

DENOMINATIONAL CHART

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The Denominational Chart is intended to serve as a useful tool - a launching point - for our students in their denominational search. It contains general information, categorized by topics that seem to matter most to our students in their selection process: church polity, theology, stance on women in leadership, and view on baptism.

The denominations listed in this Chart reflect the top-represented denominations from the Gordon-Conwell student body. Omission of any particular denomination does not reflect a negative view on the part of the seminary, nor does inclusion in this chart reflect our endorsement. Also, the descriptions and categorizations are written from a general evangelical stance, and do not connote their official endorsement by the respective denomination.

The Mentored Ministry Department welcomes any clarifications, updates or corrections from knowledgeable readers or denominational representatives to improve the accuracy of this Chart. We also reserve the right to decide whether the proposed changes should be adopted. Most of all, we hope and pray that this Chart will be of genuine help to our students as they seek God’s direction for their lives and ministry.

Denomination	Polity	Theological Distinctives (Liberal; Mixed; Conservative, Reformed; Charismatic; Pentecostal	Gender* (Egalitarian or Complementarian)	Baptism* (Pedo/Covenant, Credo/Believers, Both)	Other Distinctives & Education Requirements	Local/Regional Contact Information

DEFINITIONS:

Polity: Congregational = major decisions affecting the local church (including ordination) are made by the congregation.

Episcopal = major decisions affecting the local church are made by the denominational leadership; ordination approved by bishops.

Presbyterian = major decisions affecting the local church are made by the ruling elders; ordination approved by presbytery.

Theology: Categorizations of these distinctives are taken from a centrist Evangelical perspective. The terms “Conservative,” “Charismatic,” and “Pentecostal” carry the assumption that these denominations are also Evangelical.

Gender: Complementarian* = the view that women may not be ordained nor have leadership positions over men.

Egalitarian* = the view that women may be ordained and/or have leadership positions over men.

(*There are modifications and variations on each of these positions. Also, please note that in certain denominations, particularly with a congregational system of polity, the emphasis or practice of a given view might vary from congregation to congregation.)

Baptism: Pedo/Covenant = infant baptism practiced, along with adult convert baptism.

Credo/Believers = believer-baptism only.

<p>Acts 29</p>	<p>Association of church plants [Churches can be independent or other-denominationally affiliated]</p>	<p>Reformed Evangelical Missional</p>	<p>Complementarian (but slight variations within individual churches and their denominations)</p> <p>May need a theological degree to work at an Acts 29 church depending on the position, but not with the church planting organization.</p>	<p>Depends on the congregation</p>	<p>A trans-denominational peer to peer network of missional church planting churches.</p> <p>800 member churches worldwide.</p> <p>https://www.acts29.com/about-us/distinctives/</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> Depends on the “sending” denomination from which the candidate originates (see <i>Reciprocity</i>)</p> <p>Does not need one for the Acts 29 organization, but may need a theological degree for a position at an Acts 29 church.</p>	<p>www.acts29network.org Brian Howard, President info@acts29network.org Acts 29 Network 23052 Alicia PKWY, Suite H #621 Mission Viejo, CA 92692 North Atlantic Region Email: David.Pinckney@acts29.com</p>
<p>Advent Christian</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative/ Reformed</p>	<p>Generally Egalitarian but varies by congregation</p>	<p>Credo with immersion</p>	<p>Fellowship vs. denomination; soul sleep & destruction of wicked. ~ 270 churches, 14,000 members in US.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> M Div.</p>	<p>Dr. Gordon Isaac, Prof. of Advent Christian Studies, GCTS 978-646-4099 www.adventchristian.org</p> <p>Justin Nash Executive Director</p> <p>PO Box 690848 14601 Albermarle, Rd. Charlotte, NC 28227 jnash@acgc.us 704-545-6161 (ext. 201) www.acgc.us</p>

African Methodist Episcopal	Episcopal Governance Methodist Doctrine	Mixed Conservative	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant	<p>African-American.</p> <p>Within US: ~4000 churches, 2.5 million members; worldwide: 12,000 churches, 7.5 million members.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> M Div., for those who want to serve as full-time pastors, i.e., “itinerants,” beyond their local home congregation.</p> <p>☐ Those who wish only to serve at the local level are not required to complete an M Div. But they must still complete the AME’s 5-year “Institute” education program.</p>	www.ame-church.com First Episcopal District: Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram 3801 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 215-662-0506
All Nations Church Network	Episcopal	Conservative Charismatic	Complementarian	Credo-Believers	Six churches, Texas, Wisconsin, Colorado, Wyoming	https://brandonhoneycutt.wordpress.com/all-nations-church-network Bishop Brandon Honeycutt
American Baptist-USA	Congregational	Mixed Liberal/Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	~5800 churches, 1.5 million members in US.	www.abc-usa.org TABCOM Rev. Mary Day Miller, Supt. 20 Milton Street Dedham, MA 02026 781-320-8100

