**BCC Ministry Credentialing Standards**

**(222** – 2 Timothy 2:2 – Pastor’s Training Pastors)

***1 Timothy 3:1-13*** *- Here is a trustworthy saying:* *If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. 2Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 5(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 6He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. 8Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.* *10They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 11In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. 12A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. 13Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.* (all refs from NIV 1984)

***Titus 1:4-9 -*** *4To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. 5The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. 6An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. 7Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. 8Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.* *9He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

**Applicant’s name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**BCC’s Credentialling Qualifications Checklist from 1Timothy 3:1-13 & Titus 1:4-9:**

***If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.***

\_\_ Make a formal request in writing to BCC’s PC to receive ministry credentials indicating how applicant feels called by God and what kind of ministry he/she is interested in doing.

\_\_ Complete a face-to-face interview with BCC’s Pastor about his/her written request.

***He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil… They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve***

\_\_ Converted to Christianity, been baptized and attended in-person Church and Discipleship Group regularly for at least 2 years (viz – SS and/or Bible Study).

\_\_ Read through BCC’s Constitution

\_\_ Been a member of BCC for at least one year (or another Bible Believing Church in good standing)

\_\_ Applying for BCC’s Annual License (awarded 3 consecutive years) or \_\_ BCC’s (conditional) Life Ordination

***Now the overseer must be above reproach… not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome***

\_\_ Been living a Biblically moral life for at least 2 years since conversion (not addicted or a criminal record that eliminates him/her from being around the ministry target group viz - minors)

***the husband of but one wife… He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.***

\_\_ Have a stable Christian homelife (If married, heterosexual and faithful to one spouse. Any children living at home are obedient)

***temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable*…**

\_\_ Respectable in public and is willing to host others in his/her home

***able to teach***

\_\_ Others affirm his/her calling and communication skill. Accepts opportunities to preach and teach as BCC’s Pastor directs.

***not a lover of money.***

\_\_ Is a tither to their home church and willing to live on a budget and has or is recovering a good credit score

***They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience … He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.***

\_\_ Teaches the Bible is God’s Inspired Word and the final authority on all matters of faith and practice and fills out BCC’s doctrinal statement form that is kept on file in BCC’s office.

**BCC Ministry Candidate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_ I agree that the leaders of Brighton Community Church may revoke my credentials with them at any time they believe I have failed to keep these standards and am not willing to undergo their steps of restoration.

**BCC’s Pastor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**BCC’s Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**