

VLN APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Completed and signed VLN Membership Application
- Current color photo (headshot) of yourself (mail with application or email)
- Pastoral Recommendation form submitted to VLN by your Pastor
- VLN Member or Personal Recommendation form submitted to VLN by the VLN member or personal reference
- Non-refundable Application Fee (see chart below)
- Mail, email, or fax your completed application to VLN (contact information listed at bottom of page)

Membership Level/Credential	Application Fee due now	Annual Renewal Fee due January 1
Certified Member	\$25	\$25
Licensed Minister	\$75	\$75
Ordained Minister	\$75	\$75

VLN MEMBERSHIP / CREDENTIALS INFORMATION

GENERAL CREDENTIAL GUIDELINES

All applicants should meet each of these five criteria, unless waived by the VLN Committee:

- Calling:** There should be evidence of a *call* to ministry (Acts 13:2).
- Training:** There should be *training* and graduation from a recognized Christian university, seminary, Bible school, or other vocationally-appropriate curriculum (II Timothy 2:15).
*Equivalent, documentable on-the-job or life-experience training may be considered
- Affirmation of Others:** There should be strong *affirmation of call and character from other Christian leaders*. (II Timothy 1:18).
- Fruit:** There should be evidence of ministry *fruit*, demonstrating the call and anointing of God to a particular ministry (Matthew 12:33).
- Character:** There should be evidence of *character* in harmony with the standards laid down in scripture for Christian leadership (II Timothy 3:1-13).

SPECIFIC CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Type of Credential	Description	Requirements			
		Age	Education	Experience or Internship	Years of Service
Certified Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving in any role in a church or para-church ministry i.e. school teachers, prison ministry, helps, administration, marketplace ministry, etc. 	18	6 months	3 months	3 months
Licensed Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving in a part or fulltime ministry/pastoral role Issued to ministers who are serving under the ministry of a local church or para-church ministry and/or to ministers who are moving towards ordination. i.e. pastors, evangelists, teachers, missionaries, helps, administration, marketplace ministry, etc. 	20	2 years	2 years	6 months
Ordained Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 1 full year as a Licensed Minister with VLN or an approved licensing organization Serving in a fulltime ministry/pastoral role Issued to ministers with a qualified fulltime call that is transferable between ministries and congregations to lifetime service in the Kingdom. i.e. pastors, evangelists, teachers, missionaries 	22	2 years	3 years	2 years