					<p><u>Education Requirements:</u> M Div.</p> <p>Must have completed a course in professional ethics offered either by a seminary or by TABCOM.</p> <p>☐ The candidate will have a functional knowledge of American Baptist history and polity. This normally can be satisfied by a seminary level course on both the history and polity of American Baptists or by a course developed and approved by TABCOM.</p>	<p>miller@tabcom.org www.tabcom.org</p>
<p>Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)</p>	Episcopal	Conservative	Complementarian (Egalitarian as local option)	Pedo-Covenant	<p>1062 churches, 134,000 members in US, Canada, and Mexico</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> M.Div. or, in consultation with the bishop, another equivalent theological degree.</p>	<p>www.anglicanchurch.net The Rt. Rev. William Murdoch, Bishop 978-388-0009 www.allsaintsamesbury.org Asst. to the Bishop, The Venerable Donald Roberts droboterts@allsaintsamesbury.org</p>

					<p>□ Beyond the M.Div., coursework in Anglican Studies (theology, history, polity, liturgics) may be required. Such courses may be offered at the ACNA's seminary (Trinity), or else taken through St. Aidan's institute in Amesbury.</p>	
Assemblies of God	Congregational	Conservative Charismatic	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	<p>Pentecostal</p> <p>Within US: 12,850 churches, 3.1 million members; worldwide: 67 million members.</p> <p>Northeast MA Presbyter: Randal E. Smith, randal.e.smith@verizon.net; 10 Baltimore Street Lynn, MA 01904 tel: 781.599.6045 fax: 781.599.3325 cell: 781.632.5810</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> For Ordained ministers, an M Div. (or an equivalent theological degree) though not required is greatly respected and would fulfill the theological education requirements for licensing and ordination.</p>	<p>www.ag.org Southern New England Offices Superintendent Rev. Nick Fatato nick@snemn.com www.snedag.org; Assistant Superintendent Rev. Timothy P. Schmidt tschmidt@calvarychristian.church PO Box 535 Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-248-3711</p> <p>←</p>

					<p>☐ Candidates who seek licensing and ordination for ministry without an M Div. may attend the AOG's school of ministry, a non-accredited institution which prepares prospective ministers for ministry within the AOG.</p> <p>In order to pass the ordination examination, however, candidates who receive an M Div. from an outside institution may need additional coursework or study on AOG history and polity. This can be provided at their school of ministry.</p>	
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenantal	<p>Cessationist</p> <p>~280 churches, 30,500 members in US.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> M Div.</p>	<p>www.arpchurch.org Roger Wiles, Exec. Dir. rwiles@arpsynod.org 918 S. Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 232-8297 Outreach North America 1 Cleveland St., Ste. 110 Greenville, SC 29601</p>

						864-232-8297 www.outreachnorthamerica.org
Baptist Bible Fellowship, Intl.	<p>A fellowship of pastors, and by extension, a network of preachers, churches, missionaries, and educational institutions worldwide, affiliated for the purpose of church planting and sharing the truth of the Word of God.</p> <p>Participation in the Baptist Bible Fellowship International is open to any Baptist pastor of a supporting Baptist church believing in and adhering to the Word of God, on the basis of the BBFI Articles of Faith.</p> <p>The institutions of the BBFI include a Mission Office (a missionary support and service center), the National Church Planting Office (for the enlisting, supporting, and training of church planters), Baptist Bible College (Springfield, MO), Boston Baptist College (Boston, MA), and the Baptist Bible Tribune (the magazine of the BBFI).</p> <p>In North America, ~ 4,500 congregations, 1.2 million members; worldwide, an additional 10,000 churches.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> Some theological training such a Bible college or seminary. At least a theological bachelor's degree.</p>					http://www.bbf.org BBFI Headquarters: 720 E. Kearney St Springfield, MO 65803 417-862-5001 Fax: 417-865-0794 info@bbfi.org
Bible Fellowship Church	Presbyterian	Conservative; Reformed	Complementarian (but women can be deacons)	Credo-Believers	Calvinist; Premillennial 65 churches, 7627 members in US. <u>Education Requirements:</u> M Div. 3 years of theological training or its approved equivalent.	www.bfc.org Robert A. Sloan 1011 Brookside Rd., Suite 145, Allentown PA, 18106 610—398-8776 bfc@bfc.org

Brethren in Christ	Episcopalian	Mixed Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	<p>Anabaptist; affiliated w/Mennonite Central Committee.</p> <p>~250 churches, 20,700 members in US.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> M. Div</p>	<p>National director: Alan Robinson</p> <p>General Questions: bichr@bicus.org</p> <p>www.bicus.org</p>
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<p>Calvary Chapel</p>	<p>"Moses model"</p>	<p>Charismatic</p>	<p>Complementarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>Pre-Mill/Pre-Trib</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> The minimum education required is a high school diploma. Calvary Chapel pastors range in education from high school to college to Masters in Divinity. There is no hard and fast rule when it comes to theological education. Calvary Chapel is more concerned with the evidence of ministry calling and competence - demonstrated in the life of the candidate in their local context - than in their particular theological training.</p> <p>□ That said, those who intern, join staff, and move toward ordination are generally encouraged to pursue what training they can according to what is available to them. This may include a Calvary Chapel Bible school or a seminary (CC does not have their own seminary at this time).</p>	<p>http://calvarycca.org/ Region Leader: Pastor Joe Focht, Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia jmfocht@ccphilly.org 215-969-1520</p>
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<p>Charis Fellowship (formerly “Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches”)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Practicing Complementarian but allows ordained women deacons</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>Church planting arm: <i>GROW New England</i> Within US: 260 churches, 30,000 members; worldwide: 600,000 members.</p>	<p>http://charisfellowship.us/ Jack Brown, pastor & <i>GROW New England</i> rep. North Shore Bible Church Essex, MA northshorebible@gmail.com</p>
<p>Charismatic Episcopal</p>	<p>Episcopal</p>	<p>Conservative & Charismatic</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Pedo-Covenant</p>	<p>Emphasis on theology as an intellectual assent as well as a living experience with the holy Trinity.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> An M Div. From GCTS is very highly regarded. Additional courses in denominational history and polity would be required.</p> <p>□ Those who have a BA in Biblical studies or another kind of theological MA may be required to take additional courses, according to their transcript, but not necessarily.</p> <p>The CEC operates an internet-based, non-accredited seminary which offers all required coursework, including their own MAs.</p>	<p>Diocese of the Northeast: www.cec-na.org Bishop Gregory Ortiz greg@cechome.com 845-256-8480 Cell: 845-527-7844</p>

