



Dear Marketplace Minister:

Thank you for your interest in joining our fellowship! We are excited at your interest and welcome you to join us as we endeavor to pursue our vision of working in our Lord's vineyard, and serving the Body of Christ throughout our land. OBFF has a deep heritage of faith, love, fellowship and evangelism. We exist as an organization to connect pastors, ministers and ministries together under the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe we will advance His Kingdom as we celebrate the gifts He has imparted and invested into each of us. OBFF has a mandate to bring the various streams of the Body of Christ into an intense love for one another – a love that will convince the world that Jesus Christ is Lord over Canada and the nations, and release a passion to reach lost souls for Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Body of Christ in Canada will arise to fulfill the prophetic words spoken over her to be a bridge-builder to the nations. It will start among us as joint-heirs, fellow-soldiers and fellow-labourers with Christ Jesus. We believe that as our relationships grow in grace and faith, we will see our churches and ministries advance like never before, yielding a harvest across Canada and the nations of the world in a glorious way. Our directorship has become a strong team. Our heart is to fulfill Christ's purpose and vision for our fellowship, and for the ministries he has entrusted to each of us who are committed to success as Ministers of the Good News.

Our ministerial regularly provides leadership development and training through Growth Days across Canada. These conferences empower and equip our churches, ministries and leadership teams with strategic principles and revelation knowledge that will help us accomplish God's plan and vision for our cities and regions.

On behalf of Cathy, the leadership team of OBFF and myself, thank you for considering your call to be a part of OBFF. If we can assist you in any way, please contact us at: (519) 972-5385 or info@obff.com.

Abundant blessings to you.

Love,

Pastor Rick Ciaramitaro
President, OBFF

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Dear Marketplace Minister:

Thank you for your interest in Open Bible Faith Fellowship of Canada.

My mind is often drawn to the scripture in Matthew 24:14 *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come.”* What a privilege it is to serve the Lord together with leaders who have a heart to bring in the end time harvest.

OBFF has been raised up by God with a mandate to link pastors, ministers and ministries under the banner of revival. God wants to use each and every one of us to be partners together to see both Canada and the United States established upon God’s Word.

We believe that North America is standing on the threshold of revival. The Holy Spirit is already moving on the hearts of many to birth new strong churches. He is also breathing new life into many existing churches, restoring them to their former greatness.

Throughout the year, we hold special Leadership Training Days open to all OBFF members to impart strength from the truths of God’s Word and it is exciting to see how God is building strong relationships through our times together. We welcome you to attend our Pastoral Growth Sessions and Conferences. I believe they will assist you to reach out and fulfill what God has called you to do.

I have taken the liberty of including:

- ❖ Levels of Accreditation & Fee Schedule
- ❖ Application Form
- ❖ OBFF Articles of Faith
- ❖ OBFF Benefit sheet

If there is any way that I can assist you or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless you,

Rev. George Woodward
Treasurer, OBFF

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Levels of Accreditation & Fee Schedule

Marketplace Minister

In order to be recognized with OBFF as a Marketplace Minister, you must first be actively involved in the marketplace as a regular part of your daily routine and be engaged in spreading the gospel in your work environment. Of course, this must be done with the understanding that your effectiveness and work ethic should not be jeopardized by your mandate as a Marketplace Minister. Marketplace Ministry is not limited to preaching the gospel; it is more likely to consist of sharing your personal testimony one-on-one, with the acknowledgment that Christ's invitation is extended to all.

Marketplace Ministers must strive to incorporate godly principles in their business practices and treat their employees and co-workers as valued equals in God's kingdom.

They must exhibit the desire to see others won to Jesus Christ and be willing to assist in the process of discipling new converts. They must also recognize the "call" to Marketplace Ministry and its value and importance to God. Marketplace Ministry is a holy calling for which Ministers will give an account on the day of judgment.

Application Fee	\$100.00 <i>(One time only. Please submit with application.)</i>
Annual Fee	\$100.00/year <i>(Upon acceptance we will issue you an invoice with your amount owing.)</i>

Christian Worker

This credential is the acknowledgment of a person in a full or part-time bonafide ministry approved by a local church.

The applicant must have:

- a) Graduated from a minimum of a one-year recognized Bible School or
- b) Be in leadership in active Christian service in a proven ministry.

