

CHURCH OF GOD MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

MINISTRY FORMATION PROCESS

C.A.M.S.— THE PREREQUISITE FOR EXHORTER CREDENTIALS

The purpose of the Calling and Ministry Studies (CAMS) is twofold: (1) to help the applicant determine ones calling and understand the meaning and practices of ministry, and (2) to help the church assess the applicant's suitability for credentialed ministry in the Church of God.

In recognizing the requirements of the 21st century and today's litigious society, the CAMS program has been designated by the Church of God Executive Committee and accepted as a prerequisite to obtain Exhorter credentials. The objective of the individual study is to aid the applicant in comprehending what the divine call is and what ministry is. In the individual study, the applicant completes three Certificate In Ministerial Studies (CIMS) courses— *Knowing Your Church*, *Learning the Practices of*

Ministry, and *Understanding Yourself and Others*.

The applicant's pastor is strongly encouraged to participate in assisting the CAMS applicant in the CAMS program.

There are two sections to CAMS—seminars and individual study. The purpose of the seminars is to assist the applicant in determining what ones divine call is and in understanding what ministry is.

- Three one-day seminars, every other month, over a four month period. These seminars are offered twice a year. During the seminars candidates will evaluate their ministerial calling, complete a spiritual gift assessment and personality profile.



- Complete three CIMS courses.
- Meetings with local pastor in a discussion of the CIMS material and review of the papers the applicant will write.

Write 3 papers: first, describe ones calling into the ministry, second, explain ones theology of ministry and third, a paper that helps identify your ministry.

For more information or to receive an application please have your local pastor contact the state office.

C.A.M.S CALENDAR 2020



Session #1

August 8, 2020

Session #2

October 3, 2020

Session #3

December 5, 2020

First two sessions are held at Dexter Lake Church of God beginning at 9 am. The last session is held at the Ministry Center at the Michigan Church of God Campgrounds.

