

# Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

## GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF MINISTERS

The following are the selection criteria suggested for use in choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please carefully consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply.

Ministers to be considered should:

- Have **never traveled to the Holy Land** before.
- Be serving in some form of **Credentialed Ministry** (Ordained, Certified, Licensed, etc.) A copy of the minister's credentials (certificate or letter) is to accompany the nomination form.
- Be currently serving in a **leadership ministry**, with regular preaching responsibility. This means that they are employed by the church in a leadership role and that ministry is considered their primary source of income.
- Have **served at least one year** in full time ministry in a primary leadership role as pastor / minister.
- Have **at least ten years of full time service** remaining in their active ministry. This opportunity is intended to enhance the ongoing preaching, teaching and overall biblical understanding of the participant, and in turn, benefit those they serve.
- Be of **good physical health** (if the idea of walking a brisk mile or more – uphill, non-stop, with steps - is a concern, this may not be the program from which this person would benefit). This is a physically rigorous program. We average 5 – 7 miles of walking each day. Many surfaces are uneven, unpaved, with steps and some steep inclines.
- Be willing to travel with an **ecumenical group** of other ministers from many denominations and religious groups, both male and female ministers, and maintain a professional and courteous attitude toward all.
- Be willing to travel in a program sponsored by the **Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA**, an appendant organization of **Freemasonry**.
- Be willing to travel **without their spouse**. This is non-negotiable.
- Have the understanding that this is a **strenuous educational and spiritual study seminar / historical & cultural immersion experience** and not a vacation trip.



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## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM 2019

1. FULL FIRST MIDDLE & LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. TELEPHONE: area code (\_\_\_\_\_) home: \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

4. AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Spouse's name, if married: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years married: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Children's name(s) and age(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_

7. HIGHER EDUCATION - give name of school, years attended, and degrees achieved:

8. Type of ordination and name of body conferring ordination (***please attach a copy of your ordination certificate***):

9. Name of Church you currently serve and its complete address (including city, state & zip) and **office phone**:

10. Number of years in **full time** ordained ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

11. List other churches, years served and positions held:

12. Have you ever been to the Holy Land? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give the date(s) and the single most inspiring site visited:

13a. Why would you like to travel to the Holy Land? \_\_\_\_\_

13b. Upon your return, how might this experience effect your ministry? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Masonic affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Why did you elect to become a minister? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. **Please obtain a signature** from the Chair of your Personnel Committee, Church Board, District or Regional Supervisor, etc. If selected to be a Pilgrim Minister on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, this pastor will be granted leave to participate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land as a guest of the Knights Templar? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land WITHOUT your spouse (this is not negotiable)? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Are you willing to be a part of a traveling group made up of members of many other denominations? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you know of any Knights Templar in your church? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please list name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

21. Are you aware of any health problems which would prevent or limit your participation in this strenuous trip? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Do you require medication? \_\_\_\_\_

23. What is the size of your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Number of ministers serving the congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you hold a valid passport for travel to Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, do you foresee any difficulty in obtaining one? \_\_\_\_\_

26. If chosen, will you be able to travel on the dates, **Feb. 4 – 14, 2019 OR Feb. 18 – 28, 2019** ?

27. Has your name ever been submitted as a Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage nominee in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

**I commit to clearing my personal calendar and making the necessary arrangements with the church to facilitate my full participation and travel with the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage if selected.**

Minister's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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28. Recommending Commandery: \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery No. \_\_\_\_\_

29. Recommending Commander's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

30. Recommending Commandery– Local contact person for info, details, and arrangements (name, address, phones, & email):  
\_\_\_\_\_

To be completed and signed by the Grand Recorder and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman

**PILGRIM CERTIFICATION – Due with Fees and Nomination Form by September 30 to  
Emmett Mills, PGC; 1713 Betrillo Ct.; The Villages, FL 32162      CUAEWM@aol.com**

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**This is to confirm that the Grand Commandery of**

\_\_\_\_\_ (state)

**is certifying the following pilgrim minister as their selection to fully fund for participation  
in the upcoming Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage.**

Pilgrim Minister's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church served by this pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

- It is understood that the full fee for the current year must accompany this form and the nomination form (**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM**) (for 2019 - \$3,400.00, check made out to "**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, INC.**")
- It is understood that fees may not be transferable, so that if your pilgrim does not travel at the reserved time, the sponsoring Grand Commandery may lose any money already spent on travel reservations and arrangements or there may be additional fees.
- It is understood that the pilgrim minister has cleared travel on this Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage with their denomination and local congregation (if necessary).
- It is understood that the pilgrim minister and the local congregation served by the pilgrim minister have made necessary contingency plans so that participation in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage will not be impeded.

Signature of Grand Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature / State Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This form must be accompanied by the completed Nomination Form and Total Fees.**