Christ Church Fellowship	Congregational	Conservative & Charismatic	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Fellowship that connects churches and promotes unity in the body. Planting and connecting churches	https://christchurchfellowship.weebly.com/ Monique LeMaire, Minister and Overseer 1676 East Main Rd, Suite 3 Portsmouth, R.I. 02871 (401)619-2221
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<p>Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA)</p>	<p>Presbyterian</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Mixed Complementarian. Women may be ordained and serve in all pastoral capacities <i>except</i> lead pastor (since elders are required to be men and lead pastors are required to be elders)</p>	<p>Credo-Believers with immersion</p>	<p>Emphasis on healing ministry; Missions-focused; Pre-Millennial eschatology.</p> <p>Within US: 2,000 churches, 430,000 members; worldwide: 4 million members.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> A master's degree is not required, although it is encouraged. The C&MA requires at least 30 credit hours, at the college level or above, in Bible, Theology, Missions, or Ministry-related courses. They need to have this before they can even apply for accreditation and have their name stand in one of their churches.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Most ministers choose to go on to get their master's degree or some other equivalent training eventually, but it's not required.</p>	<p>www.cmalliance.org District Office & Superintendent: http://www.alliancenenewengland.org Rev. Tom Flanders PO Box 288</p> <p>South Easton, MA 02375 office@alliancenenewengland.org 508-238-3820 Fax: 508-238-4454</p>
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<p>Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative; non- denominational association</p>	<p>Complementarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers with Baptismal Regeneration</p>	<p>Origin: Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement. <i>a capella</i> worship</p> <p>Within US: 43,000 churches, 1.3 million members; worldwide: 2 million members.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> There are no specific educational requirements. Generally, however, a congregation is going to ordain someone they know who has been to a well- known or favored seminary or Christian college. <input type="checkbox"/> Typically only men are ordained.</p>	<p>http://church-of-christ.org/ Restoration House Ministries (church planting) 1300 Wellington Road Manchester, NH 03104 603-668-8808 Fax: 603-644-4991 http://rhmnewengland.org Executive Director: Eric Lee, eric@rhmnewengland.org</p>
<p>Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Mixed</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Credo- Believers with immersion</p>	<p>Origin: Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement</p> <p>~3,600 churches, 625,000 members in US.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> An M Div. is the standard level of preparation. Additional courses in denominational history and polity will be required. Seminarians who are "under care" may be eligible for scholarships from the General Region</p>	<p>www.disciples.org https://www.discipleshomeissions.org/dhm/clergy/christian- vocation-search-call/ General Region: Warren Lynn, Executive Minister for Christian Vocations wlynn@dhm.disciples.org 317-713-2652 Northeast Region https://www.northeasternccdoc .com/ The Rev. Mary-Ann Glover Magglover1@aol.com 440-371-2913</p>