Application Fee	\$100.00 <i>(One time only. Please submit with application.)</i>
Annual Fee	\$100.00/year <i>(Upon acceptance we will issue you an invoice with your amount owing.)</i>

Licensed Minister

Licensing is issued to a person who is becoming established in full-time ministry.

The applicant must have:

- a) Completed a minimum of two years of recognized Bible School or
- b) Have been involved in a minimum of two years recognized full-time ministry.

Application Fee	\$100.00 <i>(One time only. Please submit with application.)</i>
Annual Fee	\$125.00/year <i>(Upon acceptance we will issue you an invoice with your amount owing.)</i>

Ordained Minister

Ordination is the highest classification of ministerial credential granted by OBFF. It is for those who as a regular customary vocation, preach or teach the principles of the Christian faith.

The applicant must have:

- a) Completed a minimum of two years of recognized Bible School or
- b) Have been involved in a minimum of four years recognized full-time ministry.

Application Fee	\$100.00	}	<i>(One time only. Please submit with application.)</i>
Ordination Fee	\$125.00		
Marriage Permission Fee	\$125.00		
Annual Fee	\$150.00/year		<i>(Upon acceptance we will issue you an invoice with your amount owing.)</i>

Special Instructions

A 10% discount will be offered to groups of 5 or more from the same church or organization.

Application fees are non-refundable despite acceptance or rejection. All forms and accompanying information are the property of OBFF.

OBFF membership is renewable each year by December 31st.



Instructions for Completing Application Forms

Thank you for your interest in seeking credentials with Open Bible Faith Fellowship. Please follow these guidelines to ensure smooth processing of your application.

New Applicants

1. Please complete the enclosed application for credentials. Be sure to complete all sections, and sign at the bottom of page 9.
2. There are two confidential recommendation forms. Please give these forms to the appropriate people with your name added, ask them to complete the form and return it to our office. OBFF places considerable importance your Senior Pastor or Ministerial Recommendation. Should you disconnect from the individual who recommended you to our organization, OBFF will consider your termination as a member. *Please do not use a family member for either recommendation form.*
3. Please enclose your bible school transcripts with your application if applicable.
4. Please include (2) colour passport-like photos with your application.
5. Please enclose the appropriate fee(s). Those applying for Ordination and/or Marriage Permission, please enclose (2-3) separate cheques for the application, ordination, and marriage permission fees. Once the application has been reviewed and accepted, you will be invoiced for any pro-rated membership fees. Memberships are valid until December 31st of the current calendar year and must be renewed each year.
6. Mail the completed application form to our office at the address listed on the application form.

New Applicants—Ordination Transfers

If you are transferring your credentials from another organization, please follow the steps above for new applicants but you also need to include a written overview of your reasons for withdrawing your membership from your current organization. While the ordination fee is not necessary in this case, if you are seeking clergy registration with the government, the marriage permission fee will apply.

Current Members—Reclassification of Credentials

A new application is not necessary. Please submit a letter to our office specifying your reasons for your request. If you are seeking ordination, you must also submit a recommendation letter from your Senior Pastor outlining your current ministry involvement. They must also indicate whether your ministry involvement is on a full or part time basis; and whether you are a volunteer or paid staff member. Your Senior Pastor must also request, if necessary, that you be registered to marry within your province. Ordination & marriage permission fees along with a pro-rated dues adjustment will apply.

Current Members—Deactivation and Reactivation of Membership

Membership with OBFF is renewed on an annual basis. Should you wish to discontinue your membership with OBFF for any reason, it is important to contact our office in writing or invoicing will continue. Should your membership become inactive, OBFF allows a grace period not to exceed 36 months to allow for reactivation without repeating the full application process. In this case, a renewal form and payment of any outstanding dues would be required.

The Board of Directors will review each completed application. Once approved, you will receive your certificate, membership card and a letter of acceptance.

OBFF reserves the right to examine each application and evaluate it upon its individual merit.



Application Checklist

- Application
- Application Fee
- Ordination Fee (if applicable)
- Marriage Permission Fee (if applicable)
- Sr. Pastor's Recommendation OR Ministerial Reference (for Senior Pastors only)
- Personal Recommendation
- Colour passport-like photos for membership card
- Narrative (Please include a brief narrative about yourself)



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Application fee must accompany application
Please include 2 recent passport-like photos
to be used for your membership card.

