Fellows Program FAQs

Q: Who is a Church of God Fellow?

A: A person regardless of age who is exploring a call to vocational ministry. They have successfully completed the application process. They have not yet approached the Credentials Division for licensing.

Q: What will the Church of God Fellows Program provide?

A: The program will provide ministry training options, help in ministry placement, and provide scholarship money for those who have successfully completed the Fellows application process.

Q: What ministry training options are there?

A: Canadian Church of God Ministries presently has training partnerships with the following institutions of higher education: Briercrest College and Seminary in Caronport, Saskatchewan; Ambrose University in Calgary, Alberta; and Rocky Mountain College in Calgary, Alberta. A condition of this partnership is the recognition of the Church of God Fellows Program with course credit for the Church of God Distinctive Courses.

Q: What help will there be for ministry placement?

A: Canadian Church of God Ministries is partnering with local churches to develop entry level positions for Fellows graduates. These partnerships will provide opportunities for Fellows graduates to begin ministry in a supportive environment in the area of ministry God has called them to.

Q: What scholarship money will be available?

A: Scholarship money is available to Fellows. A scholarship equal to 25% of tuition and books is available for years one and two, and 75% for years three and four, for students enrolled in a BA in Christian Leadership at Ambrose University, Rocky Mountain College, or Briercrest College.

Q: What is a Fellows personal educational development program?

A: A Fellow has flexibility in developing a personal educational development program. The baseline requirements are a) complete a minimum of one year of theological training at one of our training partners mentioned above; b) complete a minimum of one year of ministry specific classroom training; c) complete the internship requirement; d) complete the Church of God Distinctives 101 and 102 courses.

Q: What are the requirements for a Fellow to be ordained?

A: A Fellow will be required to meet the present standard for ordination. The present standard is a BA in Christian Leadership or its equivalent.

Q: What is the internship length requirement?

A: The length of the internship will be established by your institution of higher education. A Fellow will be required to take the internship in a Church of God congregation.

Q: What is involved in the Church of God Distinctive courses?

A: There are two Church of God Distinctive courses. One is focused on the history of the Church of God, and the other on the doctrine of the Church of God. The Distinctive courses will qualify for six credit hours in a four-year degree program. Church of God personnel will teach the courses. They are a five-day intensive held in May each other year. A Fellow taking the course for credit will be required to complete all assignments satisfactorily.

Q: What are the expectations to remain current as a Fellow?

A: There are four expectations. A Fellow will stay current in the program by a) completing the Church of God Distinctives History class, b) completing the Church of God Distinctives Doctrine class, c) declaring their intention to enter pastoral ministry by year three of a BA in Christian Leadership, d) declaring their intention to work with the CCOGM Regional Office for placement in the Church of God.

Q: How is the Fellows Program funded?

A: The Fellows Program is funded through the Leadership Development Fund and the Leadership Development Endowment Fund. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to the Leadership Development Fund directly. By policy, the fund has committed on average $16,000 over four years to students preparing for the ministry. It will require funding three students on a yearly basis to ensure that the district places sufficient new pastors on the field annually. A leadership development scholarship fund of $48,000 per year will provide the funding necessary to fulfill this dream.

If you have further questions, please contact the office.