<p>Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME)</p>	<p>Episcopal</p>	<p>Mixed</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Both Credo and Pedo</p>	<p>Historically African-American.</p> <p>~3,500 churches, 850,000 – 1 million members in US.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> There are 4 CME related colleges, Lane College (Jackson, TN), Miles College (Birmingham, AL), Paine College (Augusta, GA) and Texas College (Tyler, TX). There is also a CME sponsored seminary: Phillips School of Theology, which is an affiliate member of the Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta, GA).</p>	<p>http://www.thecmechurch.org Executive Secretary: Dr. Jeanette L. Bouknight 313-861-1274 cmeexecutivesecretary3@yahoo.com</p>
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<p>Christian Reformed (CRC)</p>	<p>Presbyterian</p>	<p>Conservative; Covenantal; Evangelical; Reformed</p>	<p>Either, depending on Classis (area/region)</p>	<p>Pedo-Covenant</p>	<p>Calvin College & Theo. Seminary; middle of the Reformed spectrum.</p> <p>~1090 churches, 245,000 members in US.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> The preferred route for ordination is an M Div. degree from Calvin Theological Seminary.</p> <p>□ M Div. Graduates from other seminaries must enroll in the Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidacy (EPMC) which will require 5 classes, a total of 11 hours of residential or distance coursework in CRC history, polity, hermeneutics, and creeds/confessions. These Calvin classes may be taken “distance” during the candidate’s M Div., - either as electives or substituting for classes in the other seminary’s core.</p> <p>A student must have six credit hours each of Biblical Hebrew and Greek, as well as one additional class for each language applying it to the Biblical text. Otherwise they must take the requisite courses at Calvin College or Seminary.</p> <p>□ Those who acquire an M Div. yet do not have an undergraduate degree in the liberal arts will be required to consult the CRC to determine a personal learning plan to make up for the lack of exposure.</p>	<p>www.crcna.org Rev. Jim Osterhouse, home missions osterhoj@crcna.org;</p>
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<p>Church of God in Christ</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Pentecostal Conservative</p>	<p>Complementarian, although women may be licensed to preach</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>African American; outreach, evangelism & missions-minded</p> <p>Within US: 12,000 churches; worldwide: 15,000 churches, 6 – 8 million members.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> Having received his license, the COGIC does not require the candidate to go to seminary for an M Div., though they are welcome to pursue such education should they desire it.</p> <p>□ Regardless of whether the candidate pursues an M Div. at an accredited school, they will be required to take courses at the COGIC area Bible College, as well as go through the 11- unit series of courses before the board of ordination</p>	<p>http://www.cogic.org</p>
<p>Churches of God, Gen. Conf. (CGGC)</p>	<p>Presbyterian</p>	<p>Adventist heritage; Conservative</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>Winebrenner Theo. Seminary; Travis Jarrett NewSong Comm. Ch. 65 Power Rd., Westford, MA 978.799.1125 travis@newsongs.org www.newsongs.org</p> <p>~320 churches, 32,700 members in US.</p>	<p>www.cggc.org Eastern Regional Conference 900 S Arlington Ave Suite #120B Harrisburg PA 17109 717-652-0255 info@ercog.org</p>

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<p>Church of God of Prophecy</p>	<p>Episcopal</p>	<p>Pentecostal</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>Strong Latino demographic in North America, as well a strong presence in Central America and parts of French Speaking Africa.</p> <p>Within US: 1,850 churches 89,700 members; worldwide: 1.5 million members.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> Those who become lay ministers must enroll in a foundations course which incorporates history, polity, and theology pertinent to the COGP. This course, which is done independently, is comprised of four classes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Formal theological education at the seminary level is not required, nor is high school or college education required. However, high school, college, and graduate level training in ministry and theology is highly encouraged amongst younger ministers these days, as is continuing education for current ministers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A candidate for ministry could receive his seminary training before he is ordained or after. There is no clear cut requirement.</p>	<p>www.cogop.org NE Region: Cervin McKinnon New York 518-489-0753 Email: bishopmck@nercogop.org</p>
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<p>Church of the Brethren</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Anabaptist/Pietist Mix</p>	<p>Egalitarian, varies by congregation</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>Triune immersion baptism, lovefeast http://www.brethren.org/about/beliefs.html ~1000 churches, 12,300 members in US.</p>	<p>www.brethren.org Atlantic Northeast District Pete Kontra, district executive 500 E. Cedar St. Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2516 phone: 717-367-4730 fax: 717-367-8737 e-mail: pkontra@ane-cob.org</p>
<p>Church of the Nazarene</p>	<p>Episcopal</p>	<p>Wesleyan/Holiness</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Pedo-Covenantal</p>	<p>Christian Holiness, Emphasis on Missions Within US: 5,000 churches, 650,000 members; worldwide: 29,000 churches, 2.2 million members. <u>Education Requirements:</u> M Div. – although the candidate will also need to complete additional coursework studying the holiness tradition, Nazarene history and polity, and the theology of “a second work of grace.”</p>	<p>www.nazarene.org Rev. Mr. Kim Richardson Beverly Church of the Nazarene; 978-927-2314</p>

<p>Conservative Baptist "CBAmerica" (CBA)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Complementarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>A Church-Centered Network of Regional Church Associations</p> <p>~1,200 churches, 200,000 members in US.</p> <p>Education Requirements: Seminary degree Not necessarily needed but valued or preferred.</p>	<p>www.cbamerica.org Rev. David Forsythe Lead Area Direction Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 978-423-0340 missionnortheast.org</p>
<p>Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Either, depending on local congregation</p>	<p>Both Credo and Pedo</p>	<p>NEX [New England Multiplication] is the church planting arm: jpaul@freechristian.org, 978.475.9500 (x102)</p> <p>~315 churches, 42,000 members in US.</p> <p>Education Requirements: Either a diploma from a Bible institute, formal education, or Christian service. A seminary degree is desirable.</p>	<p>www.ccccusa.com Rev. Paul McPheeters Northeast Regional Minister paulmcp22@gmail.com 781- 420-3355</p>

