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APPLICATION

I. Personal Information (Please type or print.)

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Last name(s) on previous transcripts (if different from above) _____

Address _____

Country _____ Effective Until _____

Preferred E-mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ May We Contact You There? _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone _____

Place of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Residency/ Visa Status _____ Alien Registration # _____

II. Programs

Application is being made for the following program (check one only):

Diploma Programs

- Diploma in Urban Ministry Diploma in Foundational Christian Studies

Graduate Programs

- Master of Divinity

Master of Arts in: Urban Ministry Youth Ministry Educational Ministries

Master of Arts in Counseling: Mental Health Counselor Marriage and Family Therapist

Official Auditor Visiting Student Special (non-degree seeking)

Post-Graduate Programs

Master of Theology (Th.M.) Biblical Studies Christian Thought Preaching

III. Are You Beginning Study Through an Off-Campus or Special Program?

Semlink COGOP Consortium Hispanic Initiative Other _____

IV. When Do You Plan to Enroll?

Fall Semester, 20____ Spring Semester, 20____ January Intensive, 20____ Summer, 20____

V. Educational Information

List every post-high school institution where at least one course was taken for credit:

| School | State | Date Attended | Degree | Date Awarded/Expected |
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You must request that each institution send an official transcript of academic work to the Admissions Office at Gordon-Conwell.

If transcripts are sent to you, submit an official unopened copy with your application materials to the Admissions Office.

Students transferring from the CUME Diploma program must provide a completed checklist showing their completed Diploma Program.

Do you consider your scholastic records an accurate picture of your academic abilities? Yes No (If no, please explain on a separate sheet)

Have you applied to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary previously? Yes No If Yes, when? _____

Have you been dismissed or denied admission by any other seminaries? Yes No (If yes, please explain on a separate sheet)

Are you transferring from another seminary or graduate institution? Yes No (If yes, please see our website for instructions)

VI. Recommendations

List the names and addresses of three references as indicated. Please use the recommendation forms and return envelopes provided for you.

Have the completed forms sent directly to Gordon-Conwell.

| Name | Street Address | City | State | Zip | Phone | Alumnus/a |
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| Friend or Associate | | | | | | |
| Pastor or Church Official | | | | | | |
| Former Professor or Professional Colleague | | | | | | |

What person most influenced your decision to apply to Gordon-Conwell?

| Name | Street Address | City | State | Zip | Phone | Alumnus/a |
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VII. Church Information

Present Church

Name of church and city _____ is this your Home church? _____

Pastor: _____ Specific denominational affiliation of church _____

Are you (check one): Staff Member Member Regular Attender Occasional Attender

VIII. Work History

(Please attach a resume if available)

Present Occupation _____ Organization and Dates _____

IX. Personal Statements

Please type and attach all responses and include your name on each page. Responses will serve as your writing sample, and your ability to communicate clearly in English will be evaluated.

1. Write a brief autobiographical statement and sign your name. Be sure to comment on your commitment to Christ, the significant factors which have aided your growth as a Christian, the important events and people shaping your identity as a person, and areas in which you are experiencing growth (two pages maximum).
2. Write a statement explaining your desire to pursue theological education and your future professional and vocational goals. Include your previous ministry experience, your gifts/calling for ministry, and current involvement in your local church or Christian ministry (two pages maximum).
3. Do you wish to comment on any relevant medical or psychological history that may help us accommodate your needs?

X. For International Students

Do you have Permanent Resident status of a country other than that of your citizenship? Yes No

If yes, which country? _____

If not a U.S. Citizen, what is your visa status? J1 F1 Other _____ Expiration Date _____

What is your native language? _____

Have you been educated in English from the primary grades through undergraduate studies? Yes No

If your native language is not English, and you were not educated in English from the primary grades, you are required to take the TOEFL and Test of Written English (TWE). Scores you provide below are unofficial. Official scores must be sent directly to Gordon-Conwell-CUME by the Educational Testing Service. Our ETS Code is 0200 for Gordon-Conwell-CUME.

Date of test _____ TOEFL Score _____ TWE Score _____

XI. Check List for a Complete Application

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Completed & signed application. (see page 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Personal Statements. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Non-refundable application fee of \$50. Make checks payable to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Immunization Form. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Three recommendation forms. | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Unopened Official Transcripts. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Church Endorsement. | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Applicants transferring from the Diploma Program must provide a completed checklist of Diploma Courses. |

Return the application to:

Admissions Office
Center for Urban Ministerial Education
90 Warren Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

Once application materials are submitted to Gordon-Conwell, they become the permanent record and property of the seminary. Submitted application materials will not be returned to applicant.

XII. Signature

I hereby declare that all information presented in this application is accurate and complete and I agree to abide by the seminary's Statement of Faith and Community Life Statement as stated below.

Statement of Faith

We Believe That:

- I. The sixty-six canonical books of the Bible as originally written were inspired of God, hence free from error. They constitute the only infallible guide in faith and practice.
- II. There is one God, the Creator and Preserver of all things, infinite in being and perfection. He exists eternally in three Persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are of one substance and equal in power and glory.
- III. Man, created in the image of God, through disobedience fell from his sinless state at the suggestion of Satan. This fall plunged man into a state of sin and spiritual death, and brought upon the entire race the sentence of eternal death. From this condition man can be saved only by the grace of God, through faith, on the basis of the work of Christ, and by the agency of the Holy Spirit.
- IV. The eternally pre-existent Son became incarnate without human father, by being born of the virgin Mary. Thus in the Lord Jesus Christ divine and human natures were united in one Person, both natures being whole, perfect and distinct. To effect salvation, He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as the sinner's substitute, shedding His blood for the remission of sins. On the third day He rose from the dead in the body which had been laid in the tomb. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He performs the ministry of intercession. He shall come again, personally and visibly, to complete His saving work and to consummate the eternal plan of God.
- V. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Triune God. He applies to man the work of Christ. By justification and adoption man is given a right standing before God; by regeneration, sanctification and glorification man's nature is renewed.
- VI. The believer, having turned to God in penitent faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is accountable to God for living a life separated from sin and characterized by the fruit of the Spirit. It is his responsibility to contribute by word and deed to the universal spread of the Gospel.
- VII. At the end of the age the bodies of the dead shall be raised. The righteous shall enter into full possession of eternal bliss in the presence of God, and the wicked shall be condemned to eternal death.

Community Life Statement

- We affirm that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the ultimate guide for our values, attitudes and behaviors in all relationships.
- We will seek to foster the development of spiritual maturity through maintaining a personal devotional life and through participating in community worship and prayer.
- We will seek to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace, and in gentleness, patience and humility, accept one another in love.
- We will seek to encourage one another to mature in Christ-likeness through attempting to speak the truth in love in the classrooms, in business affairs, in social relationships and in all other areas of our common life.
- We will seek to encourage unity in families through responsible relationships. We will seek to respect and encourage our uniqueness in Christ, which includes our diversity of denomination, race, culture, personality, experience, gifts and goals. We will seek to become involved individually and corporately with the Church in ministering to spiritual and social needs within and beyond our own community.
- We renounce attitudes such as greed, jealousy, false pride, lust, bitterness, hostility, an unforgiving spirit and prejudice such as that based on race, sex, and academic or socio-economic status.
- We renounce behaviors such as distortion of God's Word, deception, falsehood, drunkenness, stealing, and sexual immorality such as premarital intercourse, adultery and homosexual behavior.
- We believe where conflict or sin occurs in the Gordon-Conwell community, a biblical process such as stated in Matthew 18:15-20 should be followed to seek correction, forgiveness, restitution and reconciliation.
- We will seek to practice an attitude of mutual submission according to the mind of Christ, recognizing that at times our personal rights and preferences must be put aside for the sake of others' conscience and the good of the community.
- We will seek to encourage the cultivation of such spiritual attitudes as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Signature _____ Date _____

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, or veteran status.

A complete statement of compliance with federal laws and regulations is found in the Gordon-Conwell catalog.

If you have any questions, please call the Admissions Office at 617-427-7293 or e-mail us at cumeinfo@gcts.edu.