



# Ministry to the Military

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Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to enroll in the demanding and rewarding course for licensing as a Military Pentecostal Resource Leader. For those that believe God has called them into ministry for which credentialing is essential, they should know that the MPRL completion is required prior to beginning the credentialing process.

The training program launched in Europe at the Leadership Training Conference, February 12-14, 1999, was the pilot program for the larger worldwide *Military Pentecostal Resource Leader* (MPRL) training.

You should begin securing letters of reference (endorsements) from your pastor/center director, military chaplain and first line supervisor in the military. These letters should say, at a minimum that you have demonstrated good character, are of good reputation in your unit, chapel or center, and it is the opinion of the person giving the reference that you could be a good candidate for the Military Pentecostal Resource Leader training program. Securing these letters of reference will probably require you to talk to each of the persons you are seeking a reference from and telling them what the MPRL program is about and why you want to be part of it. This process in itself is part of the training. Your ability and willingness to partner with your unit chaplain, and evidence of Christian character and conduct in the work place are essential elements of God's call to ministry.

Your director/pastor will request application forms from the regional director. Once completed, the application is to be turned in to the center director/pastor for processing. Keep track of the documents by using the Qualification Tracking Sheet.

The cost of the materials for Level I is \$60.00 and is not due until your application is endorsed by the appropriate officials. This is for all materials, books, seminars and materials associated with the Level I training. Of this total amount \$20.00 should accompany your application and is non-refundable. The entire MPRL process is designed to be "portable". We understand the demands of today's military often prevent them from being able to attend many classes in one location. In consideration of this we are utilizing a variety of training methods and delivery systems. You can do a great deal of your work in a self-paced, self-study format.

We are delighted that you have decided to participate in the Military Pentecostal Resource Leader training program. We are available to assist you throughout the process. Contact us at the numbers listed below or see your Director/Pastor.

At Your Service,

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**Military Pentecostal Resource Leader**  
Application Information and Procedures  
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Level I - *The Bible Study Leader*

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**Application Procedure:** Applicants should secure letters of reference from their pastor/center director, military chaplain and their first line supervisor in the military. These letters should say, at a minimum: the applicant has demonstrated good character, is of good reputation in their unit, chapel or center, and it is the opinion of the person giving the reference that the applicant could be a good candidate for the lay leader training. Securing these letters of reference will probably require the applicant to talk to each of the persons he or she is seeking a reference from and telling them what the MPRL program is about and why they want to be part of it. This process in itself is part of the training.

Once the applicant has the required letters of reference she should approach her center director to acquire an application form and the assistance of the director to fill out the form. Once completed the application should be sent through the local center director and regional director to the MTTM International offices for final processing. The letters of reference and \$20.00 (check or money order) application deposit should accompany the application.

**Cost:** \$65.00 - This is for all materials, books, seminars and materials associated with the Level I training. Of this total amount \$20.00 should accompany your application and is non-refundable.

**The Training – Materials and Process:** The entire MPRL process is designed to be “portable”. We understand the demands of today’s military often prevent them from being able to attend many classes in one location. In consideration of this we are utilizing a variety of training methods and delivery systems. An MPRL candidate can do a great deal of his / her work in a self-paced, self-study format. The various training elements are outlined below:

- Reading and Self Study: A MPRL manual has been produced and can serve as a guide and record of your progress.
- Video Tape and Internet Course Access: Most of the training needed for Level II and Level III certification can be obtained by your viewing the video tapes and /or internet classes provided by the *Church of God School of Ministry (SOM)*. It is also possible to formerly enroll in the *SOM Certificate in Ministerial Studies (CIMS)* program and even to earn college credit for your work. This will be explained in greater detail in a separate publication. For our discussion here we want you to know that this material can be made available to you during your times of extended deployment and can be carried to your new duty station should you have to move to a new geographical location.
- Seminars and Workshops: Much of the training for Level I will come by your participation in an intensive one or two-day seminar. The two-day program will cover the subject *Sharpening Your People Skills, Working in a Pluralistic Setting, Ministry to the Military Mission and Values and Basics of Military Methods.*

Through your local center director or pastor, the applicant will secure copies of the following materials: (If your application has been completed and approved then you may also obtain these materials and the *MPRL Manual* from the MTTM international offices in Cleveland, TN.)

