

Embassy Ministerial Association

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I. Overview of Roberts Liardon Ministries

Roberts Liardon Ministries is based in Irvine, California. RLM also maintains international offices in England, South Africa and Australia as well as a regional office for Embassy Ministerial Association in Columbus, Ohio. The following are just a few aspects of this multi-faceted ministry.

- Roberts Liardon Itinerate Ministry: Having ministered in over 90 countries of the world, Pastor Roberts continues to travel extensively throughout the United States and abroad with a powerful apostolic ministry which has paved the way for our current and future world missions. The thrust of this ministry is to establish and strengthen local pastors and ministers, regional churches, and believers everywhere in the things of God.
- Embassy Christian Center: Located in Irvine, California and serving as the international headquarters for RLM, Embassy Christian Center is also impacting the local communities of Southern California with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Spirit Life bible college: SLBC is one of the most impacting Bible colleges in the world. Offering much more than head knowledge of the Bible, students receive the impartation, training, and teaching necessary to live a victorious Christian life and fulfill their high calling in God.
- Operation 500: Operation 500 is the missionary thrust of RLM. The goal is to send 500 full time missionaries to the remote places of the earth. The first wave was sent out in February 1999. With the operation in full swing, incredible testimonies continue to come in from all over the world as these men and women of God have obeyed the call to “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”.
- International Invasion: Every year RLM hosts an International Invasion at Embassy Christian Center in Irvine, California. This event includes dynamic services with Pastor Roberts Liardon and other special guest speakers. Invasions are designed to be a time of renewal, refreshing, and receiving the Word of the Lord for the specific time and season of the church.
- Embassy Ministerial Association: EMA(formally known as Life Ministerial Association) serves as a covering for those called into the five-fold ministry. EMA offers three different levels of credentials; Timothy Papers, License, and Ordination. Recognizing the Apostolic

office of Founder and President Roberts Liardon, EMA provides fellowship, direction, support, equipping and accountability for ministers of like precious faith.

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www.robertsliardon.org

II. Vision Statement

The following acronym 'STEP UP' provides an overview of RLM vision statement.

S-ending – The power of the local Church is not based on its seating capacity but on its “sending” capacity. Operation 500 is sending 500 full time missionaries to the foreign field.

T-raining – Jesus said “Go ye into all the world and make disciples”. This process involves training, teaching, nurturing, and impartation. We are committed to training believers, young and old, how to live a victorious Christian Life.

E-quipping – Ephesians 4: 11,12 lists the five different ministry leadership gifts in the church, with the responsibility of equipping believers (including other five-fold ministry gifts) in order that God’s Church may be built. Spirit Life Bible College and Embassy Ministerial Association both play a vital role in this aspect of the vision.

P-lanting – RLM operates as an apostolic covering to help facilitate the planting of strong regional churches. As well as covering existing ministries who desire to be apart of RLM.

U-niting – One of our goals is to establish regional ministry Networks, which unite those of like precious faith in order to provide support, encouragement, training, and accountability among our member churches

P-reaching – The basis of every New Testament Church is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world. Mark 16:15 “go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”.

III. Introduction to EMA

The specific purpose of Embassy Ministerial Association is to help facilitate the building and establishment of strong governmental churches, as well as providing an Apostolic covering for existing churches and ministries.

Only God can give the authority and ability to operate in such a capacity. Those desiring credentials with EMA must recognize and accept this Apostolic Endowment that rest upon our founder and president, Pastor Roberts Liardon.

Anyone entering the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ must receive a divine call from the Lord. It is God that calls, man only recognizes that calling. As an organization Embassy Ministerial Association serves as the vehicle for personal and corporate affiliation through the process of ministerial recognition (credentials) and recognizing corporate affiliations.

Another important criteria for association with EMA is a desire to share in resources, join in relational accountability, and work toward raising up a new generation of Reformers and Revivalist who will effect the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The following are some of the benefits of affiliation with EMA.

1. Annual Invasions are held for ministers and their congregations.
The Invasions are designed to give the ministers and their congregations a time of spiritual growth and strengthening as the “in-season” Word comes forth.
2. EMA is a covering for the minister and his/her ministry to provide credibility and accountability derived from being a part of a larger fellowship of ministries.
3. Every minister should have someone with experience in ministry and of good reputation that he/she may go to for advice and/or counsel. Whether it be a ministry question or if the minister finds himself in contradiction to God’s Word, an avenue has been opened where he can confide, confess, repent, and receive love and sound biblical advice without the threat of being unduly exposed.

4. A resource of information, education, and direction.

A member can obtain valuable information and direction to enhance his/her ministry from the home office of Embassy Christian Center, and other established and successful ministries.

5. Fellowship among the brethren.

It is for the brethren to get better acquainted, share, encourage, and build lasting friendships.

