



Doctor of Ministry

Vocational Information and Ministry Assessment

It is important that you devote sufficient time and care especially to this part of the application so that it gives the committee an informative picture of you and your ministry. All information will be treated as confidential material.

- A. **Doctor of Ministry Objectives:** In a brief statement, say what you hope to get out of a Doctor of Ministry program, and how you see this study fitting into your total ministry.
- B. **Vocational History:** Describe in detail your ministerial history to date. Indicate positions held, areas of activity, special projects undertaken, service beyond your current ministry, continuing education activities, career evaluations, clinical pastoral education, and other autobiographical information giving a complete picture of your ministry.
- C. **Future Ministry:** Briefly describe your long-range plans for continued full-time ministry. Note any major changes you anticipate in the type of ministry you will undertake.
- D. **Ministry Self-Reflection:** The admissions committee seeks to discern an applicant's ability to reflect self-critically and theologically about his or her ministry. In an essay of no more than five to seven doubled-spaced pages write a case-study type reflection on one of your recent ministry experiences through which you can illustrate some of the major themes and values that shape and inform your work as a minister. Include all the following sections in this "mini-case study:"
 1. Briefly but accurately describe at least some part of a ministry experience you had within the last year, being as specific and as near "verbatim" as possible about what was said and done, by whom and in what context.
 2. Identify what you believe were the main theological questions or issues involved in or raised by the experience.
 3. Describe what you believe were the most significant dynamics of human experience or behavior at work in the situation.
 4. Assess your leadership style and describe your personal spiritual perspective.
 5. State what you wanted to accomplish in your ministerial work and what you believe you in fact did accomplish, both negatively and positively.
 6. From writing this mini-case study what have you learned about what you need further to explore and know, and how do you believe the Doctor of Ministry might contribute to that process? In 25 words or less, out of this ministry experience and your reflection on it, ask one question to which you honestly as yet do not know the answer.