

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TRUE JESUS CHURCH, UNITED KINGDOM

APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF FULL-TIME PREACHER NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

I. Objective

To develop the work of evangelism and pastor the members so as to accomplish the work entrusted to us by the Lord.

II. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- (1) be baptised into the True Jesus Church for at least three years and have received the Holy Spirit;
- (2) have participated in divine work for at least two years, and have a clear understanding of the Lord's calling and be determined to dedicate themselves to the service of the Lord;
- (3) have good health, good conduct and be hardworking;
- (4) be aged between 25 and 45;
- (5) be holders of degrees or equivalent, or possess qualifications recognised by the UK General Assembly (UKGA) Board.

III. Application Procedures

- (1) Applicants are required to submit the following documents to their local church directive board*:
 - (a) an application form for the post of full-time preacher;
 - (b) an essay of no less than 200 words on the topic of "My journey of believing in the Lord, and my motives for dedicating myself to the Lord";
 - (c) copies of academic qualifications;
 - (d) a passport-sized photo;
 - (e) a health certificate (may be submitted prior to employment).
- (2) The local church directive board shall arrange an interview with the applicant for the preliminary review of the application. The application must be approved by at least two-thirds of the attending directive board members. Those members in agreement must sign Part II of the application form. The relevant documents should then be sent to the UKGA Board for further consideration.
- (3) The UKGA Board shall make a subsequent review of the application at its board meeting. The application must be approved by at least two-thirds of the attending members, and the UKGA will then notify the applicant of the interview.
- (4) If the applicant is successful in the interview arranged by the UKGA, the UKGA Board shall again consider the application at its board meeting. Before the application is accepted, it must be approved by at least two-thirds of the attending members. The Chairman of the UKGA must then sign Part III of the application form.

* If an applicant belongs to a place of worship, the application shall be submitted to the directive board of its affiliated local church or the UKGA, where applicable.

IV. Interview Format

- (1) Sermon Delivery
 - (a) a 20-minute sermon on a topic of the applicant's own choice (to be prepared in advance)
 - (b) a 20-minute sermon on an assigned topic (20 minutes of preparation time will be given)
- (2) General Bible knowledge (including written and oral examinations);
- (3) Oral examination relating to the applicant's family status, faith and response to changing circumstances.

V. Theological Training, Practical Training and Ordination

- (1) Successful applicants will be recommended by the UKGA to study at a seminary organised by the True Jesus Church;
- (2) The length of the theological training will be decided by the UKGA and the seminary;
- (3) Whilst studying, theological students must follow the rules and regulations of the seminary;
- (4) During and after theological training, theological students and trainees must comply with the practical training arrangements made by the seminary and the UKGA;
- (5) After completion of theological training and practical training, trainee preachers will be ordained as full-time preachers subject to the approval of at least two-thirds of the UKGA Board members present at its board meeting;
- (6) Ordained full-time preachers must comply with assignments from the UKGA.

VI. Salary and Benefits

After commencement of theological training at the seminary, theological students will receive salaries according to the pay scale for the UKGA full-time divine workers, and are also entitled to the various benefits as stipulated in the Guidelines on Management of UKGA Divine Workers.