

**O.M.S. HOLINESS CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA
EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE
CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY**

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the O.M.S. Holiness Conference of North America to require that all ministers complete at least twenty (20) hours or credits of continuing education every two (2) years.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The primary purpose of the policy is to encourage all minister to actively seek to improve their skills, knowledge and experience as ministers by engaging in activities which are educational in nature.

The secondary purpose of this policy is to emphasize the need for continuing education for our ministers and to underscore the importance of the local churches' assistance and participation in their respective ministers' educational pursuits by actively and openly encouraging their ministers.

The purposes can be most effectively accomplished by establishing a minimum continuing educational requirement for all ministers.

CONTINUING EDUCATION DEFINED

Educational programs which improves the minister's skills, knowledge and experience will satisfy the requirements of this policy. The following are examples of programs which will satisfy the requirement:

- seminars and conferences
- academic and other professional development courses
- volunteer work at hospitals, hospice, etc.
- other personal educational studies

The ministerial body will develop a list of other acceptable programs and courses.

ANNUAL REPORTING

Each year or every two years (at minister's discretion), each minister shall file a written report to the Education and Publication Committee of the year's or two years' continuing education. A form is attached for reference only and the reporting may be done in any format so long as the basic information is included.