1. Name (as desired on certificate) _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

2. Home Address (including postal code) _____

3. Home Phone (_____) _____

4. Cell Phone (_____) _____

5. E-Mail _____

6. Place of Work _____

7. Position _____

8. Work Address (including postal code) _____

9. Work Phone (_____) _____

10. Work E-Mail _____

11. Work Website _____

12. Birth date _____
(M/D/YR)

13. Birth place _____

14. Conversion _____
(M/D/YR)

15. Holy Spirit Baptism _____
(M/D/YR)

16. Present marital status Unmarried Married Divorced Remarried Widow/er

17. Spouse's Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

18. Birth date _____
(M/D/YR)

19. Anniversary _____
(M/D/YR)

20. Conversion _____
(M/D/YR)

21. Holy Spirit Baptism _____
(M/D/YR)

22. Is your spouse in full agreement concerning your affiliation with Open Bible Faith Fellowship? Yes No

If no, please explain _____

23. Do you have a former spouse living? Yes No

24. List each child's name and birth date

25. Give a history of all Bible School and College level schools attended

Name of School	Years attended	Diploma or degree received
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(Please forward transcripts of the above)

26. Current business involvement _____

27. Please list any language you speak other than English _____

28. Are you living a godly and holy lifestyle in freedom from the sins of the flesh as listed in the scriptures below?

Yes No If no, please explain: _____

Galatians 5:19-21 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Romans 1:26-31 That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy.

29. Are you a user of alcohol, tobacco or drugs? Yes No Comments _____

30. Have you been convicted of any criminal offenses? Yes No Details _____

31. Have you been investigated for any incident of a sexual nature, such as sexual touching? Yes No

32. Have you declared bankruptcy? Yes No If yes, when? _____

33. Do you hold ministerial credentials with any organization? Yes No

If yes, with what organization? _____

34. Have you been denied credentials? Yes No If yes, by whom? _____

Why? _____

35. Give information for each group with whom you have held credentials:

<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>License or Ordination</i>	<i>Date Granted</i>	<i>Date Terminated</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

36. Why are you applying to Open Bible Faith Fellowship? (If you are transferring your credentials from another organization, please include a written overview of your reasons for withdrawing membership from your current organization)

37. Give a brief history of your ministerial experience (start with most recent)

Church Name City Province Dates

a. _____

Describe your ministry _____

b. _____

Describe your ministry _____

c. _____

Describe your ministry _____

38. Current Church Attending _____

39. Position or Ministry _____

40. Church Address (including postal code) _____

41. Church Phone () _____

42. Church Fax _____

43. Church Email _____

44. Church Website _____

45. Average Sunday AM attendance _____

46. Name of Ministry (if different from work or church) _____

47. Position _____

48. Type of Ministry _____

49. Ministry Address (including postal code) _____

50. Ministry Phone () _____

51. Ministry Fax _____

52. Ministry Email _____

53. Ministry Website _____

54. Charitable Status # _____

55. Has your ministry's charitable status ever been revoked? Yes No Comments _____

56. Last T3010 submitted? _____
(M/D/YR)

Please enclose your non-refundable \$100.00 application fee.

Upon approval, **you will be invoiced for the pro-rated annual membership fees determined by the level of credentials held.** Please see pg. 2, "Levels of Accreditation" for complete schedule of fees. Also upon approval, both a certificate and a membership card will be issued.

Note: Unless otherwise advised, all applicants will require a personal interview with an OBFF director.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____
(M/D/YR)



Market Place Involvement Form

1. Describe your call to Marketplace Ministry _____

2. Describe your current involvement in Marketplace Ministry _____

3. What is your vision for the future? What do you believe God is leading you into? _____

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Personal Recommendation (Confidential)

I have known _____ for _____ years.

Applicant's name

I know the applicant as a: Minister Relative Friend Other

(Please specify) _____

The relationship is: Close Casual Professional Ministerial

To the best of my knowledge and judgment, the applicant is

	Excellent	Good	Average	Questionable	Unknown
In Christian life and testimony					
In ability to minister					
In conduct and moral attitude					
In accepting responsibility					
In meeting financial obligations					
In personal appearance					
In family relationships					
In physical fitness					

In my opinion, the applicant exhibits a calling. Yes No

If yes, in what type of ministry? _____

Any additional comments _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(M/D/YR)

Print Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Church Name _____ Position _____

Church Address (including postal code) _____

_____ Church Phone (____) _____

Church Fax (____) _____ Church Email _____

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Senior Pastor Recommendation (Confidential)

OBFF believes that all believers need to be accountable to an active spiritual authority (1 Thess. 5:12) whom he or she relates to in a Pastoral role. In signing this document, you are indicating that such a relationship exists (and will continue to exist) between yourself and the individual you are recommending.

