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Application for Admission

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Today's Date _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Legal Name _____
Last First Middle Jr. etc.

Gender Male Female Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Home Address _____
Street Apartment #

City/Town State/Province Zip/Postal Code Country

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Office Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

I would prefer to receive printed DMin communications/mail (hard copy) at my home at my office

other _____

E-mail address you want us to use _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
mm/dd/yyyy City/Town State/Province Country

Of what country are you a citizen? _____

If not a U.S. citizen, but currently in the U.S., what is your VISA STATUS? _____

Marital Status: Single Married

If married, spouse's name: _____

In the event of an emergency, please contact:

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Ethnicity Hispanic/Latino American Indian/Alaska Native Asian

Black/African American Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

White/Caucasian Two or more ethnicities Ethnicity unknown

Denominational Affiliation: _____

Date and Place of Ordination: _____

If Anglican/Episcopal, ordained by whom: _____

ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS

Please provide a self-assessment of your ability to pursue graduate work and provide any supporting information regarding scholarships, test scores, and academic awards. We invite you to bring to our attention any concerns you may have with prior academic performance.

FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

Having reviewed the estimated program costs in the Handbook, are you confident you will have adequate financial resources to undertake and complete this program?

ESSAY RESPONSE

Write a short (7-8 pp. max) double spaced essay covering succinctly the following topics:

1. Personal autobiographical statement including:
 - the highpoints of your spiritual biography
 - your theology of ministry, its nature and purpose
2. Professional ministry statement including:
 - a critical assessment of the successes and failures of your ministry
 - an evaluation of your strengths and weaknesses as a person in ministry
3. Program expectations statement including:
 - your vocational goals
 - your expectations from this program

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Contact all seminaries and/or graduate schools in which you have studied and/or received a degree, and have them send official transcripts to Trinity. If you are an alumnus of Trinity, it is not necessary to make such a request. Instruct them to send the transcripts to:

Admissions Office
Trinity School for Ministry
311 Eleventh St.
Ambridge, PA 15003

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith listed below is signed annually by the Board and Faculty of Trinity School for Ministry. The courses in this Doctor of Ministry program will be taught in the light of this perspective. By signing and submitting this application, the applicant indicates that he or she is theologically compatible with this perspective and is willing to receive instruction in its light.

Trinity School for Ministry Statement of Faith

We affirm our belief in historic Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures and summarized in the three creeds (the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian) and the Thirty-Nine Articles. We recognize the need today for reaffirming the following beliefs:

ARTICLE I The Holy Trinity – The mystery of the Holy Trinity, namely, that the one God exists eternally in the three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and has so revealed himself to us in the Gospel.

ARTICLE II The Lord Jesus Christ – The full deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who by reason of his birth of the Virgin Mary, sinless life, atoning death, bodily resurrection, glorious ascension, and triumphant reign, is the only Mediator between God and man.

ARTICLE III The Holy Scriptures – The trustworthiness of the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as “God’s Word written,” which contain all things necessary for salvation, teach God’s will for his world, and have supreme authority for faith, life, and the continuous renewal and reform of the Church.

ARTICLE IV Justification and Sanctification – The justification of the repenting and believing sinner as God’s gracious act of declaring him righteous on the ground of the reconciling death of Christ, who suffered in our place and rose again for us; and sanctification as the gracious continuing activity of the Holy Spirit in the justified believer, perfecting his repentance, nurturing the new life implanted within him, transforming him into Christ’s image, and enabling him to do good works in the world.

ARTICLE V The Christian Church – The Church as the Body of Christ, whose members belong to the new humanity, are called to live in the world in the power of the Spirit, worshipping God, confessing his truth, proclaiming Christ, supporting one another in love and, giving themselves in sacrificial service to those in need.

ARTICLE VI Spiritual Gifts and Ministry – The calling of all Christians to exercise their God-given gifts in ministry, and to work, witness, and suffer for Christ; together with the particular call of ordained ministers, who, by preaching, teaching, and pastoral care, are to equip God’s people for his service, and to present them mature in Christ.

ARTICLE VII The Gospel Sacraments – The sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as “visible words” which proclaim the Gospel, and are means of grace by which faith is quickened and strengthened; in particular, the significance of the Lord’s Supper as a communion in the Body and Blood of Christ, who offers himself to us in the action of this sacrament, so that by faith we may feed on him in our hearts and offer ourselves to him in gratitude for our salvation through his cross; also, the openness of the Lord’s Table as the place where all baptized believers, being one in Christ, are free to celebrate their common salvation in the Lord, and to express their common devotion to his person and his service.

ARTICLE VIII The Return of Christ – The personal return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of this age for the resurrection of the dead, some to life, some to condemnation, for the glorification of his Church, and for the renewal of the whole creation.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Using the forms included here as the last three pages of this document (pp. 7-9), provide us with references from the following persons:

- The appropriate regional representative of your denomination or organization (bishop, etc).
- Clergy or associate acquainted with your work.
- A layperson acquainted with your work.

They are to send the completed forms to you in a sealed and signed envelope for you to include in the completed application sent to us. Identify the persons to whom you are sending these forms.

Denominational Representative

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Street

City/Town

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

E-Mail _____

Clergy or Associate

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Street

City/Town

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

E-Mail _____

Layperson

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Street

City/Town

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

E-Mail _____

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Send a check in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to “Trinity School for Ministry” along with this completed application form, application essay, and all three letters of reference to:

Admissions Office
Trinity School for Ministry
311 Eleventh St.
Ambridge, PA 15003

FINANCIAL AID

To learn more about financial aid at Trinity School for Ministry and to download an application please visit:
www.tsm.edu/admissions/scholarships_and_other_financial_aid

LETTER OF REFERENCE - Denominational Representative

Name of Applicant _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR WAIVER which is to be read and signed by the applicant.

I understand my right under the U.S. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to review confidential appraisals placed in my file after January 1, 1975, that are submitted with reference to admission to a graduate or other school.

I do do not waive my right to review this reference.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Address

(_____) _____
Applicant's Phone Number

TO THE APPLICANT: Complete the above information before giving this form along with a self-addressed envelope to the individual who will be providing your reference.

TO THE EVALUATOR: The person named above is applying for admission to the Doctor of Ministry program at Trinity School for Ministry. In order to decide whether to accept the applicant, we need information about his/her commitment to the Christian ministry, character, emotional stability, academic ability, and present competence in ministerial practice. We are therefore requesting you to share with us your knowledge relative to these points and anything else that you think would be helpful to our admissions committee in assessing the applicant's qualifications for pursuing this Doctor of Ministry program. Please attach a one-two page letter with your comments on the applicant. Thank you for your time and effort.

Evaluator's Name (Printed)

Title

Church/Organization

Evaluator's Signature

Date

Address

(_____) _____
Phone Number

LETTER OF REFERENCE - Clergy or Associate

Name of Applicant _____

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LETTER OF REFERENCE - Layperson

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