



ECCLESIASTICAL CREDENTIAL FOR A MINISTER (within Same Classis)

The council of _____ Christian Reformed Church of _____, testifies that the Reverend _____, under the supervision of this church from _____, _____ (year), to _____, _____ (year), has ministered in the office of the Word faithfully and diligently, adhering in doctrine and life to the Word of God as interpreted by our Forms of Unity and the Church Order.

Since sufficient reasons have been adduced for the council to consent to his/her acceptance of the call of _____ Christian Reformed Church of _____, we recommend him/her to _____ Christian Reformed Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and govern his/her ministry so that he/she may be engaged in it faithfully and fruitfully for the good of the church, the glory of God, and the coming of the kingdom of our Lord.

We resolve to grant him/her this credential at our meeting of _____, _____ (year).

The council of the above-named church,
_____, president
_____, clerk

Classis _____, in which _____ Christian Reformed Church is located, having examined the above credential, approves it and the transfer of our brother/sister in the ministry to _____ Christian Reformed Church of _____, and herewith authorizes the counselor of _____ Christian Reformed Church to proceed with installation.

On behalf of said classis,

_____ (date)

When transferring the Ecclesiastical Credential for a Minister within the Same Classis:

1. The clerk of the releasing church council is to forward the credential to the secretary of the interim committee of the local classis.
2. After this interim committee has signed the credential, it is to be forwarded to the counselor of the church that issued the call, authorizing the counselor to proceed with the installation of the new minister.
3. A completed copy of the form is forwarded to the Office of General Secretary (yearbook@crcna.org).