

The Open Door Evangelistic Church

Incorporated

President / CEO Rev. Nicholas L. Murray, B.Th.	Founder Rev. F.H. Ferris, D.Th.,D.D.
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Dear Applicant,

We are pleased that you are considering applying to The Open Door Evangelistic Church Incorporated and have therefore provided this application package for you. A copy of the ODEC Constitution is enclosed which will explain the credentials offered. It will also explain our organization more fully. You will note that all members of The Open Door Evangelistic Church Incorporated are required to pay an annual membership fee.

You must complete each of the following steps before mailing back your application. Any missing information will delay the process.

1. Fill in the included application completely.
2. Include a written recommendation of sponsorship from an ODEC minister in good standing.
3. If you are applying for Deacon/Deaconess or Associate, please continue with Step 4. For all other applications, ask three other Ordained Ministers who have known you personally for at least 2 years to provide a confidential reference. The forms to be used are included in this package. Have your references return the forms directly to the name and address below.
4. Include copies of any current ordination, license, and / or appointment certificates.
5. Provide a current photograph of yourself.
6. At your own expense, have a criminal record check conducted within the six months prior to the date of your application.
7. Include a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 (cheque or money order made payable to Open Door Evangelistic Church Incorporated)

Please send all correspondence to: ODEC OFFICE
C/O Rev. Mark Kirkey
236 Mountain Laurel Cres, Kitchener, ON
N2E 4B6- Phone #519-741-3673

Upon receipt of all the requirements listed above, the ODEC Board of Directors will review the information. At a mutually convenient time and place, you will be required to attend an interview.

Thank you for your interest in The Open Door Evangelistic Church Incorporated.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. David McElrea
Secretary

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"Behold I set before thee an open door ..." Rev. 3:8

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Application for Membership

The Open Door Evangelistic Church Incorporated reserves the right to deny membership to any applicant for moral or theological reasons including non-heterosexual individuals.

Section A - Personal	
Name:	
Address:	
Postal Code:	Telephone: ()
Date of Birth: (dd/mmm/yy)	Place of Birth:
Marital Status:	
Are you now or have you ever been divorced?	
Name of Spouse (if applicable):	
Does your spouse agree with your request for membership?	

I am applying for: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordination <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon/Deaconess <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist <input type="checkbox"/> Prison Worker
Please note that The Open Door Evangelistic Church Incorporated will not consider the ordination of an individual unless he/she has been licensed for at least one year with O.D.E.C., or is transferring ordination credentials from another recognized organization.

Section B - Occupation
Employment or Business:
Business Address:
Business Phone:

Section C - Education
Elementary and Secondary Schools: (list grade completed and diplomas)
Bible College, Seminary, or Special Bible Courses: (list certificates and degrees)
Other Professional or Business Education:

Section D – Ministry Experience

Are you engaged in full time or part time ministry?

Are you presently supported by Christian work?

What Christian work are you presently engaged in?

What area(s) of ministry do you feel God is leading you into?

Have you ever been an appointed, licensed or ordained minister?

Specify:

Have you ever been refused membership or ordination by an organization?

If so, why?

Have you ever received disciplinary action from any organization?

If so, please give reasons:

Section E – Personal Commitment

Have you been born again according to John 3:3?

When?

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide

- a. an account of your conversion and call to Christian ministry.
- b. An explanation of your reason for desiring membership in O.D.E.C.
- c. A brief explanation of how you plan to fulfill your call to ministry.

Section F – Theological Issues

On a separate sheet of paper, briefly explain your understanding of the following doctrines:

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| a. Salvation/Conversion | b. Atonement |
| c. Justification | d. Sanctification |
| e. The Trinity | f. Deity of Christ |
| g. Virgin birth of Christ | h. The Bible |

On a separate sheet of paper, explain your understanding of I Corinthians 12: 7-11

Section G – Moral Issues

On a separate sheet of paper, briefly state your position on the following issues:

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| a. Alcohol | b. Non-prescription drugs |
| c. Homosexuality | d. Abortion |
| e. Marriage, divorce, remarriage | f. Gambling |
| g. Any other current moral issues that you think are important | |

Section H - Declarations

Have you thoroughly read our Charter and Articles of Faith?

Are you in complete agreement with these?

Do you understand that any violation of these is grounds for dismissal?

List any questions, concerns, or points you disagree with regarding O.D.E.C., our Charter or our Articles of Faith:

Will you make every effort to attend our annual meetings and any other gatherings the O.D.E.C. board deems beneficial to your growth?

Despite any differences of understanding of some biblical teachings, do you agree to emphasize the fundamental doctrines that unite us rather than divide us?

Do you agree that as a member of The Open Door Evangelistic Church Inc., you will not pursue legal action or sue the Corporation and/or its Executive or Committee members in matters concerning their official duties or as a result of disciplinary action deemed necessary according to the Bylaws and Policies of the Open Door Evangelistic Church?

Do you agree not to pursue legal action or sue the Corporation and/or its Executive if you are disqualified from holding credentials according to the Bylaws and Policies of the Open Door Evangelistic Church?

I declare that all the information given on this application is complete and true.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

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CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Please answer the following questions and check the personality rating section to the best of your knowledge. The information that you provide will be held in strict confidence. Please mail the completed form to:

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236 Mountain Laurel Cr
Kitchener, ON N2E4B6

1. How long have you known the applicant? <p style="text-align: right;">() years () months</p>
2. How well do you know the applicant?
3. In what context do you know the applicant?
4. Please give what information you can regarding their family life.
5. Please give what information you can regarding the applicant's church, social and business life.
6. How does the applicant respond to authority?
7. How does the applicant work with others?
8. Do you feel that the applicant has a call to Christian ministry?
9. What do you consider the applicant's weak points?
10. Do you have any concerns regarding the applicant's moral life?
11. Would you recommend the applicant to be considered by O.D.E.C.?

12. Please indicate by a check (✓) your evaluation of the applicant in the following categories:

Spiritual Life:

- No interest in spiritual growth
- Small evidence of spiritual growth
- Average spirituality
- Shows growth and Christian lifestyle
- Deeply spiritual
- Do not know

Purposefulness:

- Aimless trifter
- Vacillating in purpose
- Average potential
- Self-directed
- Strives to realize well-formed purpose
- Do not know

Initiative:

- Requires constant oversight
- Succeeds if always directed
- Average occasional initiative
- Show good initiative
- Actively creative
- Do not know

Industry:

- Needs constant prodding
- Needs occasional prodding
- Performs assigned tasks
- Exceeds what is required
- Seeks additional work
- Do not know

Influence on Others:

- Detrimental influence
- Passive, no positive influence
- Varying influence
- Consistently good influence
- Unusually wholesome influence
- Do not know

Acceptance by Others:

- Avoided by others
- Just tolerated by others
- Liked by others
- Well-liked by others
- Sought after by others
- Do not know

Responsibility:

- Irresponsible
- Shows some responsibility
- Usually reliable
- Conscientiously reliable
- Capable of much responsibility
- Do not know

Leadership:

- Always a follower
- Tries, but usually fails at leadership
- Assumes occasional leadership
- Good leadership
- Inspiring and successful leadership
- Do not know

Emotional qualities:

- Too emotional
- Excitable
- Apathetic
- Unresponsive
- Usually well-balanced
- Consistently well-balanced
- Of unusual emotional stability
- Do not know

13. Any further remarks concerning the applicant's spirituality, cooperativeness, tactfulness, good judgment, ethics, and integrity will be appreciated. (If space is not sufficient, please use another sheet of paper.)

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Position / Occupation _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you!