

RPI MINISTERIAL READING REQUIREMENTS & OTHER RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDENTIALS

Ministers desiring a license with RPI should complete the appropriate books and study materials as recommended for the level for which they are seeking. All ministers, including ordained ministers, are encouraged to maintain a consistent system of study which includes, but is not limited to, the materials on the RPI reading list.

Materials on the reading list are available through the mail from Pentecostal Publishing House (PPH). You may request a free catalog or visit them online at: www.pentecostalpublishing.com. Some materials are also available through local Christian book stores, www.Amazon.com, E-bay, and www.Christianbook.com. Some adjustments or substitutions may possibly be made if approved in advance by the RPI Credentialing Committee. To request an exception, email: rpifellowship@aol.com. The subject line should read "RPI Reading Requirements."

Each minister shall complete a written book review of the materials read using the form provided in the education packet and online.

Ministers who prefer a more formal learning environment may enroll in an approved Bible school class or program. Your presbyter should be able to help with you with selecting an appropriate course of study. In order for you to receive credit for any course work, you must submit a formal request to the credentialing committee. The committee will decide how much credit you are eligible to receive.

All ministers are encouraged to self-educate themselves by visiting online Christian bookstores and local Christian bookstores. Most RPI sponsored conferences will include a display table with books or a book recommendation list in the program. Along with daily Bible reading, devotions, etc., it is recommended that ministers in training continue reading or listening to audio CD's of noted clergy who are involved with 21st century apostolic ministry. Your pastor or presbyter should be able to recommend books on a regular basis.

IN ADDITION:

~All ministers should have attended a workshop dealing with Reconciling Christianity and Homosexuality*. This seminar is normally offered on the opening day of RPI General Conference and Midwest SpiritQuest taught by RPI Ministers.

***Exception:** another similar workshop or course. The alternate course must be approved by the Credentialing Department.

~All ministers should attend any training classes, ministers meetings, conference calls & closed sessions, held at RPI/MSQ Conferences or Rallies.

~All ministers must attend the business session at General Conference or be briefed by the pastor/presbyter after the conference.

Reconciling Pentecostals International

Reading Requirements for Ministerial Applicants

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ORDINATION: [select a minimum of 1 book from each category]

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>ISBN#</u>	<u>Author</u>
I. The Bible	1. The Bible **		
II. Study of the Bible	1. God's Infallible Word *	1567220010	David Bernard
	2. Historical Survey of the Old Testament *	0801062837	Eugene Merrill
	3. New Testament Survey *	0802836119	Merrill C. Tenney
III. Church Apologetics	1. Our God is One	1888251204	Talmadge French
	2. The Trinitarian Controversy	1567220096	David Bernard
	3. History of the Church of Jesus Christ		Dale R. Starks
	4. The Short Life of Christ *	0802818242	Everett Harrison
IV. Doctrinal	1. The Pastoral Epistles	0932581692	J.R. Ensey
	2. The Literal Word		M.D. Treece
	3. Evolution Exposed	1600920160	Robert Patterson
V. Theology	1. Bible Doctrines - Foundation of the Church	B000RFWX3K	Word Aflame Pub.
	2. The Words and Works of Jesus	1567221912	J.D. Pentecost
	3. The Lord's Portion	1567221912	Roy Moss
VI. The Ministry	1. Biblical Preaching *	0801022622	Haddon Robinson
	2. 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: Follow Them & People Will Follow You **	0785288376	John C. Maxwell
	3. Purpose Driven Church **	0310201063	Rick Warren
	4. How to Hear From God **	1594150419	Joyce Meyer
	5. Living & Leading in Ministry *	1567226841	J. Mark Jordan
	6. Living a Prayerful Life *	0764227157	Andrew Murray
VII. 21st Century Church Diversity	1. One More River to Cross (Black & Gay in America)	0385479832	Keith Boykin
	2. Jesus in Blue Jeans *	1567319645	Laurie B. Jones
	3. The Truth Shall Set You Free	0664258182	Sally Whitehead
	4. Gay Christian 101	0979246105	Rick Brentlinger
	5. The Lord is My Shepherd & He Knows I'm Gay	1885591454	Rev. Troy Perry

Please note: applicants will need to fill out a book report form for each book read to fulfill reading requirements. Forms will be available online or via U.S. Mail from the Credentialing Department.

~If you have difficulty finding the book selection you want at www.pentecostalpublishing.com, www.Amazon.com or through www.Google.com, feel free to contact the Educational Committee by email: <mailto:revsharonhollis@yahoo.com>.

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