

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

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Graduate Theological Education, Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108  
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**Personal Information**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

**CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**CURRENT POSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL NAME OF YOUR DENOMINATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF YOUR ORDINATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Background**

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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?  Yes  No

If "yes," please attach an explanatory statement.

**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

If ministry is a "second career," please attach a statement detailing your employment history outside of ministry.

**Transcripts**

Official transcripts of college, seminary, or other graduate work must be sent directly from the schools to the Office of Graduate Theological Education (see address on page 3). Transcripts must clearly show that you have received the Master of Divinity degree or its formal academic equivalent.

**Letters of Reference**

Three letters of reference must be sent directly to Office of Graduate Theological Education (see address on page 3). Given the practical orientation of the DMin 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:

Reference 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 3: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If you come from a school that does not give letter grades or uses some form of the pass/fail system, provide names and email of two professors who are familiar with your academic work:

Academic Reference 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Reference 2: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Assessment of Vocation and Ministry**

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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 DMin 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 Deadline**

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All application materials must be postmarked to the Luther Seminary Office of Graduate Theological Education addressed as follows by February 15:

**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**

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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**

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

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_