



Minister Study Packet

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FIRE International FIFOCM

Data Sheet

In light of increased scrutiny and skepticism of Clergy this application must be filled out and reviewed prior to acceptance into FIFOCM

Please type or print answers to all questions. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet(s) of paper to this application.

Personal Data

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

2. Home Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip Code

3. Mailing Address: _____
(if different) Street Address

City State Zip code

4. Home Telephone: _____ 5. Cell #: _____

6. Date of Birth: _____

7. Ministry Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip code

8. Ministry Address: _____
(if different) Street Address City State Zip code

9. Ministry Phone # _____
Telephone Fax Number E-mail Address

10. Are you an American citizen? Yes _____ No _____ By Birth? Yes _____ No _____

By Naturalization? Yes _____ No _____ Give Naturalization Date: _____

What is your legal citizenship? _____

11. Height: _____ Weight: _____

Do you have any physical defects Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please describe: _____

12. Do you have any major illnesses? Yes _____ No _____

Describe: _____

Are you under doctor's care? Yes _____ No _____

13. Have you ever been hospitalized? Yes _____ No _____

Reason:

Physical: _____

Emotional: _____

Status of Illness: _____

Are you currently under treatment? Yes _____ No _____ Explain: _____

Do you use illegal drugs? Yes _____ No _____ Tobacco? Yes _____ No _____

Alcohol? Yes _____ No _____

14. In the past five years, have you been involved in any type of litigations? Yes _____ No _____

If so, please explain: _____

Do you feel this litigation could adversely in anyway affect the ministry to which you have been called? Yes _____ No _____ if so, please explain: _____

Have you ever been incarcerated, for any reason? Yes _____ No _____

When? _____ Reason: _____

What Institution? _____

Address: _____

Date of Release: _____ Currently on Parole? Yes _____ No _____

15. Have you ever had or do you currently have any financial problems that might adversely affect your call to and function in ministry? Yes _____ No _____ If so, please explain: _____

16. What are your hobbies? _____

17. Do you work outside of ministry? Yes _____ No _____ If so, Where? _____

For how long? _____ What do you do? _____

18. Is there any additional information relative to the above questions you would like to state?
Yes _____ No _____ If so, give details: _____

Family and Marital Data

1. What is your marital status? _____ If married, date of marriage: _____

2. Spouse name: _____ Maiden name (if applicable) _____

3. Are you and your spouse currently living together? Yes _____ No _____

If not, please explain: _____

Have you been previously married? Yes _____ No _____ Has your spouse? Yes _____ No _____

If so, is a divorce decree properly documented and registered with the proper government authorities?
Yes _____ No _____

4. Do you or your spouse have a former spouse who is living (i.e. by divorce, separation, etc.)
Yes _____ No _____ If so, please explain: _____

5. To what extent does your spouse share your calling in ministry? _____

6. List the name and date of birth for each child (if applicable)

Name	Date of Birth	Living with you?
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. Have you and your spouse ever needed any marriage counseling? Yes _____ No _____
If so, please explain: _____

8. List emergency contact name(s) addresses and telephone numbers should something happen to you.

Name	Address	Relationship	Telephone Number
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

9. Is there any additional information relative to the above questions you feel is pertinent and would like to share? Yes _____ No _____ if so please explain: _____

Ministerial And Spiritual Data

1. Date of Salvation: _____

2. Briefly describe your salvation experience: _____

3. Are you currently licensed? Yes _____ No _____ **Ordained?** Yes _____ No _____

By Whom? _____ Date of issuance: _____

Date of expiration **or** condition of expiration: _____

(Attach a copy)

4. Do you currently hold any other Ecclesiastical **or** Ministerial Credential? Yes _____ No _____

By Whom? _____ Date of issue: _____

Date of expiration **or** condition of expiration: _____

(Attach a copy)

