

Chapter 2

SERVICE CREDENTIALS

A. Ministerial Credentials

6200. Lay Minister's License (cf. 3410).

This certifies that _____, having been duly examined concerning _____ gifts, graces and usefulness, and being deemed qualified for such service, is hereby licensed according to the usages of The Wesleyan Church as a lay minister, for one year, provided that _____ spirit, practice and teachings are in keeping with the Scriptures and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.

By order and in behalf of the local church conference of _____ Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

Pastor

Secretary

(This license may be renewed annually, and when so renewed, notation shall be made on the reverse side of this form of the date on which such renewal was ordered, and the same shall be attested by the signature of the pastor and the local church secretary.)

6220. Lay Minister's Letter of Standing (cf. 3440:3).

This certifies that _____ has been up to this date a lay minister in good standing in the _____ Wesleyan Church, and being desirous of transferring _____ membership from this church, is granted this letter of standing to recommend _____ to whomsoever it may concern as a person worthy of consideration for license as a lay minister.

By the authority and in behalf of the _____ Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

Pastor

Secretary

6240. Certificate of Authorization as a Supply Pastor (cf. 3260).

This certifies that _____ has been appointed on a temporary basis as a supply pastor of the _____ Wesleyan Church, and is hereby authorized to fill its pulpit, to provide spiritual leadership to the congregation and to perform such other duties as shall be authorized by the district superintendent.

By the authority and in behalf of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

District Superintendent

District Secretary

6260. District License (cf. 3015:1, 5b; 3033:9).

This certifies that _____, having been duly examined concerning _____ gifts, graces and usefulness, and being deemed qualified for such service, is hereby made a _____* according to the usages of The Wesleyan Church, for one year, provided that _____ spirit, practice, and ministry are in keeping with the Scriptures and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.

By order and on behalf of the district conference of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

District Superintendent

District Secretary

(*Insert the proper term, namely licensed minister or ministerial student. This license may be renewed annually; and when so renewed notation shall be made on the reverse side of this form on which such renewal was ordered, and the same shall be attested by the signature of the district superintendent and the district secretary.)

6280. Commission Certificate for a Minister (cf. 3059:1).

This certifies that _____, having been judged worthy and well qualified for such a ministry, and having been duly elected by the _____ District Conference of The Wesleyan Church, has been set apart this day, by the laying on of hands and prayer, to service as a commissioned minister in The Wesleyan Church so long as _____

spirit, practice and ministry are in keeping with the Scriptures and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*, and _____ is hereby empowered and fully authorized to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to solemnize matrimony and to feed the flock of Christ, taking oversight thereof, not as lord over God's heritage, but as being an example to the same.

By the order and in behalf of the district conference of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

General Superintendent

District Superintendent

District Secretary

6300. Certificate of Ordination (cf. 3070).

This certifies that _____, having been judged worthy and well qualified for such a ministry, and having been duly elected by the _____ District Conference of The Wesleyan Church, has been set apart this day, by the laying on of hands and prayer, to the office and work of an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church so long as _____ spirit, practice and ministry are in keeping with the Scriptures and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*, and is hereby empowered and fully authorized to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, to solemnize matrimony and to feed the flock of Christ, taking oversight thereof, not as lord over God's heritage, but as being an example to the same.

By order and in behalf of the district conference of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

General Superintendent

District Superintendent

District Secretary

6320. Certificate of Validation for Minister Transferring from Another Denomination (cf. 3104).

This certifies that the _____ District Conference of The Wesleyan Church, having examined the credentials of _____, a(n) _____* of the _____ Church, and having received other testimonials of _____ graces, gifts and usefulness, and being satisfied that _____ is a person worthy and well qualified for such a ministry, has this day accepted and recognized _____ in due form as a(n) _____* in The Wesleyan Church, entitled to exercise under its authority all the functions pertaining to a(n) _____* so long as _____ spirit, practice and ministry are in keeping with the Scriptures and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.

By order and in behalf of the district conference of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

General Superintendent

District Superintendent

District Secretary

(*Insert the proper term, namely ordained minister, commissioned minister or licensed minister.)

6340. General Evangelist's Certificate (cf. 3285).

This certifies that _____, a(n) _____* of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, having been appointed by the district to the work of evangelism and being recommended by that district as a person qualified for such service to the Church at large, is hereby authorized to exercise the ministry of a general evangelist for one year from the date hereto affixed and is recommended to all whom it may concern for employment as an evangelist.

By order and in behalf of the district conference of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

General Director of
Evangelism and Church Growth

 District Superintendent

 District Secretary

(*Insert the proper term, namely ordained minister or commissioned minister.)

(This certificate may be renewed annually; and when so renewed, notation shall be made on the reverse side of this form of the date on which such renewal was ordered, and the same shall be attested by the signature of the district superintendent and the district secretary.)

B. Special Worker's Credentials

6360. Special Worker's License (cf. 3460).

This certifies that _____, having been duly examined concerning _____ gifts, graces and usefulness, and being deemed qualified for such service, is hereby made a licensed special worker according to the usages of The Wesleyan Church, and is authorized to serve as a _____* for one year, provided that _____ spirit, practice and service are in keeping with the Scriptures and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*.

By order and in behalf of the district conference of the _____
 District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D.
 _____.

 District Superintendent

 District Secretary

(*Insert the proper term, such as director of music, director of Christian education, youth director, song evangelist, chalk artist, children's worker, spouse in ministry, lay evangelist or social worker.)

(This license may be renewed annually; and when so renewed, notation shall be made on the reverse side of this form of the date on which such renewal was ordered, and the same shall be attested by the signature of the district superintendent and the district secretary.)

