

THE CANDIDACY & ORDINATION PROCESS

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VEY Recruiting: Anyone can recruit others toward ordained ministry; hopefully each recruit will be qualified in some area so as to participate in our Prime Directives; which are: revealing the elect to participating in the great Cosmic vow or Covenant - that all creation will be restored through small acts of kindness quote - aiding the poor, the widow, the orphan, those wrongly imprisoned, the sick and hungry, and each other above all things while keeping *unspotted* insofar as possible - and thus becoming unified one with another in hope, worth, work and purpose.

Applying for Candidacy: The application form is online at www.goo.gl/bKPZPH. Applications go directly to the Tennessee office and are passed on to the candidacy task force (CTF), a unique group of empathetic yet insightful professional ministers, leaders and teachers, or “inspectors” as such is written in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Interviewing: the *first interview* will be scheduled within 10 days of the receipt of the application. One person from the CTF will be assigned to phone the applicant for conversation, the object of which is to gauge the attitude and temperament of the applicant as well as their knowledge of the ancient and modern Essene movements, our common purpose and mission. The CTF caller may get a sense of the seriousness of the applicant, and whether that person *appears* to be the type that would remain engaged for the long term. The *second interview* is with the CTF *in colloquy* to go over the application. With deliberation, the CTF will report back to the Leadership Task Force, who will determine if subsequent interviews should take place. The process may be as short as a week or as long as six months or more.

Exploring Candidate: Once the applicant successfully completes the interview with the CTF, if the applicant passes, he/she will finally be considered an *exploring candidate* with the title of Appointed Deacon (Shoter) and may be given one or more of the following: 1> A ministry project under supervision of an elder for evaluation, 2> a curriculum of studies through EARTH Institute, our educational wing, 3> a request that the Deacon attend a boot camp or feast, 4> completing a personality inventory or 5> attend a regional meeting in person with an officer.

Certified Candidate: the Appointed Deacon (shoter), having fulfilled the above requirements is interviewed yet again in preparation for the *ordination* as Deacon, Permanent Deacon (or Diaconate) or Elder (zachen). *The process is under the sole discretion of the Leadership Task Force* - conditions may be added or all conditions *abrogated* depending on the decision of the LTF.

Ordained Minister: The Appointed Deacon will need to visit an elected Bishop (mevaqqre) - preferably at a Yahad event with the leadership present. An ordination service of worship and praise will take place, and the newly ordained Deacon or Elder will receive professional recognition, identification paperwork, and in turn will be required to submit a quarterly report of ministry activities. The Ordained Minister will also be asked to serve in the LTF, such service being optional but suggested for the first year and periodically thereafter. The Ordained minister may also receive specific ministry category, such as moreh (teacher), azar (administrator), priest (kohen), etc.