey into the world. Is it not written, Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

The Ordination, Confirmation, and Reclassification Virtual Screening Committee is asked to meet on **Saturday, May** 3, 2025, at 9:45 AM on Zoom. This will allow the committee time to have corporate prayer and review all matters about the meeting before the arrival of the candidates. It should be noted that all candidates are to log in at 10:00 AM and standby in the Zoom waiting room until called upon. The log in and passcode information will be sent to the committee members and candidates one week before the scheduled meeting. The Ordination, Confirmation, and Reclassification Virtual Screening Committee and Candidates are asked to come fasting and praying. Also, each meeting attendee is asked to please have your camera on during the entire meeting.

In advance, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to reach out to me, via email.

Many blessings upon you all.

^{1.} One envelope containing the information for all candidates should be used.



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The House of God Academy and Bible College

Bishop Clary K. Butler, Sr., BA, MA, D. Min., Chief Overseer & Senior Bishop Trial Bishop M. Christopher Brown II, PhD, Interim President Deaconess Angie Anderson, AS, BS, Administrative Assistant

TO THE CHURCH - AT- LARGE From the Desk of Our Chief Overseer



January 2025

Dear Saints:

Please note the requirements into the 2025 academic school year will remain the same as changes in the 2023 and 2024 academic school years of the General Assembly House of God Academy and Bible College programs.

Qualifications for Ordination of Church Officers

- Spiritual Growth and Promotion are not based on any time frame, one's ability, education, favoritism, nor by self-choosing, but solely by good works produced by the indwelling power of the Holy Ghost. Psalm 75:6-7 states that promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.
- To qualify as a candidate for ordination or to be reclassified in the 2K25 General Assembly one must have a certificate from 2K24.
- The number of certificates to qualify as a candidate for Ordination in the 2K25 General Assembly is Two. It must be a 2K23 and 2K24 certificates.
- Exhorters should obtain at least 1 certificate beginning in 2K25 is one of the requirements before reclassification as a local minister.
- All candidates:
 - (a) Must be filled with the Holy Ghost.
 - (b) Must have at least a 96% report.
 - (c) Must be fasting?
 - (d) Must not be a novice.
 - (e) Must be a member of this church at least 3 years.

- (f) Must have been serving in your current possession at least 3 years.
- (g) Must have attended the General Assembly at least 3 years.
- (h) Must have 2 years of Complex paid since 2020.
- (i) As a minister: How many souls have you caused to come to Christ? Have you caused at least one soul to be saved (filled with the Holy Ghost)? Verification required.
- (j) Must be in good standing with your State Bishop and recommended by at least two of the following: Pastor, State Elder, General Elder, and Presiding Elder.
- (k) Must vow to obey the Constitution Government and General Decree of the House of God Church.
- As we review the qualifications for ministers set forth in the Bible and our church decree, a clear record of distinguished works and accomplishments, continued obedience, and duty to those over you in the Lord must be plainly and firmly established.

THE ACADEMY

The House of God Academy and Bible College is comprised of two divisions: (1) The Academy and (2) The Bible College Online.

The General Assembly Academy Classes are K - 12, 18 - 25, Laity, and the Two-Year Ordination Training Program. The aforementioned classes will offer non-degree certificates as in the past. The Laity class is a new offering for all persons who desire enrichment and are not taking Ordination Training classes. The following questions addresses these classes:

How Will I Register?

We will follow the same procedures as in the past for registration. Persons interested in General Assembly classes are to register into the General Assembly first, then register for the HOGABC classes. Please specify the classes you plan to attend (ordination or enrichment).

Go to our Church website: <u>WWW.HOGCONLINE.ORG</u> for further information.

2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CLASSES

Dates	Deacons	Un-Ordained Ministers	All Elders & ordained Pastors	Laity Personal Enrichment
June 17, 2025	Duties and Responsibilities Of Deacons	Duties and Responsibilities Of Ministers	Duties and Responsibilities Of Elders	Identifying & Overcoming "Unloving Obstacles" within the Local Church
June 18, 2025	Faith and Doctrine	Ordinances	Salvation Counseling/Evangelism	Becoming Agents of Change in an Unfriendly World
June 19, 2025	Confronting Social Issues of Today	Confronting Social Issues of Today	Confronting Social Issues of Today	Using Fervent Love as an Evangelistic Tool

Three days of Classes will be held for K-12 and Young Adults. We encourage all our youth and Young Adults to register for the General Assembly Classes.

When Will Classes Begin?

Classes will begin on Tuesday June 17, 2025 of the General Assembly and will continue through Thursday June 19, 2025 of the same week. Graduation day is on Friday June 23, 2025.

Graduation Guidelines:

Persons who successfully complete the Two-Year Training Program will be eligible to participate in the graduation exercise, which will be held on Friday of the first week of the General Assembly. Participation will be allowed in the same year the person completes the final three classes of the second year (For example, 3 classes completed in 2024 and 3 classes completed in 2025, graduation would be in 2025)

For further inquiries regarding the Academy, you may contact:

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Deaconess Letonia Moore, Registrar (336) 710-9983, or emailvmoore27030@yahoo.com