6380. Special Worker's Commission (cf. 3470).

This certifies that _____ has this day been consecrated according to the usages of The Wesleyan Church to service as a commissioned special worker, having been judged worthy and well qualified for such service,

and this commission shall recommend _____ to all whom it may concern as a proper person to do the work of a _____* so long as _____ spirit, practice and service are in keeping with the Scriptures and *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church*, and _____ continues to be actively engaged in such work.

By order and in behalf of the district conference of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

General Superintendent

District Superintendent

District Secretary

(*Insert the proper term, such as director of music, director of Christian education, youth director, song evangelist, chalk artist, children's worker, spouse in ministry, lay evangelist or social worker.)

6400. Lay Missionary's Commission (cf. 3490).

This certifies that _____ has been appointed by the General Board of The Wesleyan Church to service as a lay missionary under the direction of the General Department of _____*, that _____ has been consecrated to such service by the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, and that this commission shall remain in effect throughout _____ period of service under such appointment and direction as listed on the reverse side of this commission.

By order and in behalf of the district conference of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

General Superintendent

District Superintendent

District Secretary

(*World Missions or Evangelism and Church Growth.)

(This certificate may be renewed annually; and when so renewed, notation shall be made on the reverse side of this form of the date on which such renewal was ordered, and the same shall be attested by the signature of the district superintendent and the district secretary.)

On reverse side:

Renewal ordered on: (date)

District Superintendent

District Secretary

C. General Credentials

6410. Course of Study Certificate (cf. 3033:3; 3040:2; 3070:3; 3170; 3200; 3470).

This certifies that _____, has completed the Course of Study for _____* authorized in *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* and provided by the General Board, or the equivalent of said Course, having satisfactorily passed examination in each subject.

In testimony whereof, we have herewith set our hand, the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

Director of Ministerial Study Course Agency

(*Insert the name of the particular Course of Study, namely that of Lay Minister, Pre-Ordination, Ministers of Music, Ministers of Christian Education, Special Workers, Directors of Music, Directors of Christian Education, Evangelistic Singers, Chalk Artists, Children's Workers, Spouses in Ministry, Lay Evangelists or Social Workers.)

6420. Recommendation for District License (cf. 3015:1; 3033:4; 3410; 3460).

This certifies that _____, a covenant member in good standing of the _____ Wesleyan Church, is hereby recommended by _____ local church conference to the _____ District Conference of The Wesleyan Church as having the graces, gifts, usefulness and other qualifications necessary for district authorization to serve as a _____*.

By order and in behalf of the local church conference of the _____ Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

 Pastor

 Secretary

(*Insert the proper term, namely ministerial student, licensed minister or licensed special worker. If licensed special worker, add the particular type of service, such as licensed special worker - director of music, director of Christian education, youth director, song evangelist, chalk artist, children's worker, spouse in ministry, lay evangelist or social worker.)

6430. Pocket Certificate of Standing (cf. 3015:5b; 3055:2; 3059:4b; 3089:2).

This certifies that _____ was, on this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, a(n) _____* in good standing of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church.

 District Secretary

Valid only for one year, and only when signed by the secretary.

(*Insert the proper term such as ordained minister, commissioned minister, licensed minister, ministerial student, commissioned special worker or licensed special worker.)

6440. District Letter of Transfer (cf. 3100:1; 3480).

To the superintendent of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church.

This certifies that _____ is a(n) _____* in good standing in the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, and, having requested a transfer, is hereby transferred and recommended to your district, subject to the action of said district.

By the authority and in behalf of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

 District Superintendent

The person for whom the letter is granted shall continue as a member of the district granting the letter until the district receiving the letter replies on form 6450.

(*Insert the proper term, namely appointed ordained minister, ordained minister on reserve, ordained minister on educational leave, retired ordained minister, ordained minister without appointment, commissioned minister, licensed minister, ministerial student, commissioned special worker or licensed special worker. If licensed special worker, add the particular type of service, such as licensed special worker - director of music, director of Christian education, youth director, song evangelist, chalk artist, children's worker, spouse in ministry, lay evangelist or social worker. If the person being transferred is a licensed minister or licensed special worker, the transfer is not valid unless accompanied by a properly attested statement of standing in the course of study and of the person's service record in the district.)

6450. Acknowledgment of District Letter of Transfer (cf. 3100:1; 3480).

To the superintendent of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church.

This certifies that _____, for whom you issued a letter of transfer as a(n) _____* dated the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, has been duly enrolled by the District as a(n) _____*, the transfer having been completed on the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, and we send you this acknowledgment in order that you may complete your record of the transfer.

By the authority and in behalf of the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

District Superintendent

(*Insert the proper term, namely appointed ordained minister, ordained minister on reserve, ordained minister on educational leave, retired ordained minister, ordained minister without appointment, commissioned minister, licensed minister, ministerial student, commissioned special worker or licensed special worker. If licensed special worker, add the particular type of service, such as licensed special worker - director of music, director of Christian education, youth director, song evangelist, chalk artist, children's worker, spouse in ministry, lay evangelist or social worker.)

6460. District Letter of Standing (cf. 3100:3; 3480).

This certifies that _____ has been up to this date a(n) _____* in good standing in the _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, and being desirous of removing from The Wesleyan Church, is hereby released and cordially recommended to the Christian confidence of those to whom this letter may be presented.

By the authority and in behalf of _____ District of The Wesleyan Church, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

District Superintendent

It is understood that this letter terminates immediately any relationship the bearer may have had to The Wesleyan Church as a minister or special worker.

(*Insert the proper term, namely ordained minister, commissioned minister, licensed minister, ministerial student, commissioned special worker or licensed special worker. If licensed special worker, add the particular type of service, such as licensed special worker - director of music, director of Christian education, youth director, song evangelist, chalk artist, children's worker, spouse in ministry, lay evangelist or social worker.)