



# Application for Admission to the Doctor of Ministry in Leadership Program

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## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ESSAY

Concerning Christian Life, Service, and Vision

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In a 1,500 to 2,000 word statement, describe your Christian life and ministry, expanding on the following topics:

In a 1,500 to 2,000 word (5-7 pages) essay, describe your Christian life/ministry, expanding on the following topics.

Please number the sections and give the short heading according to the following outline:

1. **Conversion & Call** - Describe briefly your conversion and your call to vocational ministry.
2. **Ministry History** - Describe the extent and success enjoyed in various forms of Christian service, including personally leading others to Christ, preaching/teaching the Word of God and/or exercising leadership.
3. **Present Ministry** - Describe your present ministry and the various leadership roles you have. Describe the most fruitful/satisfying parts, the difficult parts, the greatest personal challenges, and your hopes for the near future.
4. **Strengths/Growth** - Describe what you perceive to be the three (3) strengths in your personal character, and describe two (2) areas where you feel you need growth.
5. **Spiritual Gifts** - Indicate what you believe to be your spiritual gift(s). Include how you discovered and have grown in your spiritual gifts.
6. **Long Term Vision** - Describe your long-term vision for your life and ministry over the next ten years.
7. **Degree Program** - Why you are interested in the **IGSL DMin in Leadership** program specifically? Describe what you hope to gain from your pursuit of this degree if you are admitted. Describe personal and professional growth goals for your ministry skills, knowledge, and character.
8. **Family Situation** - Discuss any factors related to your family situation or marital status which could have a bearing on your application and/or pursuit of this degree. If divorced or separated please discuss in detail. If engaged or planning to marry, please indicate when.

### NOTE FOR RE-APPLICANTS

If you have applied within the last three years, you need only to provide a statement which updates your previous Biographical Information sheet. If you are reapplying after having withdrawn from the program, please include in your statement the reason for your original withdrawal and an explanation of the changes in your circumstances leading to your reapplying.

*Type this essay in good English using other paper. This statement is an important part of your application.*

**Note:** If possible, the first page of your essay should be typed on your ministry organization's letterhead. Also attach your calling/business card (if you have one) to that letterhead page of the essay.