6. Access to staff and local contacts.

Questions regarding administrative procedures, as well as in other areas, can be answered by seasoned staff members of local ministries, when needed.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally coexistent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe in the deity of Jesus, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection to eternal life in heaven for believers and the resurrection to damnation for unbelievers.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.
9. We believe in healing as God's will for mankind.
10. We believe in the corporate worship of believers in a local church.
11. We believe in witnessing to our faith.
12. We believe in stewardship of all assets evidenced in tithing, offerings, etc.
13. We believe that water baptism by total immersion, in the name of Jesus, the eternal Godhead, is necessary in order to fulfill the command of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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15. We believe in the taking of communion or the Lord's Supper for all born-again believers.

Section I Credentials

- I. Membership credentials are offered at three levels. They are as follows:
 - A. Timothy Papers: for the lay person who is beginning his/her ministry experience, who has been approved as having met the qualifications in Section II, Qualifications.

The timothy Papers is designed for the one who does not meet all the requirements for ministerial licensing yet. He/she may not currently be in fulltime ministry, or their ministry may have just begun. Many need extra time to fulfill educational requirements and to gain needed experience before moving on the licensing stage.

- B. Ministry License: those in fulltime ministry, demonstrating a definite call. Must meet the qualifications in Section II, item A.

After one year holding Timothy Papers, a minister may apply for a regular Ministry License. This license permits a minister to administer nearly every ministerial function. Most jails and prisons will recognize a ministry license.

- C. Ordination: This highest ministry credential offered by EMA. Must meet the qualifications in Section II, item B.

After one year as a licensed minister, most ministers apply for Ordination, which allows ministers to perform all the sacraments and functions of the ministry. Ordained ministers must fulfill all the requirements for education, experience, and provide fruits of a proven ministry call.

Note: It is understood that an ordinations the setting aside of a minister for a specific calling in which Ordination is required, whereas a license to preach is the approval and recommendation of the organization that the man/woman may be received as a minister of the gospel.

- II. Licensing and ordination are granted through EMA. In order for credentials to be transferred from another organization, they must be approved through the EMA application process.

Section II Qualifications

All candidates applying for membership to EMA must give evidence of:

- Born-again experience (John 3:3)
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)
- A Spirit-filled life (Ephesians 5:18)
- A Divine call to the ministry (Titus 1:7)

In addition, all candidates for licensing or ordination must:

A. For licensing:

1. Give evidence of spiritual and chronological maturity.
2. Purpose to devote time to the work of the ministry.
3. Have adequate practical experience in preparing or preaching the Word of God.
4. Be in a agreement with the Statement of Faith and Ordinances of this Associations.
5. Cooperate with all Sections IV, V, VI, VII.

B. For ordination:

1. Give evidence of spiritual and chronological maturity.
2. Must demonstrate a deep conviction and personal knowledge of foundational doctrines and a proficiency in expressing them as a preacher and teacher of faith.
3. Must have a received a specific calling to a definite preaching ministry in the kingdom of our Lord such as, (1) to pastor a church, (2) chaplain in the armed forces, (3) office of an evangelist as a distinct calling from God, or (4) to fill a specific assignment in the work of our Lord that requires ordination.
4. Cooperate with all of Sections IV, V, VI, VII.

Section III
Applying for Licensing/Ordination
Credentials

- A. Application must meet qualifications of Section II.
- B. Application must complete EMA Ministerial Credential Application form and return to the attention of Ministerial Director of EMA
- C. Application must make sure a “Ministers Reference” is submitted by two ministers of applicant’s choice and returned within thirty days.
- D. Applicant must make sure a “Personal Reference” is submitted by two individuals of applicant’s choice and returned within thirty days.
- E. Applicant must enclose \$50.00 nonrefundable application fee payable to EMA.
- F. The EMA Board will notify applicant usually within 30 days of decision. EMA will verify references, previous support and any involvement in our ministry.

Section IV
Process to Renew Annual
Membership

All ministers who are holding Timothy Papers, Ministerial License, or Ordination credentials with EMA need to renew their membership annually. Issuance of these credentials is subject to approval by EMA on the following conditions:

- A. Return the “Member Renewal Application/Annual Report” which will be mailed to you by EMA from the time received to the attention of the EMA Directory.
- B. Applicant must have preached at least 20 times during the year OR be actively involved in full time ministry such as Minister of Music, Minister of Evangelism, Minister of management position, OR be engaged in one of the five-fold ministries, etc.
- C. Applicant for renewal must enclose \$50.00 renewal fee payable to EMA.

Section V
Ministerial Ethics

- A. All ministers shall be agreeable with EMA in matters of doctrine, conduct, and ministry.
- B. All ministers affiliated with EMA are expected to work and cooperate with EMA programs and policies. Failure to do so may bring his/her ministry and affiliation under review.
- C. Ministers must renew their credentials annually with the specified time in order to maintain affiliation with EMA.
- D. Minister shall refrain from identifying with any secrete orders or societies, cults, etc.
- E. Normal and widely accepted standard of ethical conduct is expected. The Scriptures prevail whenever questions arise.

Legal and Financial Counsel

Embassy Ministerial Associations not responsible for the legal or financial operations of any organization affiliated with it.

Competent legal/financial counsel is the responsibility of the individual organization.

Questions

If you have any questions about the Embassy Ministerial Association, please feel free to contact us Irvine, California office at:

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