As this person's active spiritual authority, you are expected to maintain a lifestyle in agreement with biblical standards and to actively speak into the personal and ministry life of the recommended individual as it relates to biblical standards for believers and ministers outlined in the Word of God.

I have known _____ for _____ years.

Applicant's name

The relationship is: Close Casual Professional Ministerial

To the best of my knowledge and judgment, the applicant is

	Excellent	Good	Average	Questionable	Unknown
In Christian life and testimony					
In ability to minister					
In conduct and moral attitude					
In accepting responsibility					
In meeting financial obligations					
In personal appearance					
In family relationships					
In physical fitness					

In my opinion, the applicant exhibits a calling. Yes No

If yes, in what type of ministry? _____

I would recommend the applicant for Marketplace Minister

What do you consider the applicant's strong points? *(Include positive personal traits)*

What do you consider the applicant's weak points? *(Include negative personal traits)*

Describe the applicant's involvement in ministry in your church. Please indicate whether they are involved on a part-time or full-time basis, a paid position or volunteer.

What do you see for future ministry for the applicant?

Is the applicant faithful in tithes and offerings? Yes No

Are you willing to contact us if you cease to recommend this member in the future? Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____
(M)(D)(YR)

Print Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Church Name _____ Position _____

Church Address (including postal code) _____

_____ Church Phone (____) _____

Church Fax (____) _____ Church Email _____

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1. **One True God**

God has revealed Himself as the Creator of all things and the Redeemer of mankind. He is manifested as the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 43:11, and Matthew 28:19)

2. **Scriptures Inspired**

The Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God. In them we find the final authority for all Christian faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

3. **Deity of Jesus Christ**

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who shares in the deity of God. He is also truly man who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for sin and arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is now at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Advocate. (Matthew 1:23)

4. **Original Sin and Fall of Man**

Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost (Genesis 1-3). Only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and by His resurrection can man have grounds for justification and salvation. This salvation and spiritual life are obtained by regeneration through the work of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 3:23-26)

5. **Salvation by Faith**

Man's salvation and redemption (a free gift of grace from God) can only be obtained by exercising faith, not by works, and by the finished redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

6. **The New Man in Christ**

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation) in the inward man. We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus. We are partakers of His divine nature. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10, and 2 Peter 1:4)

7. **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

The ministry and baptism of the Holy Spirit are to glorify Jesus Christ and to indwell, guide, and empower believers for life and service. This baptism brings the gifts or enablements of the Holy Spirit and their uses to the forefront of the ministry of the body of Christ. This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth and is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)

8. **Divine Healing**

The anointing work of Jesus Christ provides not only salvation but healing and prosperity for all believers. (Matthew 8:16-17)

9. **Church - The Body of Christ**

The true Church is the composition of all those who have been born again. Through the new birth, believers are united together as the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

10. **Water Baptism**

All who believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and have been born again are commanded to be immersed in water as a declaration that they identify with the death of Christ and have been raised with Him in newness of life. (Mark 16:16)

11. **Lord's Supper**

A symbolic expression of our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as a memorial of His suffering, death, and prophecy of His Second Coming. (1 Corinthians 11:23-31)

12. **The Blessed Hope**

The blessed hope of the Church is the resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation (catching away to heaven) together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Romans 11:27, Titus 2:13)

13. **The Final Judgment**

There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever's name is not found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. (Matthew 25:46, Mark 9:43-48, Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8)



Member Benefits

- ❖ Free \$5000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy to all members
- ❖ Optional Dental/Medical/Life Insurance Benefits for more information, call Kathrin Major at Sterling Insurance Agency: 519-256-1002 x 212 or email kmajor@sterlingmutual.com
- ❖ Practical mentoring and accountability
- ❖ Leadership Conferences
- ❖ Regional Leadership Growth Sessions
- ❖ Mentoring Materials
- ❖ Opportunities for local, national and international ministry
- ❖ Short-Term Missions
- ❖ Recognition of your God-given call and purpose