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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Year for which I seek admission _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Name on previous transcripts _____
(if different from above)

Current Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Permanent Street Address *(if different from above)* _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Current Occupation _____ Social Security Number, if any _____

Citizenship:

U.S.

- If you are not a U.S. citizen, are you a lawful permanent resident (Green Card Holder)? Yes No

Other (indicate country) _____

- Indicate residency status or Visa type _____

Primary Language *(if other than English)* _____ TOEFL iBT test date ____/____/____

Religious Tradition *(full name)* _____

RECORD OF PREVIOUS ACADEMIC STUDIES

List **all** colleges, universities, and graduate institutions you have attended, attaching an addendum if necessary. It is the responsibility of the applicant to request that these institutions send official transcripts directly to the Office of Admissions at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Undergraduate

Name of Institution	Location	Major Field of Study	Attended From	Attended To	Degree	Year

Graduate

Name of Institution	Location	Major Field of Study	Attended From	Attended To	Degree	Year

List any academic honors or other awards that you have received. List any publications which you have written or edited.

RECORD OF MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Organization/ Congregation	Position	Location	From	To

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)

REFERENCES

List the names of three persons you have asked to provide 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.

Please forward the evaluation form found on the website to your three references to complete. Your references may return the form directly to us via email to admissions@upsem.edu or by mail to Office of Admissions, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond VA 23227.

Reference 1:

Name _____ Position _____

Mailing Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Reference 2:

Name _____ Position _____

Mailing Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Reference 3:

Name _____ Position _____

Mailing Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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. 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?

Please note: A non-refundable application fee of \$50 should be submitted with this application. The deadline to apply for the Doctor of Ministry is **March 1**.

The application will not be considered complete until supporting academic transcripts, references, background check, and/or pertinent examinations have been received. Additional information regarding other requirements may be found at <https://www.upsem.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/>. **Please keep copies of materials you mail.**

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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. Date _____

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