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PASTORAL PROGRAMME APPLICATION

for admission into the pastoral ministry in Lutheran Church–Canada (or sister church)

PERSONAL INFORMATION / ADDRESS			
Name		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	
Street		Street2	
City		Province (or state)	
Postal Code (or zip code)		Country	
Telephone (home)		Cell Phone	
E-mail		Citizenship	

CHURCH INFORMATION			
Home Congregation: Name		Street	
City		Province (or state)	
Postal Code (or zip code)		Country	
Church Body (e.g. LCC)		District	
Name of Pastor		Street	
City		Province	
Postal Code		Country	
Date baptised (dd/mm/yy)		Date confirmed (dd/mm/yy)	
Years a member of Lutheran Church		Previous church affiliations	

FAMILY INFORMATION: MARRIAGE			
Marital Status	<input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Married <input type="radio"/> Divorced <input type="radio"/> Separated <input type="radio"/> Widowed		
Wife's name		Wife's church affiliation	
Date married (dd/mm/yy)		Wife's date of birth (dd/mm/yy)	
Have you been widowed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Have you been divorced?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

FAMILY INFORMATION: MARRIAGE

Has your wife been divorced? Yes No

If you have been divorced, you are required to read the faculty statement "Divorced Applicant Admission Policy" and submit a statement satisfying its criteria.

FAMILY INFORMATION: CHILDREN

Name	Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)	Name	Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)
1		4	
2		5	
3		6	

BACKGROUND

Have you ever sought professional counselling? Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Have you ever applied to or attended a seminary elsewhere? Yes No

If yes, please provide details (including reasons for not attending or leaving the other institution):

Have you ever applied to an alternate pastoral training programme? Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Describe your previous educational and/or professional training:

HEALTH

General condition of your health

Describe any physical or mental health conditions that might affect your ability to study or carry out the duties of a pastor:

FINANCIAL

Indicate the amount of debt you (and your wife) carry:	Educational	
	Car loan	
	Mortgage	
	Credit card	
	Other	

Total	
Describe your plans to repay this debt	

MORAL	
Are you living a chaste and decent life in accordance with the Law of God?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
If married, are you leading a life faithful to your marriage vows?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
If unmarried, are you properly celibate?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Do you consider yourself to be a homosexual or engage in homosexual acts?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are you engaged in illegal activity?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<p>1 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, 2 sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. (1 Timothy 3:1-7)</p> <p>Are you aware of anything in your background or life that might call into question your suitability for the pastoral office in the Lutheran Church? <i>If yes, attach a statement of explanation.</i></p>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

REFERENCES			
<i>It is your responsibility to identify your referees and procure references from them. Arrange with your District President/Bishop for a Letter of Commendation.</i>			
Home Pastor	Name		
	Address		
	City, Province, PC		
	Phone	E-mail	
Personal Reference	Name		
	Address		
	City, Province, PC		
	Phone	E-mail	
District President / Bishop	Name		
	District / Church		

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Help us to get to know you better. Please answer each of the following questions. Use the back of this sheet and feel free to use additional paper if necessary.

1. What people have had the greatest influences on your spiritual life, and how? What struggles have most helped to shape you and with whom did you have those struggles? What characteristics, in your view, would be most important for a pastor to display in his life? What do you understand the ministry to be?

2. Itemize and describe the church-related experiences that you have had to date. Tell what your duties were and the dates when they were performed. What did these experiences teach you?

Declaration and Waiver

I attest that the information I have provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that no relevant information has been withheld.

I agree to comply with the standards and regulations set down in the current Academic Calendar of CLTS.

I grant CLTS permission to seek information from my references that is relevant to my application to the Pastoral Programme leading to certification for ordination in Lutheran Church–Canada. I voluntarily waive any right or privilege to inspect the content and comments expressed in such references for the purpose of this admission process, recognising the referees' rights to confidentiality and privacy.

I acknowledge that admission to the seminary's student body will begin a process of discernment to establish my suitability for the pastoral office, and I accept the sole responsibility of the seminary faculty (along with LCC's Council of Presidents) to make this determination. In short, I fully understand that admission to the seminary's student body offers no guarantee of my future ordination and/or placement.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date (dd/mm/yy): _____

Instructions for Submission (Check-list)

Print and sign the form, and submit the hard copy by mail. Together with your application, you must enclose the following:

- a criminal record check from your local police force
- a note from your physician attesting that you have no physical or mental health conditions that might affect your ability to study or carry out the duties of a pastor
- if you are applying to the M.Div. Degree, a graduate degree application form, together with all necessary documentation

It is your responsibility to secure your references. Reference forms are available at www.brocku.ca/concordiaseminary/admissions.php. Your referees are to send their forms directly to the Admissions office.

- a reference from your home pastor
- a personal reference from someone other than your home pastor
- a letter of commendation from your district president or bishop

Applicants to the (non-degree) diploma programme must also provide:

- evidence of high school graduation and official transcripts of all post-secondary education (sent from the institution directly to Concordia)
- if your native language is not English, evidence that you have satisfied the minimum standard set by the Brock Graduate department on a TOEFL exam
- evidence of medical insurance (for a resident outside of Ontario)
- a non-refundable fee of \$50.00; make cheque or money order payable to Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary

Mail all necessary documents to:

Director of Admissions
Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary
470 Glenridge Ave
St. Catharines, ON L2T 4C3
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