

TGBC Ordination and Credential Packet

Exclusive Office and Order of Succession

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One Order

The Praeceptorium, The Order, and The Circle of the Elders are three names for the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches (TGBC).

Exclusive lifetime office

The office and titles of Praeceptorius / Founding Bishop belong exclusively to Wesley Scott Ray for his natural life. Wesley Scott Ray cannot be removed, dismissed, deposed, replaced, suspended from this exclusive office, or voted out of this office by the Praeceptorium, The Order, The Circle of the Elders, any assembly, committee, panel, member, or other person or body within TGBC.

No transfer or indirect removal

This office is personal and nontransferable. It cannot be assigned, inherited, passed on, duplicated, or conferred upon another man. No amendment, resolution, disciplinary decision, credential action, membership action, vote, or administrative measure may directly or indirectly remove Wesley Scott Ray from this exclusive office or transfer it to another man. No co-Praeceptorius or co-Founding Bishop may be created.

Death and historical recognition

Upon Wesley Scott Ray's death, the exclusive office ceases as an active office. It does not become a vacant office to be filled. His historical recognition as the sole Praeceptorius / Founding Bishop remains permanently.

Selection from among the Circle

Upon his death, the remaining admitted members of the Praeceptorium / The Order / The Circle of the Elders shall choose one qualified man from among themselves to serve as Overseeing Bishop of the Circle. The man chosen shall be skilled in the word of God, well taught by the word, faithful to sound doctrine, and able to teach others, holding firmly to the King James Bible rightly divided and TGBC's Pauline Dispensational Doctrine. His qualifications shall be examined under 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 KJB.

Successor responsibility and limits

The Overseeing Bishop of the Circle is the successor in responsibility for oversight after the Praeceptorius's death. He shall preserve the doctrine, teaching, records, and order of TGBC. He does not inherit, receive, or continue the exclusive office or titles of Praeceptorius / Founding Bishop. Temporary or acting service during incapacity does not create permanent succession or transfer that office.

Recorded procedure and an empty Circle

Selection requires at least 14 days' notice, a meeting with quorum, and approval by at least two-thirds of all eligible voting Circle members, rounded up. Record qualification, current Circle admission, the decision, written acceptance, and the effective date. If no admitted member remains, first reconstitute the Circle under the applicable post-death procedure; only the restored Circle may then choose one of its admitted members. Custodians, relatives, deacons, and outside advisers gain no automatic seat or successor right.

Scripture, accountability, and scope

The King James Bible remains the final written ecclesiastical authority. Scriptural counsel, examination of conduct, independent financial review, and lawful protective measures do not confer authority to remove Wesley Scott Ray from or transfer his exclusive lifetime office. This provision does not create personal ownership of TGBC property or change applicable civil obligations.

Application to this instrument

These express provisions apply throughout this revised instrument and its included instruments, schedules, forms, credentials, and registers. They replace contrary wording only on the exclusive lifetime office, removal or transfer of that office, successor title, and successor eligibility and selection. Other provisions retain their stated scope. Preparation and publication do not certify execution or formal adoption.

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES Identity and House to House Assembly

Statement dated October 11, 2026

Our identity

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House are not a denomination, are not part of a denomination, are not a religion, and are not part of Christianity. They are not Jewish and are not Catholic. They are not corruptors of the Word of God.

Our assembly and practice

We are not part of the "corporate" American Christian Church setup. We have no religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or pastors, and none of the trappings of the religion known as Christianity.

Saved believers gathering house to house

This Grace Bible Churches consists of true saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth and meet house to house. Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Our standard for rightly dividing the word of truth is 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

King James Bible only

We use only King James Bibles: the 1769 edition of the 1611, Pure Cambridge Text. The King James Bible is our final written authority. We do not change, supposedly correct, or corrupt the Word of God.

The Order and the Bishop title

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium name the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches. Praeceptorius is the Bishop title within that body. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius; admission to the Circle does not confer that title. Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop.

Document terminology

This statement supplies the identity, assembly practice, Bible standard, and title definitions for the accompanying documents. In earlier text, a collective reference to "Praeceptorius" means the Praeceptorium; a personal reference to Bishop Wesley Ray as Praeceptorius retains its personal meaning. These definitions do not create an additional ordained office or confer the founder's exclusive title upon another person. Governing amendments remain subject to the adoption procedures of each instrument.

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

PRAECEPTORIUS

The Elders' Circle / Circle of Elders

Ordination and Ministry Credential Packet

Twelve coordinated records for application, examination, recognition, issuance, and later review.

A Pauline Dispensational Assembly

Private voluntary unincorporated religious assembly

King James Bible as final written authority

Gospel of Christ | 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB

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Effective upon actual authorized adoption or execution

Packet administration

Use the adopted Credentialing Manual and Discipline Code. Keep one permanent candidate number across all records. Bishop or elder ordination, deacon ordination, current credentials, assignments, and Circle admission are distinct actions. A deacon is excluded from PRAECEPTORIUS unless separately recognized as a bishop or elder and expressly admitted. No blank record certifies a completed action.

