



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE C&MA

Ordination & Consecration Questions: Written/Oral Exam

Instructions

The candidate for ordination should be able to answer in writing any of the following questions - giving Biblical evidence or support whenever asked for. By Biblical support we mean to give the chapter, book and verse in most cases; in some cases' the Biblical concept.

All questions on the examination will be taken from the following list. It is expected that the candidate should take this exam without the use of a Bible or notes.

Personal History

- Please give us a brief summary of your spiritual journey, including your experience of determining God's call to ministry.
- What is your personal pattern of devotional prayer and Bible study?
- What particular strengths/weaknesses have emerged in your first years of ministry?

The Holy Scriptures

- What is the Bible?
- Distinguish between revelation, inspiration and illumination.
- Define inerrancy.
- Define verbal and plenary inspiration.
- Give Scripture to support inspiration.
- State opinion on contemporary revelations.
- What does Scripture teach about extra-biblical revelation?
- What is the relationship between Scripture and divine guidance?
- What criteria was used for determining which books were included/excluded in the canon of Scripture?
- Explain the relationship between the Word of God and Scripture.

The Trinity

- Give meaning and Biblical support that teaches or intimates a trinity.
- Show from the Bible that each member of the trinity is God.
- Show from the Scripture each member at work in creation, salvation, indwelling of the believer and the resurrection of the human body.
- Show from the Bible that each member is personal.
- Depict teaching of 2 cults that deny the trinity.
- What is the biblical basis for the confession, "There is one God"?
- Distinguish between Jesus as "begotten not made" and the Holy Spirit as proceeding from the Father and Son.
- What contemporary theological positions raise serious questions for the traditional doctrine of the Trinity?



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- Give three words from the Bible that define God.
- Define and give Biblical support for five attributes of God.
- Explain Genesis 1:27.
- Define theism, agnosticism, atheism, and humanism.
- Give proof of the existence of God.
- Give your belief concerning God and evolution.
- How does Scripture describe God?
- What is the basis for the Christian belief that God is a person?
- Name some of the attributes of God and give a few scriptural incidents that reveal these attributes.
- Explain the meaning of "holy" in reference to God and explain why it underlies all else in the character of God.

Person of Jesus Christ

- Give meaning of pre-existence. Give two Scriptures to support.
- Demonstrate from the Scripture that Christ is fully God and fully man; not necessary to give definite Scriptures.
- Explain two natures but one person.
- Learn details of I Cor. 15:13-19 as it pertains to the importance of the resurrection of Christ.
- What are some of the names of Christ given in Scripture?
- Do you believe that Jesus is Lord? Why?
- Is Christ eternal? (Does He have beginning or end; was there a time when He was not?)
- Give examples of the person of Christ in the Old Testament?
- What biblical evidence is there that Christ was conscious of his divinity?

Person of the Holy Spirit

- Demonstrate from at least three Scriptures that the Spirit is deity.
- What was the work of the Spirit in the incarnation?
- What was the work of the Spirit in the anointing of Jesus; the temptation of Jesus; the ministry of Jesus; in conviction?
- Give the meaning of the baptism of the Spirit (not filling). Give Scripture.
- Explain the difference between the Gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit.
- What is the C&MA position on tongues.
- See later questions under "sanctification".
- What qualities and ministries, possible only for a person, are attributed to the Holy Spirit?



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- How is the personal nature of the Holy Spirit demonstrated in the Old and New Testaments?
- Give us a brief explanation of the Scriptural teaching on the gifts of the Spirit.

Doctrines of Salvation

Provision: The Atonement

- Give a brief explanation of the teaching of Scripture on the atonement.
- Is there any limitation concerning who may benefit from the atonement of Christ?
- Is the atonement effective in human lives where the gospel is unknown?
- What aspects of man's condition made the atonement necessary?
- Could anyone other than Christ have made an acceptable offering?
- What assurance do we have that the offering was acceptable to God?

Conversion

- Give a Scriptural definition of faith.
- What is the Scriptural origin of faith?
- Define repentance.
- Why is repentance necessary to conversion?

Justification

- Define justification.
- On what basis does God justify a sinner?
- Give the teaching on justification from Romans 3:23-31.
- What does justification accomplish? Give Scripture.
- How is a man justified - that is, by what method?

Regeneration

- Give the meaning of regeneration.
- Why is regeneration necessary? Give Scripture.
- What does regeneration accomplish? Give Scripture.
- Who performs the work of regeneration?
- What is the nature of the change brought about by regeneration?
- What is the continuing purpose of regeneration in one's personal life?

