

# Reception of Clergy from Other Denominations

The Reformed Episcopal Church will transfer ministers of other denominations into her clergy rolls under certain circumstances.

1. According to Canon 10 of the Reformed Episcopal Constitution and Canons: “When a Minister ordained in a Church not in communion with this Church desires to be a Deacon or Presbyter in this Church, he shall apply to a Bishop, attaching to his written application the following:

A. Evidence that he has been duly baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

B. His letters of Ordination and satisfactory evidence that they and his other credentials are valid and authentic;

C. Satisfactory evidence of his moral and godly character and that he is free from any vows or other engagements inconsistent with the exercise of Ministry in this Church.

D. Transcripts of his academic and theological studies;

E. A Certificate from at least two Presbyters of this Church stating that, from personal examination, or from satisfactory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the Communion to which he has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to his moral or religious character.

F. A Certificate in the form provided in Canon 5 Section 4 (3) and (4), from the Minister and Vestry of a Parish of this Church; and a statement of reasons which have moved him to seek to enter the ministry of this Church.”

2. All ministerial inquiries should be directed first to the Church Information Office. After the initial information is processed, the applicant will be referred to the appropriate Bishop of the Diocese or Jurisdiction with which the applicant may associate.

3. All Ministers desiring transfer into the Reformed Episcopal Church must be personally interviewed by the Bishop and appropriate representatives of the Diocese or Jurisdiction to which application is made.

4. Ministers desiring to transfer their credentials to the Reformed Episcopal Church should request the Application for Transfer of Clergy along with the preliminary Doctrinal Questionnaire from the Church Growth Office. All questions should be answered and returned to that office along with a summary of ministerial experience.

6. No applicant for transfer of ministerial credentials shall be occur until all references have been examined and reviewed by the Bishop and Standing Committee of the appropriate Diocese.

7. In accordance with the historic practice of the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church the ministry of ordained offices in the Reformed Episcopal Church is limited to males. Furthermore, regularization of Orders will be required if an applicants orders are not in Historic Succession.

To begin the process, please send a copy of the Clergy Application found on this site to ...

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