5. Have you previously applied for ordination with any other organization? Yes _____ No _____

6. Local Church Affiliation: _____

Name of Senior Pastor: _____

Are you a member in good standing? Yes _____ No _____

Do you regularly tithe and give offering? Yes _____ No _____

As a set gift, do you tithe up to your covering? Yes _____ No _____

Does your church tithe? Yes _____ No _____

7. What current accountability system do you subscribe to for wisdom and counsel in personal, as well as ministry affairs? (i.e. Bishop, Elders Council, Local Presbyters, etc.) _____

8. What are your ministerial goals? _____

9. How do you see **FIRE International** helping you meet your ministerial goals? _____

10. What experience do you bring to FIFOCM? _____

11. List ministerial experience(s) (beginning with the present)

Church	Location	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

12. Is there any additional information relative to the above questions feel is pertinent and would like to share?
Yes _____ No _____ if so please explain: _____

Educational Data

1. Bible School, College, Seminary, etc.

School	Location	Dates Attended		Major	Hours	Total Degree
		From	To			
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Are you currently pursuing any additional training which will help better prepare you for fulfillment of your ministry call? Yes _____ No _____

3. Do you currently hold any Honorary degrees? Yes _____ No _____
Please List: _____

4. Are you willing to produce documentation of your educational achievement, if requested?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Other special training you have received to prepare you for Ministry. _____

Military Data

1. Previous active duty military service

From: _____ To _____ Highest Grade Attained _____

2. Type of Discharge _____

3. Are you currently in the reserves? Yes _____ No _____ if so, please explain _____

References

1. List General references other than your relatives

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Present Pastor

Other Clergy

College

Seminary

Other

Other



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Background Check

Similar to other organizations, nonprofit and church organizations need to screen candidates and perform due diligence to protect themselves and their members from embezzlement, fraud, sexual offenses, and other liabilities. This type of screening can be done by conducting a Background Check.

Please obtain a Background Check & make the FIRE Office the recipient of the background check

The following areas should be included in the background check:

- Identity
- Criminal records
- Credit report
- Criminal records
- Driving records
- Education and licensing validation
- Social media check
- Sex offender status

A Background Check report can be obtained by various sources online.

**The approximate cost for a background check ranges \$25- \$52.

BIOGRAPHY

Minister LEE SOMEBODY

Minister Lee Somebody was born on November 7, 1959 in Savannah, Georgia to the late Deacon Alfred L. Somebody Sr. and Minister Holly C. Somebody; He's the third child of four children. Minister Somebody attended Oak Ridge Elementary School and graduated from Santa Rosa High School in 1977.

He also attended Rutledge College and majored in Business Management. Pastor Somebody gave his life to the Lord at the age of 15. He served in various positions within the church to include Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, Assistant Pastor & Pastor.

In 1992, he retired from the U. S. Navy after serving 23 years. In 1977, he met Sister Kay Somebody and they were happily joined in marriage on February 20, 1979. To this union was born 3 Children, Joshua, Esther, & Lee Jr., and 2 Grandchildren, John, & Paul.

Minister Somebody served as Associate Minister at Word of Life International Church, Oberhausen, Germany, Interim Minister at Berlin International Community Church, Interim Minister at Church of Pentecost and now at The Lighthouse Church Ministries culminating 5 years of service as a Minister. While at Berlin International Community Church the Lord gave Minister Somebody the name, The Lighthouse Church Ministries. Every church in which he served was someone else's vineyard. In 2015 the Lord spoke through the Song of Solomon 1:6 "they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." Minister Somebody decided to step out and do what the Lord had spoken years earlier and in July 2015 was the birth of The Lighthouse Church Ministries.

Habakkuk 2:3 "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Though the vision tarry it will come and it will not lie."

BIOGRAPHY

MINISTER SARAH PERSON

Minister Sarah Person is a native of Kansas City. She was educated in the Kansas City Public School System and graduated from Park Hill High School in 1997. Early in life, Minister Person developed a passion for the arts. Singing in the church choir, school choirs, and playing instruments, occupied her time, helping her to remain a positive and well-known young lady in her church and community. On October 28, 1997, Minister Person preached her initial sermon and was licensed to preach the gospel by the Holy Family Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Greg S. Name. It was at Holy Family Baptist Church she developed the administrative and leadership skills needed to serve the people of God.