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- JESUS WALK - Disciples Manual; *Discipleship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Pathway 1999

This is both a textbook and a study guide. It is recommended that you work through this book with someone else as a partner. You may want to lead a friend or family member through the study while you are going through yourself. This will not only help you become more familiar with the material but will help you to sharpen your ability to lead another person in the personal discipleship process. In addition, your center director and/or regional director may wish to involve you in a periodic study or discussion group with other MPRL's in training.

- *Church of God Distinctive*; Ray H. Hughes, Pathway Press 1972:

This will be your primary textbook to familiarize you with both Church of God and Evangelical Christian doctrine. It will be of great importance to you as a Church of God lay leader to know the basic tenets of our faith. It is also vital for you to know how our doctrine is similar yet distinctive and how you can better relate to other Evangelical Christians with whom the Lord may give you occasion to serve. This book can be used as a self-study or you may have opportunity to be part of a study or discussion group with other lay leaders in your region.

- *Know Your Church Study Materials*: Pathway Press 1998

There is a book, ministry review and videotape. This material is both for your personal information as well as to help you introduce your chaplain, unit leaders or other persons to information regarding the Church of God and our worldwide ministry. We are NOT expecting a MPRL to "sell the Church of God" but we do want you to be prepared to give accurate information to anyone who asks as to who we are and what is our mission in today's world

- *Sharpening Your People Skills*: WTTB Leadership Training Department 1998

A Stanford Research Institute and Harvard University study reported that 85% of what was needed to find a job, keep a job, and succeed in a job was related to what they called "people skills and knowledge". Technical skills and job knowledge accounted for only 15% of what was needed to effectively function in the world of work. The goal of this seminar is to help a leader better understand themselves, understand others and develop a diversity of approaches to working with individual differences. Using the *DISC* personal profile as a discussion instrument this 4 to 6 hour seminar helps a leader to better understand individual differences. This knowledge in turn can help us more effectively work with and serve others. These skills are beneficial for any person and in any kind of work. They are of special importance to anyone aspiring to Christian leadership.

- *Ministering in a Pluralistic Setting*:

The US military today, as with much of American society, is a diverse mixture of religious beliefs, traditions, races and cultures. One of the basic rights of a US military member is the "right of free access" to practice his/her faith or religion. We must learn to be respectful and considerate of other faith groups and of other people if we are to effectively minister in a military setting. The basics of these issues are dealt with in this seminar.

- *Ministry to the Military Mission and Values*:

Every MPRL should know and understand the Vision, Mission and the Core Values of the MTTM. These issues are what guide us as well as give us a standard by which we can evaluate our work.

A special commissioning service will be conducted for new MPRL's who have successfully completed the training and met all of the requirements. The MPRL's will be presented with a certificate of completion/certification and a laminated picture – ID card identifying them as a certified MPRL – *Bible Study Leader* for the Church of God Ministry to the Military.

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*APPLICATION FOR*

Military Pentecostal  
Resource Leader (MPRL)  
Training & Certification Program

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name (Last, First, Middle):

Date:

Social Security Number:

Home Address:

Unit Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Rank and Pay grade:

Email Address:

Are you a member of the Church of God?

Where is your membership?

Date you joined the church: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Branch of Service:

Are you married?

What is the name of your spouse?

Level of Certification You Are Applying For: Phase I \_\_\_\_: Phase II \_\_\_\_: Phase III \_\_\_\_: Renewal \_\_\_\_:

Title:

Referred by:

**EDUCATION RECORD**

Basic Training or OTS (Installation, City, State):

Graduation Date:

Advanced /leadership Training Schools (Name, City, State):

Dates Attended:

Undergraduate College (Name, City, State):

Dates Attended:

Degree / Major:

Graduate School (Name, City, State):

Dates Attended:

Degree / Subject:

**MINISTRY AND WORK REFERENCES** (You need pastor, chaplain, first line supervisor, Regional Director)

1-Name of Reference:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Address:

Email:

City/State/Zip:

Relationship to You:

2 Name of Reference:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Address:

Email:

City/State/Zip:

Relationship to You:

3- Name of Reference:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Address:

Email:

City/State/Zip:

Relationship to You:

4- Name of Reference:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Address:

Email:

City/State/Zip:

Relationship to You:

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

The above information is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

Signature:

Date: