

Letter of Endorsement from Ministry Site

As authorized representatives of _____,
(name of ministry site here)

we hereby endorse _____ as an applicant for the Doctor
(name of applicant)

of Ministry program at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. In doing this, we understand that, should the applicant be accepted, the program will require the applicant to attend classes at Garrett-Evangelical, to engage in significant reading, writing, and research both during class sessions and at other times, and to engage in careful study of the ministry site for case study work. We also understand that people in the ministry site are to be active participants in the applicant’s studies by forming an On-Site Advisory Team that will encourage, support, advise, and hold the applicant accountable to maintaining excellence in both the applicant’s studies and the applicant’s ministry while the applicant is in the program.

We further recognize that the final project of the program requires the applicant to direct a ministry intervention, in which the applicant diagnoses a current set of ministry practices in the ministry setting and prescribes new or altered means of engaging in those practices with the goal of improving those practices. In endorsing the applicant, we agree that the ministry setting is amenable to working with the applicant in this project.

Finally, we recognize that participation in the program will cause the applicant to dedicate a significant amount of personal money, time, and effort toward pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree. As the ministry site is able, it will seek to aid the applicant in the following ways with these items:

Signed:

(authorized representative of the ministry site) (date) (title of signatory)

On the back, or on a separate sheet of paper, please include a brief assessment of how the ministry site views the applicant’s strengths and growing edges in ministry, as well as specific hopes the ministry site has for how the applicant’s participation in the DMin program will enhance the practice of ministry at the ministry site.