



## **MOTIONS TO BE PASSED BY DISTRICT CREDENTIALING COUNCILS**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**

#### **Requirements:**

- involved in church/institutional ministry,
- completed an appropriate degree for their area of ministry,
- completed requirements of a ministerial license,
- approved by an examining council,
- demonstrated gifts in ministry
- involved in a qualifying ministry – minimum of 30 hours per week.

*For a full statement of requirements see “Steps Toward Credentialing”*

Please pass one of the following motions to clearly state the desires of the examining council. Other motions may be added following the main motion if the situation requires other decisions of the council.

#### **RECOMMEND**

##### **Recommend without reservation**

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Christian Ministry. His/Her doctrinal paper is complete and meets the requirements for a Christian Ministry credential. He/She has given an oral defense of biblical issues at a level required for a Certificate of Christian Ministry.

#### **RECOMMEND CONDITIONAL UPON...**

##### **Recommend conditional upon making minor corrections to the paper approved by the council chairman**

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Christian Ministry. However, the paper presented must be revised per issues raised by the council and revisions approved by the chairman of the council before this recommendation and revised paper can be passed on to the Board of Ministerial Standing (BOMS). He/She has given an oral defense of biblical issues at a level required for a Certificate of Christian Ministry.

##### **Recommend conditional upon additional study approved by council chairman**

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Christian Ministry. His/Her doctrinal paper is complete and meets the requirements for a Certificate of Christian Ministry. However, his/her oral defense was not adequate in certain areas identified by the council. He/She must study the topics and address the items raised by the council in an oral explanation to the council chairman. The council chairman may approve the explanation and will then pass along to BOMS the paper, council



interview and a statement of his approval of the additional work done by the candidate.

**Recommend conditional upon major rewrite of sections of paper and approval by a council committee**

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Christian Ministry on a conditional basis as the paper presented must be rewritten addressing issues raised by the council. The rewritten paper must be approved by three members of the council before this recommendation and the rewritten paper is passed on to BOMS. He/She has adequately spoken to the biblical issues at a level required for a Certificate of Christian Ministry.

**Recommend conditional upon further study and oral defense with approval by a council committee**

Motion: To recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Christian Ministry. His/Her doctrinal paper is complete and meets the requirements for a Certificate of Christian Ministry. However, his/her oral defense was not adequate in a number of areas identified by the council. He/She must study these topics and address the items raised by the council in an oral explanation in a meeting with the three members of the council. The three members of the council may approve this explanation and will the pass along to BOMS the paper, council interview and a statement of their approval of the additional work done by the candidate.

**NOT RECOMMENDING**

**Not to recommend at this time**

Motion: Not to recommend ... (name) ... for a Certificate of Christian Ministry at this time. He/She will be encouraged to study the areas identified by the council, rewrite the paper to reflect this additional study, and prepare for another council exam. (NOTE: It will be helpful if the person is assigned a mentor for this time of additional study.)