Sanctification

- Define "sanctify".
- What is positional sanctification? Give Scripture.
- What is experiential or progressive sanctification? Give Scripture.
- What is the meaning of the "filling" of the Spirit?
- What is meant by the word "crisis"? How is the word used in the context of the filling of the Spirit?
- Using Romans 6, show how to lead a person into the filling of the Spirit.
- Show from the Scripture how a Spirit-filled Christian could lead a Spirit-filled life.
- What is the relationship between justification and sanctification?



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- What is the relationship between regeneration and sanctification?
- In what way is the believer “dead to sin and alive to God?”
- What is the practical significance of sanctification to the Christ-follower’s lifestyle?
- What is meant by positional sanctification and progressive sanctification, and how is “crisis” connected to the two?
- What does the Scriptural phrase “dead to sin and alive to God” mean?
- What is meant by the phrase “the indwelling Christ?”
- What are scriptural evidences of a sanctified life?

Doctrine of Man

- Give the Scriptural origin of man.
- Give pertinent details of the probation and fall of man.
- Give results of the fall from the New Testament. Give 2 Scriptures.
- Relate from the Scriptures that all men are sinful and guilty.

Doctrine of Divine Healing

- Show from both the Old and New Testaments that provision for healing has been made in the death of Christ.
- Give details of James 5:13-16.
- Is divine healing for today? State your attitude toward this question.
- Explain the biblical basis for healing and its relationship to the redemptive work of Christ.
- What instruction does James 5 teach in relation to healing?
- Explain the difference between the “gift of healing” and healing prayer as described in James 5.
- How would you counsel a believer who has followed the instructions of James 5 and is still seeking a miraculous healing?
- In the anointing and prayer ministry for the sick by the elders, what does “the prayer of faith” mean?
- How is the problem of sin related to the problem of sickness?
- What is the difference between miraculous healing and divine life for the believer?

The Return of The Lord

- Give 3 Scriptures that indicate that Christ will return.
- Briefly define pre-millennialism, post-millennialism, and amillennialism. What are the differences between them?
- Where could you find teaching on the Tribulation Period?
- Indicate the difference in pre-, post-, and mid-tribulation.
- The C&MA statement of faith indicates His “imminent” return - give the meaning. What does it mean to you personally? Give scripture to back up your understanding.



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- What biblical passages have been major factors in developing your convictions concerning the second coming of Christ and related events?
- How will the second coming of Christ differ from His first coming?
- Which of the views do you hold? Why?
- What major events will occur during and after the millennium?

The Resurrection

- What does the term resurrection mean?
- Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Why?
- How important is the doctrine of the resurrection to the Christian faith?
- What are the essential points of Paul's teaching on the resurrection in I Corinthians 15?
- What happens to the believer when he is resurrected? to the unbeliever?
- What is the biblical doctrine of heaven?
- Describe the basic tribulation positions and what is your position?
- What is the relationship between Israel and the Church?

Judgments

- What takes place at the judgment seat of Christ? Cite Scripture.
- What takes place at the Great White Throne Judgment?
- Show the difference between these two judgments.
- What does the Bible teach about Hell?
- How could you prove from Scripture that punishment for the unsaved is eternal?
- What is your attitude toward answers to #4 and #5, above?

Ordinances

- Give the meaning of water baptism.
- Why baptize by immersion?
- What instruction or exhortations do you give a candidate for baptism?
- Where in Scripture do we find instructions concerning the Lord's Supper?
- Give the meaning of the elements.
- What instructions or exhortations would you give the congregation before participating in the Lord's Supper?
- Why do we use grape juice and not wine?

The Church

- What is the mission of the local church?
- What is the mission of the Church universal?
- Give at least 6 qualifications of bishops (overseers) and deacons found in I Tim. 3.
- Give the Scriptural procedure for church discipline.
- What Is the Church?



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- What are some of the metaphors used in Scripture to describe the Church?
- What is the biblical basis for reproducing/growing the church?
- What is the role of the pastor in church leadership?

Divorce & Remarriage

- Give several comprehensive statements that would serve to give the Alliance position on divorce. *See Manual, pg. H2-3.*
- Give several comprehensive statements that would serve to give the Alliance position on divorce and remarriage. *See Manual, pg. H2-4 –H2-5.*

The Lostness of Man

- According to Scripture, what is the inevitable result of lostness?
- What is the destiny of those who die outside of Christ having never heard the gospel?
- What does the Bible teach about hell? Is it literal?
- Is there any possibility of salvation after death?

Mission & Vision

- Give a brief overview of Alliance history and distinctives.
- What is the mission of The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- How do you reflect this mission in the life of your congregation?
- What are the practical implications of the philosophy of ministry represented by the words “win,” “build,” “equip,” “multiply,” and “send”?
- What is the overall objective of Alliance international church planting and missionary work?
- In what way is the task of Alliance missions also your personal responsibility?
- What is the responsibility of the local church to the global vision of The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- How have you included the missionary emphasis in your regular preaching and church programming?
- In what ways do you encourage the sending out of “called ones” to participate either short term or long term in missions?
- What is the importance of an annual missionary conference to your local church and to The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- How have you implemented in your congregation intercession for international workers?