<p>Converge (formerly Baptist General Conference: BGC)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Either, depending on local congregation</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>~1250 churches, 300,000 members in US.</p> <p>Education Requirements: A Seminary degree is not required by the denomination. Education requirements are up to each individual congregation.</p>	<p>www.convergeworldwide.org www.convergenortheast.org Northeast District Executive Minister: Tim Ponzani tim@convergenortheast.org 978-396-0185 150 Cook Hill Road Cheshire, CT 06410</p>
<p>Cumberland Presbyterian</p>	<p>Presbyterian</p>	<p>Reformed; some congregations charismatic</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Both Credo and Pedo</p>	<p>In church planting mode for New England. (African- American sister denomination is Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.) Founded Memphis Theological Seminary</p> <p>~700 churches, 74,800 members in US.</p>	<p>http://www.cumberland.org World HQ: Cumberland Presbyterian Center, 8207 Traditional Place, Cordova, TN 38016 901-276-4572 Fax: 901-276-3913 assembly@cumberland.org Dr. Michael Qualls, Dir. of Alternate Studies 901-239-5674 mqualls@memphisseminary.edu</p>
<p>A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)</p>	<p>Presbyterian</p>	<p>Reformed</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Pedo-Covenant</p>	<p>~390 churches. Many churches that left the PCUSA have joined ECO over the past seven years.</p>	<p>Regional Representative: Dr. Jeff Ebert Senior Pastor of The Presbyterian Church at New Providence, 1307 Springfield Ave. New Providence, NJ 07974 855-326-3268 office@eco-pres.org www.eco-pres.org</p>

Episcopal Church (ECUSA)	Episcopal	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant	Pro homosexual ordination	http://ecusa.anglican.org www.diomass.org Diocese of Massachusetts: Bishop M. Thomas Shaw
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				<p>~6,800 churches, 2 million baptized members.</p> <p>Education Requirements: M Div. Students who attend non-episcopal seminaries are required to tailor their electives toward coursework which is relevant to the episcopal context and ordination exam, e.g. liturgics, prayer book, polity, English Reformation history, and so on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> It is highly recommended that students at non-episcopal schools seek out an episcopal advisor who can coach them through their learning needs. Individual learning plans can be constructed to meet ministry and ordination exam requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> There are also required certificate courses in anti-racism, Safe Church, and Church Discipline. 	<p>138 Tremont St., Boston 02111 jdrapeau@diomass.org 617-482-4826</p>
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<p>The Evangelical Christian Church in Canada</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>Roots found in the Christian [Disciples] Church 1804</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> Candidates must have at least a college degree or a Christian college degree. Candidates are strongly encouraged to continue their education to at least the master's level. The type of master's depends on their field, e.g. divinity, theology, church history, or mission.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All degrees are important to the association. They see a changing society in which it's no longer just about the pastorate. The ECCC has professors in various universities, counselors, missionary medical doctors, and marketplace ministers.</p>	<p>www.eccincanada.com Central Office 410-425 Lincoln Road Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2N9 519-880-9110 Bishop: Dr. D. Lavigne</p>
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<p>Evangelical Covenant (ECC)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Mixed/ Conservative</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Both (pastor must teach & perform both)</p>	<p>North Park Seminary; Pietist tradition; variety of styles/practices</p> <p>Within US: 820 churches, 124,700 to 160,000 members; 72 churches on the east; worldwide: 278,000 members.</p> <p>Degree Requirements: Must have a master of divinity degree from an ATS accredited seminary. Must complete a year of residency at North Park Theological Seminary.</p>	<p>www.covchurch.org East Coast Conference Superintendent Rev. Howard Burgoyne, Assoc. Supt. Howard.Burgoyne@gmail.com 52 Missionary Road Cromwell, CT 06416 860-635-2691 www.eastcoastconf.org</p>
<p>Evangelical Free Church (EFCA)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Complementarian</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; church planting 1321 churches in the United States</p> <p>Education Requirements: An MDiv is desirable but not required to seek credentialing. Ordination is now as much knowledge-based as education-based. If a seminary student is interested in begin ordained with the EFCA they should contact the local District Superintendent for support and guidance.</p>	<p>www.efca.org Sam Huggard 603-724-5909 ds@efcneda.org Ves Sheely, N.E. Supt. 860-678-1014</p>

<p>Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)</p>	<p>Episcopal</p>	<p>Mixed/Liberal</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Pedo-Covenant</p>	<p>In communion w/RCA, PCUSA, UCC, ECUSA, the Moravian Church in North America, and UMC.</p> <p>~9,300 churches, 3.7 million baptized members.</p>	<p>www.elca.org</p> <p>To serve as a rostered minister, contact the Candidacy committee for <u>your local synod.</u></p> <p>Candidacy resources:</p>
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					<p>Education Requirements: In most cases, the MDiv. is required. The only exceptions are for people of color, non-English speaking candidates, those of a certain age, or those of an indigenous community – for which there is a special, alternative program.</p>	http://elca.org/Our-Work/Leadership/Vocation-Become-a-Leader/Candidacy
Evangelical Methodist	Presbyterian	Conservative	Complementarian (however, women may receive local preachers License)	Credo-Believers	<p>Wesleyan, holiness</p> <p>Within US: 110 churches, 7,500 members; worldwide: 215 churches, 15,000 members.</p>	http://emchurch.org North American Conference, USA District: P. O. Box 17070 Indianapolis, IN 46217 317-780-8017 Fax: 317-780-8078
Evangelical Presbyterian (EPC)	Presbyterian	Conservative	Either, depending on local congregation	Pedo-Covenant	<p>Within US, 550 churches, 150,000 members.</p>	www.epc.org www.epceast.org Regional Presbytery: Ronald Meyer, Stated Clerk 703-356-4560 rmeyer@4thPres.org Local: Rev. David Cook Northpoint EPC Danvers, MA 978-595-1133 www.northpointepc.org

