

## **FAQ for Candidates for Ordination, Commissioning, and Consecration**

### **What events am I required to attend?**

We **strongly encourage** candidates to attend the business portion of the Ministerium Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 21, where they will be voted on and approved. Business will take place in the afternoon 1:30-4:30 pm.

We **strongly encourage** candidates to attend the Covenant Annual Meeting business session in which candidates are voted on and approved. This is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 22 at 2:45 pm.

Candidates are **required** to attend the rehearsal for the service on Friday, June 22. This will take place immediately after the end of the Annual Meeting business session at approximately 4:30 pm.

Candidates are **required** to attend the Service of Ordination, Commissioning, and Consecration on Saturday, June 23, 7:30-9 pm. Candidates should be robed and ready for lineup at 7:00 pm.

### **Do I need to register?**

If you are **only** participating in ordination, commissioning and/or consecration events listed above, we recommend that you at least register for the Covenant Ministerium Annual Meeting (cost: \$25). To do this, go to [Gather.CovChurch.org](http://Gather.CovChurch.org), click **Register**, and open the Gather 18 registration form. At the beginning of the form, select the '**Ministerium Only**' form. Note: Thursday Evening's Opening Banquet is not open to the public. Dinner is not included with the Ministerium only registrations. A limited amount of tickets may be available depending on the number of registered annual meeting attendees.

### **What if my church is sending me as a delegate?**

If your church or country is sending you as a delegate, please go to [Gather.CovChurch.org](http://Gather.CovChurch.org), click **Register**, and register for Gather 18 as a delegate. (Thursday dinner included.)

### **What if I am not a delegate, but I want to attend all the business meetings and special events?**

Then you should go to [Gather.CovChurch.org](http://Gather.CovChurch.org), click **Register**, and register for Gather 18 as a **general conferee**. (Thursday dinner included.)

### **What if I need childcare?**

If you need childcare during the Saturday evening service, please go to [Gather.CovChurch.org](http://Gather.CovChurch.org) and pre-register all children on the **Children's Ministry** registration form. **This is not a drop in service.** All children (and those of any of your guests) need to be registered for the children's program prior to the service. *We find volunteers based on our registration numbers and cannot exceed the required adult:child ratios.* Please tell your guests to register as soon as possible. **Saturday's service will be full to capacity.**

If you are registering for Gather 18, you may also enroll your children in the Children's Ministry program for the entire event or portions of the program. See [Gather.CovChurch.org](http://Gather.CovChurch.org) for more details.

**Can guests come to the Service of Ordination, Commissioning, and Consecration?**

Evening services are open to the public and you and your guests do not need to register if that is all you are attending. All are welcome to attend the reception following the service.

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