



# ALL AFRICA BISHOPS COUNCIL



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## Application to be Consecrated to the Office of Bishop

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The office of Bishop is a Holy and Respected office in the hierarchy of the church. It is an office that must be respected and handled with dignity. Generally a Bishop is a senior pastor of a church or churches.

### Biblical Prescription

*1Tim 3:1<sup>1</sup> This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. <sup>2</sup> A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; <sup>4</sup> One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; <sup>5</sup> (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) <sup>6</sup> Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil*

#### **I. To help with your application, the following documents must be presented:**

- Papers / Certificates supporting your ordination as a Pastor
- Letter, etc. stating churches and pastors directly under your supervision / leadership
- Letter from controlling church body requesting your Consecration into office of Bishop.
- Any other Credentials you may deem helpful towards your application may be submitted.
- Three letters of recommendation from pastors, church leaders, etc

#### **II. Please take note of the following:**

- All Africa Bishops Council will be in charge of the Consecration
- Cost of Consecration is R 2500.00
- Service during Consecration falls under the auspices of the AABC.
- Travelling and Accommodation expenses for the Officiating Bishops must be covered.

**III. Please contact the AABC offices for information concerning vestments to be worn during your Consecration as a Bishop. The AABC offices will also be able to direct you as to where these vestments can be purchased.**

#### **IV. Please take note of the following:**

- Yearly Renewal of Membership R 500.00
- Monthly contribution of R 100.00
- Members must endeavor to attend all monthly meetings of All Africa Bishops Council

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Read these instructions carefully before completing the Application”

1. Fill out this application **COMPLETELY**. Print in ink. Return the completed form to the **GENERAL SECRETARY OF AABC**
2. Answer **ALL** questions clearly and fully
4. If a question does not apply, write **N/A (Not Applicable)** in the space provided.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Your application **CANNOT** be processed until the **GENERAL SECRETARY** has received All of the above.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Every Pastor that applies for consecration must first serve as Bishop Elect for a minimum period of 6 (Six) Months. Do not state that you are a Bishop until you have been Consecrated as a Bishop.

**A. PERSONAL DATA**

1. TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. PH:(Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Office): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

4. FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ WEB: \_\_\_\_\_

5. BIRTH PLACE: (Town) \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

6. BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

7. NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ID. NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

8. HOME LANGUAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

9. GENDER: MALE: \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. MARITAL STATUS**

**1. MARITAL STATUS:** Single: \_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_ Widower: \_\_\_ Divorced: \_\_\_

Have you or your spouse been previously married? Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

If "Yes" give details: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PERSONAL DATA OF SPOUSE:**

a) FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

b) Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

c) BIRTH PLACE: (Town) \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

d) BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

e) NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ID. NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

f) OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. DATE OF MARRIAGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLACE OF MARRIAGE** \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse Born Again? Yes /No \_\_\_\_\_

Is he / she filled with the Holy Ghost? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

Is he / she in agreement with you being in Ministry? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

**4. NUMBER OF CHILDREN**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**C. SPIRITUAL DETAILS**

**1. HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:3-6**

**Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_**

**When and where were you Born Again:**

**Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED AS A BELIEVER BY IMMERSION IN WATER ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 28:19**

**Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_**

**When and Where were you Baptized in water**

**Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE BAPTISM INN THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCORDING TO ACTS 2:4?**

**Yes / No: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DO YOU SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_**

**When and Where were you Baptized in the Holy Spirit?**

**Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. ADDICTING HABITS, Etc.**

**Do you use tobacco in any form? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you use habit-forming drugs or alcohol Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you a member of any Secret Order? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_**

**D. MINISTERIAL DETAILS**

**1. STATE THE DETAILS OF THE CHURCH WITH WHICH YOU ARE PRESENTLY INVOLVED WITH:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are pasturing a church, please state address where the meetings are held**

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your membership at present (Children Included) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. WHEN WAS THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. HOW MANY PASTORS \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCHES \_\_\_\_\_ UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP**

**4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION IN THE CHURCH / MINISTRY?**

\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you held this position? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold this position in a full time capacity? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved in secular employment/ Business? Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

State the type of work/ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. ARE YOU SURE GOD HAS CALLED YOU FULLTIME TO THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY**

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. IF YOU ARE NOT PASTORING A CHURCH GIVE DETAILS OF YOUR PASTOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has above-mentioned been your Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:**

1. Do you believe and accept the Bible as God's Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit? As found in 2Tim3:16.17 ...<sup>16</sup>*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:* <sup>17</sup>*That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*  
Yes...../ No.....
2. On being Consecrated into the office of a Bishop by AABC, you are legible to also become a member of the AABC. Do you also want to become a member of the AABC?  
Yes..... / No .....
3. Do you, as a member of the AABC, accept the constitution and Statement of faith of the AABC and undertake to abide by the laws, bylaws, rules, regulations and any other requirement as long as it is in accordance with the Word of God? Yes..... / No.....
4. In matters of discipline, do you undertake to abide by the decisions of the AABC?  
Yes..... / No.....

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_

**You will receive the following items at your Consecration:**

Certificate of Ordination and Certificate of Membership to AABC	R 600.00
Membership Card	R 100.00
Bishop's Seal	R 250.00
Bishop's Declaration	N/C
Business cards after consecration	R 150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>R 1 100.00</u></b>

**Bishop's Vestments**

- Cope\*
- Mitre\*
- Cassock\*
- Ring \*
- Staff / Crosier
- Cross \*
- Bible\*
- Skull Cap / Zucchetto
- Stole
- Shepherd's Dress
- Purple Ministerial Shirt\*  
(Round Collar)

The Vestments marked with (\*) are required for Consecration

**Office Use:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Application Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: (Curatorium Officer) \_\_\_\_\_