

POSITION PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ORDINATION/CONSECRATION

Position papers are intended to reflect your personal, Biblically based theological position on each doctrine. A comprehensive treatment is expected, including but not limited to the items listed under each theme. The papers are to be 8-12 pages in length, double spaced with indented paragraphs with an approximate one-inch margin at the top, bottom and sides. Use footnotes as needed. Papers should include your name, address and phone number. Papers will be graded primarily on biblical soundness, agreement with The Christian and Missionary Alliance Statement of Faith and the delineation of your biblically based position. You should review your paper with your mentor before sending it to the assigned reviewers listed below.

Paper #1 *Christ Our Savior*

- a. The nature of man and his final destiny
- b. The plan and purpose of the atonement
- c. The means and results of justification
- d. My personal experience of Christ as my Savior

Reviewing Pastor

Rev. Mark Applebee
(prefers email)

Paper # 2 *Christ Our Sanctifier*

- a. The crisis and progression of sanctification
- b. Identification of the believer with Christ's death, resurrection and ascension
- c. The ministry of the Holy Spirit in sanctification
- d. My personal experience of Christ as my Sanctifier

Rev. Brad Sickler
(prefers email)

Paper #3 *Christ Our Healer*

- a. The relationship of divine healing and the atonement
- b. The spiritual "gifts of healings"
- c. The significance of anointing with oil
- d. The ministry of healing in the local church
- e. My personal experience of Christ as my Healer

Rev. Tim McGarvey
(prefers email)

Paper #4 *Christ Our Coming King*

- a. Defend the premillennial coming of Christ
- b. Trace the events surrounding the rapture of the Church and leading up to the return of Christ as you understand them
- c. Relationship between the imminence of Christ's coming and world missions
- d. My personal experience and understanding of Christ our Coming King

Rev. Bill Murphy
(prefers email)

Paper #5 ***Christ's Body: The Church***

- a. Mission and Purpose
- b. Relationship to Jesus Christ
- c. Leadership and authority in the Body
- d. Relationship to The Christian and Missionary Alliance
- e. Relationship between the members

Rev. Steve Shields
(prefers email)

Paper #6 ***Completing Christ's Mission***

- a. The lostness of mankind
- b. The Great Commission passages: Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8
- c. Interaction with the "Growing a Healthy Church" philosophy
- d. Demonstrate a strategy that implements this philosophy in one's personal life
- e. The local church commitment to world missions
- f. The leader's role in mobilizing the local church in Great Commission Completion (evangelism, church multiplication, world missions)

Rev. Jack Herman
(prefers email)

NOTE: Please send each completed position paper to your mentor for review before sending it on to the assigned reviewer. To assist the reviewers, please send the paper in the preferred format (email or hard copy) as indicated beneath their names. Reviewer addresses may be found in the semi-annual District Directory. (Address changes are also updated monthly in the "Heartbeat" district newsletter.)

- When sending your paper by email, please send it in Microsoft Word format as a file attachment. (If you are not able to send your paper electronically, hard copies may be substituted.)
- If you are mailing a hard copy of your paper, be sure to include a postage paid envelope addressed to the Assistant District Superintendent.
- Approved papers will be returned to you at an in-service retreat or on exam day.
- Always save a copy of each paper in your files until you complete the ordination/consecration process.