<p>Foursquare Gospel [International Church of the Foursquare Gospel]</p>	<p>“Modified” Episcopal</p>	<p>Pentecostal</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>	<p>Within US: 1620 churches, 243,400 members; worldwide: 66,000 churches, 8 million members. <u>Education Requirements:</u> No graduate degree required, but is encouraged. However, every candidate must take at some point must take the online Foursquare Polity Course (comparable to one 3-credit college level course).</p>	<p>Rev. Peter Bonanno Northeast/Atlantic District Supervisor pbonanno@foursquare.org neatlantic@foursquare.org 5111 Pegasus Ct., Suite E. Frederick, MD 21704 301-284-0177 www.foursquare.org</p>
	<p>Congregational</p>		<p>Complementarian</p>	<p>Credo-Believers</p>		<p>http://www.garbc.org</p>

General Assn. of Regular Baptists (GARB)		Conservative Fundamentalist			1,200 churches in North America and roughly 10,000 in the international partnership of churches.	National Representative: Mike Hess mhess@garbc.org Denominational office number:1-888-588-1600
Global Methodist Church	Theological Distinctives (Liberal; Mixed; Conservative, Reformed; Charismatic; Pentecostal)	Mixed	Egalitarian	Other Distinctives Both Pedo and Credo-Believers		Website: Methodist Newsletter Church Global Methodist Church Phone: 540-898-4960 Transitional Connection Officer: Walter Fenton mailto:wfenton@globalmethodist.org Closest state Elder: Rev. Steven Taylor
Independent Bible Churches						Local regional contact info
International Council of Community Churches	Congregational	Reformed-Mixed	Egalitarian		~137 churches, 693,000 members in US. - Ecumenical – Protestants and Independent Catholics	www.iccusa.com Rev. Michael Livingston, Executive Director 21116 Washington Parkway Frankfort, Illinois 60423 Email: iccml@sbcglobal.net (815)464-5690 (815)464-5692 Fax

Korean Evangelical Holiness	Episcopal	Pentecostal	Complementarian	Credo-Believers	Estimated 4 million congregants in north America	Timothy Bell, Regional Director Shipperville, PA 814-797-2088 timbell@csonline.net
Korean-American Presbyterian (KAPC)	Presbyterian	Conservative-Mixed	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Korean- American; member of North American Presbyterian & Reformed Council ~600 churches, 70,000 members in US.	www.kapc.org
Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad (formerly Korean Presbyterian Church in America)	Presbyterian	Reformed Moderate	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Worldwide: 21 presbyteries, 462 churches and 90,716 members.	www.kpca.org (Korean) www.kpcaep.org (English)
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod	Presbyterian (but Congregational in many functions)	Conservative	Complementarian	Both	*“concordia” = walking together ~6140 churches, 2.1 million baptized members.	www.lcms.org New England District: Rev. Tim Yeadon 400 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA 01109 info@ned-lcms.org http://ned-lcms.org/ 413-783-0131
Mennonite	Congregational	Mixed	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	~875 churches, 95,000 members in US. Education Requirements: □ While the majority of Mennonite ministers have gone through seminary, this is not necessarily a requirement for ordination. □ the core educational competencies expected of Mennonite ministers include	www.mennoniteusa.org Mennonite Conference Center 215-723-5513 info@easterndistrict.org

					courses on Anabaptist history and theology, which may or may not be available at a particular seminary. In this case the candidate would need to work with the MC USA to find means to satisfy these requirements.	
Moravian	Presbyterian	Mixed	Egalitarian	Both Pedo & Credo	Within US: 147 churches, 36,500 members; worldwide: 1,000 churches, 750,000-1 million members.	www.moravian.org Rev. Gary Straughan President of Eastern District 800-732-0591

						gary@mcnp.org or edeb@mcnp.org
National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. (NBCA)	Historically African-American; initial roots from the organization of the Foreign Mission Baptist Convention of the US. Missions & publishing focus. Owns NBCA Press (Natl. Baptist Publishing Board). ~1.5 million members in US.				www.nbcainc.com National Headquarters: National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. 777 S R L Thornton Fwy. Suite # 210 Dallas, Texas 75203 https://nbcainc.com/ info@nbcainc.com 214-942-3311	
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (NBC)	Congregational	Mixed Conservative (Does not prescribe nor exercise administrative or doctrinal control over any of its membership)	Either, depending on local congregation	Credo-Believers	Historically African-American The NBC college is American Baptist College (also previously known as American Baptist Theological Seminary or ABTS) in Nashville. Focus on theology & social justice. Within US: 9,000 churches, 5 million members; worldwide: 31,000 churches, 7.5 million members. Education Requirements: Individual churches decide what educational requirements will be needed based on the position. However, a seminary education is	www.nationalbaptist.com National Headquarters 1700 Baptist World Center Dr. Nashville, TN 37207 615-228-6292 United Baptist Convention of MA/RI/NH: Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Hilson 2 Joffre Terrace Portsmouth, NH 03801 603-433-7343 Email: revhiso@aol.com

					desirable. The greatest requirements are proven ministry in a local church.	
National Assn. of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC)	Congregational	Mixed	Either, depending on local congregation	Either or both – depending on congregation	~350 churches, 65,000 members in US.	www.naccc.org/ National Office: Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director 8473 South Howell Avenue PO Box 288

