

QUANTITATIVE TOOL FOR ASSESSING LIFE EXPERIENCE

The Formula and Calculation Table:

The formula considers several components of “life experience.” (Care should be taken so that years are not double-counted):

Name of applicant

Level of Credential for which qualified

	Years serving as lead pastor (full time or bi-vocational) (times by 2)
	Years in full-time ministry—other than lead pastor (40+ hours) (times by 2)
	Years in part-time ministry—other than lead pastor (12+ hours) (1 for 1)
	Years married to a spouse in full-time ministry (1 for 1)
	Years in non-pastoral ministry: (church board, Sunday school, etc.) (divide by 3)
	Theology/Ministry courses (Berean = 1; College = 1.5; Accredited University and Seminary = 2)
	Years over age 30 (divided by 3)
	Years credentialed at a similar level with another organization (1for 1)
	Total

The Scale—Total Points Level Qualification:

- 30-39 = Certified Minister
- 40-49 = Licensed Minister
- 50 or above = Ordained Minister

The General Council Credentials Committee may over-rule this formula in making a final decision.