PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

This form is to be filled out by the pastor or an elder at your local church. It should not be completed by a member of your family.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: ______________________________________

Program: ____________________________________________

Applicant Phone Number: ______________________________

Applicant E-mail: _____________________________________

Recommender’s name (please print)   E-mail

Address     Daytime phone

Church/Position     Western alumnus? (year)

Please comment on each of the following areas:

1. Length and nature of your relationship with the applicant.

2. The applicant’s character and demonstrated concern for others.

3. The applicant’s emotional stability and social sensitivity.

4. The applicant’s relationship and attitudes towards peers, supervisors, and subordinates (same gender and cross-gender).

5. The applicant’s ability to set and achieve goals. What do you perceive to be his or her goals?
6. The applicant’s commitment to Christ and the work of the gospel as seen in his/her present involvement.

7. Do you have any reservations about this person’s ability to do graduate work at the master’s level?

8. Do you think this program will positively or negatively affect the applicant’s marriage or family life?

9. Do you know of any occasion where this person has been accused, disciplined, or dismissed for moral/ethical or legal reasons? Please elaborate.

10. In what ways has he/she demonstrated Christian character and ministry potential?

11. What do you feel are his/her spiritual gifts, and how has he/she demonstrated significant ability to relate to people in the exercise of those gifts?

In consideration of the applicant’s suitability for seminary study and overall potential for ministry, please check one of the following:

☐ I do not recommend  ☐ I recommend with reservation  ☐ I recommend  ☐ I highly recommend

Signature (required) Date

Would you like us to call you for a telephone conversation about this applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No need

Any other comments?

Please return this form to the appropriate campus.