

VERO ESSENE YAHAD
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CANDIDACY / MEMBERSHIP STEP 2 -

Pursuit of a Vocation or Avocation of Ministry

If you are seriously considering ministry as a profession and vocation, these STEP 2 Lessons are important.

Bios: We receive from you a written biography not to exceed 300 words. Thank you.

Remember: Unity in Diversity; Not Diversity in Conflict. Is what we do for THEM, US or ME? *Your* personal issues may not be *their* issues. You cannot win friends for Yahshua by *condemnation* except perhaps in a formal debate. Consider then what is *really* evil *Really* evil. Not what you *think* is evil or wrong. For what do you know? If something is genuinely evil, condemn it. But do it in wise ways, not as a fool, not as a wind bag, not as a nagging grandmother. Be smart. Use your head. Sometimes (often) silence will render you a sense of victory - even victory over death (Mat 27:14). And be pliable, because of . . .

Persecution: It has come and it will come all the more. If you are looking for respect, you must earn that, and even if you do, there are always the envious nearby. Persecution may find you not for any other reason than your religion is unique and misunderstood. Some of us carry the burden of persecution, even from close relatives and friends, and without let-up. Nay-sayers, disaffected, lapsed members, ax-grinders, lone rangers, and those who are religious but live by their own sets of rules. Such are like
stones black as soot, mildewed, cracked, broke off, short, neither white nor black,
rough and not fitting in with the other stones ... all were found unsound for the
building (She 6:83).

We want to be a part of the *oikodomēs* that may not just include those of our own sect, but also those in our sphere of influence - which may including enemies that we cannot avoid (Mat 10:36). Again, be smart when answering enemies (Mat 10:16). Shun poison people (1 Cor 15:33). If you can't, answer with silence or laughter or some clever means that puts the onus back on the persecutor and consequently, on the devil. (Listen to "[James and the Messianic Revolution](#)" from our audio archive.)

License and Legality: You are *to receive a provisional license to minister* from us upon payment of dues. This will give you a credential so that you can do the work of ministry legally and ethically. By legally, I mean that in some cases your work in ministry may be scrutinized by authorities. ([More on this at his link.](#)) By ethically, I mean that you need to have a genuine, legal and religious organization behind you. We are small, but we *are* structured, legal and genuine, whereas many Hebrew Roots and Messianic Jewish organizations out there *are not*. And if they are not, then they are, by natural

definition, unethical. For more on ministerial ethics (and sexual ethics), [please entertrain yourself at this link](#).

The ministerial license is good until we say it isn't. Non-payment of dues or non-participation in further education voids the license. The license expired upon ordination or appointment as deacon. You will be known as a "licensed minister with New Earth Restoration Ministries." But if you need to do a major, sacramental act of ministry - let your supervisor know ahead of time (marriage, baptism, foot-washing, funeral, etc.)

Some say that they want no affiliation with governments. This notion is not sound. Although the world may belong to the devil, and although we may not be of this world, we are told plainly in Torah that rulers and rulings and laws are of YHWH - YHWH chooses despite what we might choose because the redemption plan of IS YHWH's. The Yahad is registered with the various state tax authorities. Do they tax us? No. Do they control us? No, not at all. But as a registered volunteer organization, we are afforded the respect of law-abiding people, we have authority and license to speak truth to power - and the ability to receive donations yet exempt donors from tax liability. We are also expected to obey laws applied to us, which really amounts to only one caveat - that we are not to be a political entity. (Is your ordination legal? [Reasons why it must be at this link](#).)

Sabbath Services: Please take part in Yahad Shabbat services at 11 AM ET on ZOOM at www.theyahad.com or on the phone at (408) 638-0968 Meeting ID 240-482-4530. Yahad offers weekly ZOOM events that you may visit live or in recording. You will want to take more than a spectator part in services - you may eventually be called on to learn the liturgy, preach or perform a lesson either publicly or with a small audience depending on your choice of roles in ministry.

Education: The first step in education is guided reading of *The Didache* and *The Epistle*, which you already should have received as part of your dues. When your readings are completed, [you are to do the review at this link](#). In addition, you may have been given a project to complete, such as the "Spiritual Gifts Revelation Course" or the "Beginning Roots Course" or some other more tangible task to be performed for the betterment of yourself and your organization.

Acts of Ministry: If you are called on to perform acts of ministry in your local congregation, family or Yahad, *please let us know beforehand*, as we have many great helps for you in preparing messages, lessons, memorial or wedding services consisting in templates, how-tos and personal counseling. You may want to start working toward a family worship service such as Passover, for which we have fairly simple instructions. Why let us know? Because you are representing all of us in what you do. We are here to help you to do as professional a job as you can.