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LETTER OF EXEMPTION FROM CERTIFICATION (Church-Related Training)

The Local Church Training Institute in Ozark, Arkansas, offering church-related training programs is exempt from certification under the rules and regulations implemented under Arkansas Code Annotated §6-61-301. This Letter of Exemption is limited to the following programs:

Bachelor of Arts in Local Church Ministry
Doctor of Local Church Ministry

Master of Arts in Local Church Ministry
Doctor of Preaching in the Local Church

The predominant purpose of the above programs offered by the Local Church Training Institute is to prepare students to assume leadership positions in churches or religious organizations. The programs are not customarily offered at colleges and universities and are not required to be certified by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Local Church Training Institute is required to notify the Commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education of any changes in institutional operation and educational offerings, including course content, course titles, degree titles, and institutional name and mission.

If at any time during this exemption period, the Local Church Training Institute offers programs/courses not listed above or offers non-religious academic courses to Arkansas students, the exemption status may be withdrawn and the institution may be required to seek certification by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

This exemption will be in effect until December 31, 2028.


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