



## **ECCLESIASTICAL CREDENTIAL FOR A MINISTER (within Same Classis)**

The council of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church of \_\_\_\_\_, testifies that the Reverend \_\_\_\_\_, under the supervision of this church from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (year), to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (year), has ministered in the office of the Word faithfully and diligently, adhering in doctrine and life to the Word of God as interpreted by our Forms of Unity and the Church Order.

Since sufficient reasons have been adduced for the council to consent to his/her acceptance of the call of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church of \_\_\_\_\_, we recommend him/her to \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and govern his/her ministry so that he/she may be engaged in it faithfully and fruitfully for the good of the church, the glory of God, and the coming of the kingdom of our Lord.

We resolve to grant him/her this credential at our meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

The council of the above-named church,  
\_\_\_\_\_, president  
\_\_\_\_\_, clerk

Classis \_\_\_\_\_, in which \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church is located, having examined the above credential, approves it and the transfer of our brother/sister in the ministry to \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church of \_\_\_\_\_, and herewith authorizes the counselor of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Reformed Church to proceed with installation.

On behalf of said classis,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**When transferring the Ecclesiastical Credential for a Minister within the Same Classis:**

1. The clerk of the releasing church council is to forward the credential to the secretary of the interim committee of the local classis.
2. After this interim committee has signed the credential, it is to be forwarded to the counselor of the church that issued the call, authorizing the counselor to proceed with the installation of the new minister.
3. A copy of the signed form is forwarded to the denominational Synodical Services Office.