

CHURCH OF GOD FELLOWS FACT SHEET

Q. Who is a Church of God Fellow?

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

Q. What will the Church of God Fellows Program Provide?

A. The Church of God Fellows Program will provide ministry training options, help in ministry placement and provide scholarship money for persons who have successfully completed the Fellows application process.

Q. What ministry training options will there be?

A. The 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 the 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. The 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 student enrolled in a BA in Christian Leadership at Ambrose or Rocky Mountain College. A Scholarship equal to 50% of tuition and books is available for students enrolled in the Vocational Leadership Course at Briercrest.

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; c) complete the Church of God Distinctives 101 and 102 course.

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.

POINT OF INFO FOR YOUR VOCATIONAL PLANNING: *The Credentials Team recommends that all students seeking to be ordained with the Canadian Church of God Ministries pursue a Bachelor's Degree (Bible/Ministry/Leadership concentration) or a Master's Degree (2-3 year). The Credentials Team further recommends that the time period between licensing and ordination be no more than five years. If the candidate does not seek ordination after said time frame, they risk being put on probation and ultimately losing their license.*

Q. What is the internship 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 course is focused on the history of the Church of God and the other on the doctrine of the Church of God. The Church of God distinctive courses will qualify for six credit hours in a four year degree program, at the participating training institution. 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:

1. Completing COG Distinctives History class.
2. Completing COG Distinctives Doctrine class.
3. Declaring their intention to enter pastoral ministry by year three of a BA in Christian Leadership.
4. Declaring their intention to work with the Director of Ministry Services 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. In addition, funds need to be raised to support the Director of Leadership Development.

Q. What role will the Director of Leadership Development play?

A. Dave Van Roon, our Director of LD will be responsible for the recruitment of students to the Fellows program. He shall supervise/mentor the Fellows candidates. He shall work with congregations in coordinating internships for the Fellows participants and work with CCOGM staff for placement.