Despite her talents, gifts and call, Minister Person deviated from the path God had set for her and following a series of poor decisions backslide back into the world. Minister Person needed God's help! And God, who is rich in mercy, with the grace that abounds beyond transgression, lifted Minister Person out of her pit and broke every yoke!

Today, changed, freed, healed and delivered, Minister Person celebrates what God has done.

She has been delivering the preached Word for over seventeen years, and remains focused on ministry, growth and outreach. Commissioned by God to minister to the church and community, Minister Person has a special heart for young people and enjoys encouraging them to higher standards and expectations.

Minister Person is pregnant with ministry and believes that the days of miracles have not past but are now. She is grateful to be a small part of God's grand plan. Humbled by the grace of God in her life, Pastor Person asks that you pray that she continue to stay focused that God may get the glory out of her life and maximum use from her earthen vessel.

Minister Sarah Person is married to Minister Aaron D. Person. They have been blessed with four beautiful children, Simon, Jesse, Mary, and Caleb. Her favorite scripture is Romans 8:28 *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."*



100 Questions

Test Questions

1. Who wrote the first four books of the New Testament?

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

2. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament?

Most conservative scholars hold that the Pentateuch was written by Moses.

3. What two Old Testament books are named for women?

Esther and Ruth.

4. What are the Ten Commandments?

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife—or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (**Exodus 20:2-17**)

5. What is the Greatest Commandment?

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (**Matthew 22:37-38**)

6. What is the second Greatest Commandment?

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” (**Matthew 22:39**)

7. What is the Golden Rule?

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” (**Matthew 7:12**)

8. What is the Great Commission?

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

9. What was the test of a prophet, to know that he was truly from God?

He had to be 100% accurate in his prophecies. The penalty for a false prophet was death by stoning. (**Deuteronomy 18:20-22**)

10. To whom did God give the 10 Commandments?

Moses. (**Exodus 20**)

11. Which two people did not die?

Genesis 5:24 says that Enoch, who was Noah's great-grandfather, "walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away." The other was the Old Testament prophet Elijah, who was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind with a chariot and horses of fire. (**2 Kings 2:11**)

12. What is the root of all kinds of evil?

The love of money. (**1 Timothy 6:10**)

13. What is the beginning of wisdom?

The fear of the Lord. (**Psalms 111:10**)

14. Who delivered the Sermon on the Mount?

The Lord Jesus. (**Matthew 5-7**)

15. How did sickness and death enter the world?

Romans 5:12 says that sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin. The fall of man is recorded in Genesis 3, where God's perfect creation was spoiled by Adam's sin.

16. Who was the Roman governor who sentenced Christ to death?

Pontius Pilate. (**Matthew 27:26**)

17. Who are the major prophets?

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

18. What people group is the Old Testament about?

The Hebrews, who became the nation of Israel. They were descendants of Abraham through Isaac.

19. What happened while the Lord Jesus was in the desert for 40 days?

He was tempted by the devil. (**Matthew 4:1**) **Hebrews 4:15** tells us that He was tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

20. How many people were on Noah's ark?

Eight: Noah and his wife, his three sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives. (**Genesis 7:13, 1 Peter 2:5**)

21. Who was the first murderer?

Cain, who killed his brother Abel. (**Genesis 4:8**)

22. Which person was afflicted with terrible trials but trusted God through it all?

Job. (See book of **Job**)

23. Who was Israel's most well-known and well-loved king?

David. (1 Chronicles 29:28)

24. Who was “the weeping prophet?”

Jeremiah.

25. Who was thrown into the lion’s den?

Daniel. (Daniel 6)

26. Who were the two people in the famous fight with a stone and a sling?

David and Goliath. (1 Samuel 17)

27. What is the book of Acts about?

The early years of the church, as the gospel begins to spread throughout the world.