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The Scripture Supplement preserves the charge passages, including 1 Timothy 5:21 KJB, 1 Timothy 6:9-21 KJB, and 2 Timothy 4:1-2 KJB. Use the formal certificate appropriate to the office.

Ordination record 01

Ordination or Credential Application

Request examination under the adopted Credentialing Manual. Application is not appointment.

Candidate full name and contact

Office requested bishop elder or deacon

Action ordination credentials or prior ordination recognition

Local assembly and salvation testimony

Study ministry history and references

Relevant household and prior credential matters

Doctrinal reservations or examination attachment

Candidate signature reference permission and date

Received by and permanent number

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 02

Doctrinal Examination

Record candidate answers and KJB reasoning, using the adopted Statement of Faith.

Candidate office examiners and date

Gospel of Christ and grace through faith response

KJB authority and right division response

Pauline Mystery Israel and the Body of Christ response

Ordinances assurance and catching away response

Requested office qualifications and duties response

PRAECEPTORIUS bishops and elders only response

Reservations unresolved questions and attachments

Examiner signatures and recommendation

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 03

Qualification and Reference Review

Use 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 KJB for bishops and elders; 1 Timothy 3:8-13 KJB for deacons.

Candidate office and reviewer

Evidence of character marital faithfulness and household

Teaching and oversight ability where applicable

Prior proving maturity testimony and conduct

Reference one relationship contact and statement

Reference two relationship contact and statement

Candidate response to unresolved concerns

Reviewer signature date and attachments

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 04

Examination and Recommendation

Examiners advise; the authorized recognition decision is recorded separately.

Candidate requested office and record

Examiner names offices and dates

Materials passages and manual provisions considered

Findings supporting qualification

Unresolved questions and candidate explanations

Recommendation approve defer or decline

Proposed duties or conditions

Examiner signatures and dates

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 05

Ecclesiastical Decision and Permanent Record

State each approved action expressly and identify the actual authority.

Candidate exact office and record number

Decision makers and controlling authority

Examination and recommendation references

Result and findings

Ordination credential assignment or recognition approved

Conditions duties effective date and review

Circle admission approved separately YES or NO and reference

Approving signature and date

Candidate notice and permanent register entry

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 06

Ordination Service Record

Complete only after the actual approved act, using applicable passages from the Scripture Supplement.

Candidate office and permanent record

Prior approval and authority

Actual ordination date location and method

Presiding officer and participants

Scripture and charge used

Description of actual ecclesiastical act

Limits and certificate number

Presiding signature witness and date

Recorder and delivery reference

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 07

Ordination Certificate Issuance

Select the formal bishop or elder certificate or separate deacon certificate. The certificate must match the permanent record.

A deacon certificate expressly excludes PRAECEPTORIUS membership. A bishop or elder certificate is not itself Circle admission; cite the separate admission if it occurred.

Recipient office and underlying record

Actual ordination date and location

Approved certificate type and number

Scriptural charge supplement reference

Conditions or limits

Issuing officer signature and date

Additional authorized signature if used

Recipient delivery and retained copy

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 08

Current Ministry Credential Certificate

This template becomes a credential only after authorized completion and signature.

TGBC recognizes the recorded ministry authority stated here, subject to continuing qualification, the governing instruments, and authorized review. This credential grants no property ownership, government license, or separate ordination by itself.

Minister full name and recognized office

Local assembly and assigned ministry

Permanent approval and credential numbers

Effective date and review date

Scope of work and limitations

Current Circle status and separate reference if a member

Issuing officer signature office and date

Recipient copy and issuance register

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 09

Recognition and Good Standing Letter

Verify present status as of the issue date; do not omit current restrictions.

TGBC confirms the actual recognition stated above as of the issue date. Recognition remains subject to continuing qualification and TGBC procedures. The receiving body determines its acceptance requirements.

Issue date recipient and purpose

Minister office and local assembly

Ordination and credential references

Current good standing or limited recognition status

Duties and recorded conditions

Circle status bishops or elders only if expressly admitted

Verification contact and authorized signature

Copy retained and permanent record

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 10

Credential Status Review

Review at least annually and earlier on substantial evidence; retain historic ordination facts separately.

Minister office credential and permanent number

Review date reviewers and governing authority

Doctrine conduct household and assignment review

Material concerns and candidate response

Evidence and relevant prior limits

Current result or further examination needed

Effect on Circle participation if applicable

Next review notice and reviewer signatures

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 11

Suspension Withdrawal or Restoration Record

Use the Discipline Code and record each affected status separately.

Minister office and permanent number

Prior action authority and notices

Evidence response and independent review

Final findings and authorized action

Effects on duties credentials Circle and fellowship

Restoration conditions and renewed qualification

Effective date review rights and notices

Authorized signatures

Issuance updates and permanent entry

Record reference _____ Attachments _____

Ordination record 12

Permanent Credential and Issuance Register

Use one entry per minister and additional sheets for each issuance or change.

Minister full name office and permanent number

Application examination and decision dates

Actual ordination date and recognition body

Current status and effective date

Circle admission reference only for admitted bishop or elder

Document type number issue date and signer

Underlying authority limits and delivery

Replacement status change and review references

Custodian signature and supporting locations

Record reference _____ Attachments _____