



**Graduate:**

Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Major field(s) of study \_\_\_\_\_ Attended from \_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_ Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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What academic honors or other awards, if any, have you received? \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. RECORD OF MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

*(please continue on a separate page, if necessary)*

Organization/Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**4. PUBLICATIONS**

Please list any published articles and books, if any, which you have written or edited (title, date, place, publisher):

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**5. ESSAYS**

In our Doctor of Ministry program, students will articulate advanced understanding of the contemporary church and expressions of culture, and relationships between the two. The degree will enhance ministry competencies in areas such as proclamation, evangelism, education, interfaith relations, and community engagement and advocacy based on personal and vocational interests. Students will gain a deepened capacity for theological reflection on the practices of ministry, especially with respect to social justice and witness.

With this description in mind, please submit the following materials:

1. Describe your reasons for pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary, your perception of your gifts for service to the church and the world, and areas you hope to develop through this degree program. (800-1,000 words)
2. Choose a contemporary issue that is relevant for you. Describe your perspectives on this issue and how you are engaging this issue in your ministry. How might our D.Min. program enhance your ministry in relation to this issue? (800-1,000 words)
3. Describe the opportunities, challenges, or issues of interest to you as you imagine the focus of your final summative project. What new knowledge and skills would you hope to develop in working on this project? (800-1,000 words)
4. Identify a book you have read in the past year that has had a significant impact on your Christian life and faith and your practice of ministry. What new theological issues emerged from your engagement with this text? What critiques would you have of this book? (1,000-1,200 words)

**6. REFERENCES**

List the names, with titles, of three persons you have asked to provide academic references. One of these persons should offer an academic reference. The two other persons should be able to speak to your ministry experience. All should address your ability to contribute to and benefit from this program. The applicant is required to send the reference forms found on the website to each of their references.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_

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 Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that in considering my application, Union Presbyterian Seminary may find it helpful to contact sources of information in addition to the references named, for example, knowledgeable persons in my presbytery or the equivalent. I authorize Union Presbyterian Seminary to contact those sources, and I authorize those sources to provide information to allow full consideration of my application.     Yes     No

Have you communicated with any faculty, staff, alumni/ae, or students of UPSem? If so, with whom and when?

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**Fee Schedule:**

**Please note:** A non-refundable fee may be required based on the following submission schedule.

Before February 15, 2021: No fee                      After February 16, 2021: \$50

*If you are applying after February 16, 2021, the fee must be submitted with this form.*

**Application Requirements:**

The application will not be considered complete until supporting academic transcripts, references, background check, and/or pertinent examinations have been received. **Please keep copies of material you mail.**

Information about next steps after completing this application can be found at [www.upsem.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now..](http://www.upsem.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now..)

This form can be uploaded to the apply now page on the website in the SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS box or it can be printed and mailed to:

Director of Admissions  
 Union Presbyterian Seminary  
 3401 Brook Road  
 Richmond, VA 23227

I have carefully reviewed and completed each section of this application and certify that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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