

Luther Seminary
Application for **DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN**
CONGREGATIONAL MISSION & LEADERSHIP

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Personal Information

NAME: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____
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Organization Street

City State Zip Code

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E-MAIL: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

FULL NAME OF YOUR DENOMINATION: _____

DATE OF YOUR ORDINATION: _____

Academic Background

Please give the following information for each degree you have earned:

| Institution | Location | Degree Earned | Date |
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Have you ever been denied admission to, been dismissed from, or been on disciplinary probation at any seminary or graduate school? If so, please attach an explanatory statement.

Transcripts

An official transcript sent directly from each of the institutions listed above is required. Please arrange to have them forwarded to the Luther Seminary Office of Graduate Theological Education. (This pertains to Luther Seminary graduates also.) Your transcripts must clearly show that you have received the Master of Divinity degree or its formal academic equivalent. If your seminary work was done Pass/Fail, please include the names, addresses and phone numbers of two faculty members who are familiar with your scholarship.

Ministerial Experience

All students are required to have been engaged at least three years in a full-time, church-recognized ministry such as a parish, a church administrative position, an educational, or a social or humanitarian position. Please list all such positions of ministry in which you have been employed, beginning with the most recent.

| Position | Congregation or Agency | Dates |
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If ministry is a "second career," please attach a statement detailing your employment history outside of ministry.

Letters of Reference

Please have three letters of reference sent to the Luther Seminary Office of Graduate Theological Education. Given the practical orientation of the D.Min. degree, your most effective sources of reference will include your ministry supervisor (Bishop, etc.), a clergy colleague, and a lay person (e.g., the president of your congregation, agency, etc.) familiar with your current ministry. Please list below those persons from whom such references may be expected:

| Name | Position | Address |
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Assessment of Vocation and Ministry

Please reflect self-critically and theologically about the following questions. Each essay should be no more than three double-spaced pages in length, and will serve also as a writing sample. Therefore, please construct your responses so that they accurately reflect your ability to communicate clearly in written English.

1. What are the primary challenges and opportunities within your present ministry context, both in the congregation and the community it serves? What is God doing?
2. How would this D.Min. program help you to improve your leadership in addressing these challenges and opportunities? What are your strengths and primary areas for growth? What does God want to do through you?
3. What are the primary themes or values that inspire your work as a pastoral leader? What significant autobiographical events or persons have influenced your ministry? How has God shaped you as a leader?

Application Fee and Deadline

All applications together with a non-refundable application fee of \$50 must be postmarked to the Luther Seminary Office of Graduate Theological Education addressed as follows by March 1:

Dr. Paul J. Lokken
Associate Dean – Graduate Theological Education
Luther Seminary
2481 Como Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

If you believe that there are any special circumstances in your background, experience, or current situation bearing upon your candidacy not elsewhere reflected in your application, please feel free to include them in a covering letter.

Seminary Policies

Notification of results will normally be mailed to each applicant on or about April 1. Your application will be treated as confidential material. Luther Seminary admits students of any race, color, sex, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.

Attestation and Signature

I acknowledge that all statements on this application and its attachments are true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE** _____