Alliance Church Government

- What is the form of local church government in The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- In what way is the local church subordinate to General Council and District Conference?
- What is the role and function of the district superintendent as it relates to you and your church?



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- What would your attitude and anticipated action be if your superintendent suggested that you make a change in your place of ministry?
- If the majority of your governing board desired your resignation and you felt otherwise, what would you do?
- What is the proper procedure for submitting a pastoral resignation?
- What procedure should be followed in seeking an opportunity to candidate in another church?

Constituted Authority

- Give the Scriptural teaching on Constituted Authority. Cite Scripture.
- What is your attitude toward constituted authority?
- What is the difference between being led by the Spirit and being subject to recognized authority in the church?
- What is the proper procedure for submitting a pastoral resignation?
- What procedure should be followed in seeking opportunity to candidate in another church?
- What procedure should be followed if you become personally involved in doctrines contrary to The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- What would you do if the majority of your church committee and/or the District Superintendent desired your resignation?
- Give several reasons why you wish to be associated with The C&MA.
- Give the highest legislative body in the C&MA, the District, and the local church.
- Give the highest administrative body in the C&MA, the District, and the local church.
- What is the Scriptural basis for the concept of “constituted authority” as understood in The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- If you should become personally involved in doctrines contrary to the “Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance,” what would you do?
- Are you willing to serve under the leadership of a district superintendent?
- What difference is there in being led by the Spirit and being subject to recognized authority in the church?
- Why is it important for the pastor to attend General Council and District Conference?

Pastor & Relationship to His People

- What does Peter say about the relation of the shepherd to the flock?
- What is the relationship of the pastor with his governing board?
- What is your attitude toward members of the church who oppose or resist you?
- After you leave a field of service, what should be your opinion about seeking to continue contacts of information and channels of advice and counsel with members of the congregation you have just left?
- Give a Scriptural definition of shepherding.



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- What is your attitude about your personal convictions that may conflict with the church you serve?
- What is your procedure in counseling or working with persons of the opposite sex?
- How do you cope with criticism? What if it becomes personal?
- How do you manage your time as it relates to both personal and work?
- What does the Scripture mean when it says to “avoid all appearance of evil?”
- What is your attitude about stewardship and the personal use of money?
- What is your attitude and current status toward personal financial indebtedness?
- Have you had any involvement with pornography in any form since your accreditation interview?
- Do you have any controls on the use of your personal and office computers?
- Do you have an active personal accountability relationship with one or more persons? What is the nature of that relationship?
- What is a biblical understanding of marriage?
- Explain your involvement in personal and corporate prayer.
- What is the relationship between prayer and pastoral ministry.

Doctrinal Statement of the Christian & Missionary Alliance

- Have you read and are you in full support of the “Statement of Faith” as found in the current Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- How will you deal with controversial theological issues within the evangelical community in your church?
- Have you read all of the statements found in the Section H of the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance?
- What is your position related to these statements?

Bible Knowledge

Be able to locate at least a chapter reference for each of the following:

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| ➤ The Lord's Prayer | ➤ The Tribulation Period | ➤ Fall of Adam |
| ➤ New Heaven and New Earth | ➤ Administering The Lord's Supper | ➤ First Passover |
| ➤ Judgment Seat of Christ | ➤ Great White Throne Judgment | ➤ The Flood |
| ➤ Problem with Tongues | ➤ Record of the Ascension | ➤ Unsaved Cast in Lake of Fire |
| ➤ The Ten Commandments | ➤ Birth of Jesus | ➤ Sermon on the Mount |
| ➤ Pentecost | ➤ The "Love" Chapter | ➤ The Millennium |
| ➤ Constituted Authority | ➤ Record of the Crucifixion | ➤ Be Filled with The Spirit |
| ➤ Record of Christ's Resurrection | ➤ Gifts & Offices of the Spirit | ➤ Crossing of the Red Sea |
| ➤ Elders Pray for the Sick | ➤ Second Coming of Christ | ➤ The Great Commission |
| ➤ Marriage Supper | | ➤ Resurrection Chapter |
| | | ➤ Old Testament Reference to Virgin Birth |



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Online Helps for the Ordination Exam

- [C&MA Ordination Flashcards](#) (brianepiscopo)
- [C&MA Ordination Exam Question Flashcards](#) (Christopher_Bossio)
- [C&MA Bible Knowledge](#) (nathanphillipsriver)
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