28. What are epistles?

Letters.

29. On what occasion was the Holy Spirit given to the church?

Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4)

30. Whom did God command to sacrifice his only son?

Abraham. (Genesis 22:2)

31. What was the Old Testament feast that celebrated God’s saving the firstborn of Israel the night they left Egypt?

Passover. (Exodus 12:27)

32. Who was the Hebrew who became prime minister of Egypt?

Joseph. (Genesis 41:41)

33. Who was the Hebrew woman who became Queen of Persia?

Esther. (Esther 2:17)

34. Who was the pagan woman who became David’s great-grandmother?

Ruth. (Ruth 4:17)

35. Which angel appeared to Mary?

Gabriel. (Luke 1:26)

36. How did the Lord Jesus die?

He gave up His life while being crucified. (John 19:18)

37. What happened to Him three days after He died?

He was raised from the dead. (John 20)

38. What happened to the Lord Jesus 40 days after His resurrection?

He ascended bodily into heaven. (Acts 1:9-11)

39. What should we do when we sin, in order to restore our fellowship with God?

1 John 1:9 tells us, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

40. How did the universe and world get here?

Genesis 1:1 tells us, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” We are told further in **Colossians 1:16 and 17** that the Lord Jesus Christ was the one who did the creating.

41. Where did Satan and the demons come from?

Satan was originally the best and the brightest angel, but he sinned in his pride, wanting to be God. Some of the angels followed him, and these “fallen angels” were cast out of heaven. (**Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28**)

42. Who directed the writing of the Bible?

The Holy Spirit. (**2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21**)

43. Where was the Lord Jesus before He was conceived in Mary?

In heaven. (**Philippians 2:6-11, 1 Corinthians 15:49**)

44. Who taught in parables?

The Lord Jesus. (**Matthew 13:3**)

45. What are parables?

A short, simple story with a spiritual point.

46. Which two animals talked with human speech?

The serpent in the Garden of Eden (**Genesis 3:3**) and Balaam’s donkey (**Numbers 22:28**).

47. With which woman did David commit adultery?

Bathsheba. (**2 Samuel 11**)

48. Which one of their sons succeeded David as king?

Solomon. (**2 Samuel 12:24**)

49. Who was the female judge of Israel?

Deborah. (**Judges 4:4**)

50. Who was the wisest man in the world?

Solomon. (**1 Kings 3:12**)

51. Who was the first man?

Adam. (**Genesis 2:20**)

52. Who was the most humble man on earth?

Moses. (**Numbers 12:3**)

53. Who was the strongest man on earth?

Samson. (**Judges 13-16**)

54. Where were the two nations of God's people taken into captivity?

Israel was taken into Assyria (**2 Kings 17:23**), and Judah into Babylon (**2 Chronicles 36:20**).

55. Which cupbearer to a foreign king rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem?

Nehemiah. (**Nehemiah 2:5**)

56. Who were the two Old Testament prophets who worked miracles?

Elijah and Elisha. (**1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 6**)

57. Which Old Testament prophet spent three days in the belly of a great fish?

Jonah. (**Jonah 1:17**)

58. What is the last book of the Old Testament?

Malachi.

59. For which Israelite commander did the sun stand still?

Joshua. (**Joshua 10**)

60. Who was the first king of Israel?

Saul. (**1 Samuel 13:1**)

61. Who built the temple in Israel?

Solomon. (**1 Kings 6**)

62. Which of the twelve tribes of Israel served as priests?

Levites. (**Deuteronomy 10:8**)

63. Which city fell after the Israelites marched around it daily for seven days?

Jericho. (**Joshua 6:20**)

64. What did God give the Israelites to eat in the wilderness?

Manna and quail. (**Exodus 16**)

65. Which two people walked on water?

Jesus and Peter. (**Matthew 14:29**)

66. Who was the first martyr?

Stephen. (**Acts 7**)

67. Who betrayed Jesus to the priests, and for how much?

Judas betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave. (**Matthew 26:14-15**)