						Oak Creek, WI 53154-0288 414-764-1620 Fax: 414-764-0319 Email: naccc@naccc.org
Orthodox Presbyterian (OPC)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo- Covenantal	Member of N. American Presbyterian & Reformed Council and the Intl. Council of Reformed Churches; Cessationist ~300 churches, 30,000 members in US.	www.opc.org The Orthodox Presbyterian Church Box P Willow Grove, PA 19090- 0920 215/830-0900
Plymouth Brethren	Congregational	Mixed/ Conservative	Complementarian	Credo- Believers	Separatist ~1,100 churches, 86,000 members in US.	www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org USA/ Canda Telephone: + 1877 - 790 - 7222
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo- Covenantal	Cessationist 1,700 churches, 330,00 members in US.	www.pcanet.org 1700 North Brown Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 Telephone: 678-825-1000 Fax: 678-825-1001 Email: ac@pcanet.org
Presbyterian Church in the USA (PCUSA)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo- Covenantal	In communion w/RCA, ELCA & UCC; “ecumenical” ~9,800 churches, 1.6-2 million members in US.	www.pcusa.org The Presbytery of Southern New England Rev. Dana Lindsley, Exec. Presbyter danalindsley@psne.org 123 Elm Street, # 200, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 860- 388-0874

<p>Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Mixed Liberal</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Both</p>	<p>African American Civil rights & social justice emphasis</p> <p><u>Seminarian Development:</u> Rev. Charles Adams 313-475-4807</p> <p>Within US: 1,200 churches, 1.5 million members; worldwide: 740 churches, 2.5 million members.</p>	<p>www.pnbc.org Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Rev. Dr. James C. Perkins, President 601 - 50th Street, NE Washington, DC 20019 202-396-0558 or 800-876-7622 Fax: 202-398-4998 info@pnbc.org Eastern Regional Vice President: Dr. Louis B. Jones, II Pilgrim Baptist Church Washington, DC</p>
<p>Quaker: Evangelical Friends Church International (EFCI)</p>		<p>Conservative</p>	<p>No Clergy</p>	<p>Do not Baptize</p>	<p>Wesleyan and Arminian</p> <p>Within US, 280 churches, 38,400 members; worldwide, 1,100 churches, 140,000 members.</p> <p><u>Education Requirements:</u> At least an undergraduate degree is required before beginning the ordination process. An MDiv. is ideal, although it's not necessarily required in each case. The Friends do have an internship program that could work as an alternative to theological education.</p>	<p>www.evangelicalfriends.org Evangelical Friends Church International 5350 Broadmoor Cir., NW Canton, OH 44709 330-493-1660 Dave Arkadante? 336-259-5900 Dr. John P. Williams, Jr. – Eastern Region Rep. 330-493-1660 efcer@aol.com</p>

<p>Redeemer City to City</p>	<p>Association for church planting</p>	<p>Reformed Evangelical Missional</p>	<p>Complementarian</p>	<p>Varies by congregation</p>	<p>Does not ordain, but resources new church plants.</p> <p>Planted over 337 churches.</p> <p>Education Requirements: CTC leaves the distinctives of theological education to the sending denominations from which their church planters hail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ That said, CTC does require and encourage a special training course for its members (see discussion on process to the left) <p>CTC has also recently begun a program in cooperation with RTS in which participants can work toward a two-year MA in Biblical Studies. The program is designed to unfold while students are in residency in NYC and pursuing urban ministry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The first year is heavily academic and focuses on biblical studies, theology, and church history. The second year is a hands-on practical ministry program in which students engage in urban ministry. □ The program is open to students who already have an MA or M Div. as well <p>For more details visit: www.redeemercitycity.com/rcm</p>	<p>www.redeemercitycity.com</p>
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Reformed Church in America (RCA)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo- Covenantal	In communion w/ELCA, PCUSA & UCC; the more liberal of the Reformed	https://www.rca.org Reformed Church of America 4500 60th St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 616-698-7071
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					<p>denominations; “ecumenical”</p> <p>~850 churches, 240,000 members in US.</p> <p>Education Requirements: The candidate shall receive the degree of M Div.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a candidate receiving their M Div. from a seminary not officially recognized by the RCA, the General Synod through the board of trustees of the Ministerial Formation Certification Agency shall require the applicant to furnish, at the conclusion of seminary studies, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An M Div. degree or its equivalent from a seminary accredited by ATS or a theological accrediting agency of comparable standards. • A transcript of the applicant’s academic record at this seminary. <p>Evidence of confessing membership in a Reformed church of the classis making petition.</p>	<p>Fax: 616-698-6606 webservant@rca.org</p> <p>Cornelis Kors Executive Director, Ministerial Formation Certification Agency</p>
Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)	Congregational	Mixed	Egalitarian	Do not Baptize	<p>Estimated 35,000 churches in the USA</p> <p>Strong emphasis on “Faith in Action” and “Let your lives preach,” looked towards a simple primitive Christianity</p>	<p>www.evangelical-friends.org</p> <p>Dr. John P. Williams, Jr. – Eastern Region representative 330-493-1660</p>

<p>Salvation Army</p>	<p>Episcopal</p>	<p>Conservative</p>	<p>Egalitarian</p>	<p>Do not Baptize</p>	<p>Arminian; military organization & terminology “<i>Articles of War</i>”; strong hands-on ministry or help and mercy.</p> <p>Within US: 1,200 churches, 450,000 members; worldwide: 15,400 churches, 1.1 million members, 4.5 million volunteers.</p> <p><u>Education</u> Requirements: Those who have advanced theological degrees may be permitted to pass out of basic courses and components of the training school in favor of classes more suited to their level and ministry objectives. While</p>	<p>www.salvationarmyusa.org Lt. Colonels Fred & Barbara Van Brunt, Divisional Commanders 147 Berkeley St. Boston, MA 02116 617-542-5420 (operator)</p>
					<p>the training school is a crucial component of SA formation, the SA is willing to consider individual circumstances.</p> <p><u>Opportunities for Continuing Education</u> are available for SA ministers through Asbury College. Opportunities include bachelors or masters in fields such as ministry or non- profit management.</p>	

<p>Southern Baptist (SBC)</p>	<p>Congregational</p>	<p>Mixed/ Conservative</p>	<p>Either, depending on local congregation</p>	<p>Credo-Believers with Immersion</p>	<p>Dispensational 47,456 churches, 14.8 million members in US.</p>	<p>www.sbc.net Baptist Convention of New England Director: Terry Dorsett, tdorsett@bcne.net 508-393-6013, ext. 224 Boston Area Director: Sam Taylor, staylor@bcne.net, ext. 245</p>
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Sovereign Grace Ministries	Presbyterian	Conservative; Reformed; Charismatic	Complementarian	Credo with Immersion	Church planting, voluntary apostolic, relational oversight of local church networks. ~70 churches, 11,000-13,000 members in US.	www.sovereigngrace.com/ Bauer Evans bevans@crosswayma.org (508) 226-5312
Transformation Ministries	Congregational	Conservative	Either, depending on local congregation	Credo-Believers	An association of churches focusing on Leadership, Church health & Kingdom Expansion	www.transmin.org Dr. Dale Salico 970 E. Village Oaks Dr. - Suite 101 Covina, CA 91724 dsalico@transmin.org ; 800-299-3448
United Church of Christ (UCC)	Congregational	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pede-Covenantal	~5,000 churches, 1 million members in US. Education Requirements: While it still normative that most UCC candidates go through a traditional seminary degree program, it's becoming more common for the COMs to put together Ed prep programs that fit the needs of the individual. This is particularly the case in non- traditional ministries (social justice, entrepreneurial) and in cross- cultural environments. <input type="checkbox"/> The candidate will be required to demonstrate competence UCC History and Polity, Ed requirements which may need to be fulfilled with the UCC externally to the seminary. It is important early in the process to be in communication	www.ucc.org http://www.macucc.org Rev. Jim Antal 1 Badger Road Framingham, MA 17020 508-875-5233 macucc@macucc.org

					<p>with your COM, so the candidate know from the beginning whether there are special courses they'll need to take.</p> <p>□ There are also some settings where local judicatories have set up training programs specifically for licensed ministers. They're affordable and accessible means of theological education.</p>	
United Methodist (UMC)	Episcopal	Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	<p>Wesleyan</p> <p>Within US: 32,400 churches, 7.2 million members; worldwide: 12 million members.</p>	<p>www.umc.org Bishop Peter D. Weaver New England Conference 276 Essex Street 5th Floor Lawrence, MA 01840-1516 communicate@neumc.org</p>
United Reformed Churches of North America	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenant	<p>CRC roots</p> <p>~110 churches, 23,300 members in US.</p>	<p>www.urcna.org Federation Clerk Rev. Bradd L. Nymeyer 227 1st Ave. SE Sioux Center, IA 51250 statedclerk@urcna.org</p>

						Telephone & Fax: (712) 722-1965
Vineyard Christian Fellowship	Congregational	Pentecostal; Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	<p>Roots: Calvary Chapel & John Wimber; <i>Quest for the Radical Middle</i></p> <p>Within US, 600 churches: 190,000 members; worldwide: 1,500 churches.</p>	<p>www.vineyardusa.org Eastern Region Overseer Rev. Phil Strout Pathway Vineyard Church 9 Foss Road P. O. Box 1610 Lewiston, ME 04241 207-784-9500 www.pathwayvineyard.com</p>
Wesleyan	Episcopal	Conservative	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	<p>Holiness emphasis Arminian</p> <p>Within US: 1,700 churches, 147,000 members; worldwide: 5,800 churches, 520,000 -1 million members.</p>	<p>www.wesleyan.org District Superintendent Rev. W. Paul James 793 Corinth Rd. Queensbury, NY 12804 ds@enynewesleyan.org 518-793-4565 www.enynewesleyan.org</p>
Willow Creek Association	A network of 12,000+ churches from 90 denominations and 35 countries.	Evangelical Missional	Non-specified	Non-specified	<p>“...What unites [us]...is a passion for God and a pioneering spirit.”</p> <p>Within US: 2,700 member churches; worldwide: 7000 member churches.</p> <p>Education Requirements: Willow Creek Association does not credential ministers. Churches in the WCA need to have determined or selected their own denomination and/or accrediting association for the clergy.</p>	www.willowcreek.com

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