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CLERGY MANUAL ADDENDUM

Australasian Protocol

(Australia and New Zealand)
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Summary: Major Aspects of Preparing for MCC Ordained Clergy in Australasia

The requirements for Ordination to become a professional clergyperson in Metropolitan Community Churches is managed by MCC's Office of Formation & Leadership Development and is outlined in detail in the denomination's Clergy Manual. However, there are some 'modifications' within Australasia to take into consideration educational and cultural differences. The following is a summary of the "Australasian Protocol" for Ordination within MCC.

Requirements:

1. Active MCC Membership in a local church for at least 6 months.
2. Endorsement by local MCC Pastor and Board of Directors to attend a REVM [Readiness to Enter Vocational Ministry] Program.
3. Psychological Testing at an approved centre or with an approved practitioner [2 months before the REVM] [Cost is about AU\$1,000].
4. Police Check.
5. Submission of a paper (4-5 A4 pages) on "My Call to MCC Ordained Ministry".
6. Attendance at a REVM Program.
7. Recommendation (or otherwise) by REVM Facilitators to "proceed towards Ordination in MCC."
8. When entering "Formation" the candidate must sign the MCC "Code of Conduct" on-line.
9. Appropriate academic qualifications – a minimum of a Bachelor of Theology (or Divinity or Ministry) from a Theological Institute accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools: <http://www.anzats.edu.au/members>
10. Clinical Pastoral Education [CPE] – one unit.
11. MCC core courses: UFMCC Polity, Sexuality Studies, and QGLBTI History. [These are available on-line.]
12. Internship – one year in an approved setting under the supervision of an approved 'Supervising Clergy'. As most churches in Australasia are small, some experience in a different setting will possibly be required.

13. Ordination Interview.
14. AAA ministry – Ordination takes place when a person approved for Ordination secures a AAA Ministry (Active, Approved and Accountable) and a ‘Licence to Practice’ is issued – renewable annually on the basis of a AAA Ministry and completed Continuing Education Units.
15. MCC does not ordain for specific functions, but rather ordains for professional ministry in general. Ordination may qualify for such ministries as:
 - Pastor
 - Staff/Associate Pastor
 - Evangelistic Ministry
 - Prison Ministry
 - Youth Ministry
 - Chaplaincy (hospital, defence forces, etc.)