68. What is the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (**Matthew 6:9-13**)

69. Who was the first person to see the risen Lord?

Mary Magdalene. (**John 20:16**)

70. Which prophet and cousin of the Lord was beheaded?

John the Baptist. (**John 14:10**)

71. To what country did the young Jesus and His parents escape when Herod was threatening His life?

Egypt. (**Matthew 2:13-15**)

72. What was Christ's first miracle?

He turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana. (**John 2:11**)

73. Which one of the Lord's personal friends did He raise from the dead?

Lazarus. (**John 11**)

74. Who was the greatest missionary of the New Testament?

Paul. (see book of **Acts**)

75. Who was Paul's first partner?

Barnabas. (**Acts 13:2**)

76. Whom did an angel release from prison?

Peter. (**Acts 12**)

77. Which event caused God to splinter human language into many tongues?

The building of the Tower of Babel. (**Genesis 11**)

78. Which chapter of an Old Testament prophet's book gives a detailed prophecy of the Messiah's death by crucifixion?

Isaiah 53.

79. Who wrestled all night with the Lord and was left with a permanent limp?

Jacob. (**Genesis 32:22-32**)

80. Which two pastors did Paul write letters to?

Timothy and Titus.

81. Who was hailed as a god when he was bitten by a snake but nothing bad happened?

Paul. (Acts 28:5-6)

82. Which two New Testament writers were brothers of the Lord Jesus?

James and Jude. (Matthew 13:55)

83. Which two New Testament books were written by a doctor?

Luke and Acts. (2 Timothy 4:11)

84. Who had a coat of many colors?

Joseph. (Genesis 37:3)

85. In what sin did Aaron lead the Israelites while his brother Moses was up on the mountain talking to God?

They made an idol in the form of a golden calf. (Exodus 32)

86. How many books are there in the entire Bible?

66: 39 in the Old Testament, and 27 in the New Testament.

87. What's the difference between John the Baptist and the John who wrote several New Testament books?

John the Baptist was a prophet who proclaimed the kingdom of God was near in preparation for his cousin Jesus' ministry. The John who wrote the gospel of John, the epistles—1, 2 and 3 John—and Revelation, was one of the twelve apostles and one of those closest to the Lord, along with Peter and James. He called himself "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

88. Who saw the Lord appear to him in a burning bush?

Moses. (Exodus 3)

89. How many sons did Jacob have?

Twelve. They were the ancestors of the twelve tribes of Israel. (Genesis 35:22)

90. Who gave up his birthright for a bowl of stew?

Esau. (Genesis 25:33)

91. Which Psalm starts out, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want?"

Psalm 23.

92. Who disowned the Lord Jesus three times before a cock crowed?

Peter. (Matthew 26:69-75)

93. What did the Lord do just before the Last Supper to demonstrate His love and humility?

He washed the disciples' feet. (John 13:5)

94. Where is the New Testament “Hall of Faith?”

Hebrews 11.

95. Who appeared with the Lord Jesus in glory on the Mount of Transfiguration?

Elijah and Moses. (Mark 9:4)

96. Who is the second Adam?

The Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

97. Which Old Testament prophet married a prostitute because God told him to?

Hosea. (Hosea 1:2)

98. What are the two sacred ordinances that the Lord commanded us to observe?

Baptism (Matthew 28:19,20) and Communion, or the Lord’s Table (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

99. What are supernatural enablings that allow a believer to serve the Body of Christ with ease and effectiveness?

Spiritual gifts. (Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:8-13, 1 Peter 4:10-11)

100. Whose tomb was Christ buried in?

Joseph of Arimathea. (Matthew 27:57-60)

101. Who wrote the book of Hebrews?

Nobody knows.

102. Which is the “epistle of joy?”

Philippians.

103. What is the book of Revelation about?

The revelation of Jesus Christ and the end times.

104. Who is the bride of Christ?

The church—that is, all who have trusted Him for salvation. (Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7-8)