



2. Who or what influenced your decision to apply to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list the names of other seminaries to which you are applying. (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you been dismissed or denied admission by any other seminaries? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please include explanation on separate sheet.

## V. EXPERIENCE

Present position \_\_\_\_\_

Previous ministry appointments or other employment \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. CHURCH INFORMATION

Present Church

Name of church and city \_\_\_\_\_

Specific denominational affiliation of church \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on staff? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your position? \_\_\_\_\_

Give details if you are licensed or ordained \_\_\_\_\_

Your specific denominational affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

List the names and addresses of three references as indicated. ~~Upon receipt of your application the Doctor of Ministry Office will send you three recommendation forms and return envelopes.~~ Have the completed forms sent directly to Gordon-Conwell, Doctor of Ministry Office.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*your appropriate denominational official*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*ministry peer*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*an individual of your choosing*

## VIII. LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

If you are a pastor, an official representative of your congregation must write a letter on official letterhead indicating support and understanding of your intention to pursue doctoral studies. If you are not a pastor, such a letter must be written by an official of your judicatory or agency. Please note that the letter of endorsement is distinct from the recommendations and should not be completed by any of the above references.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## IX. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Instructions: Please type *all* responses. Limit your *total* response in Section IX to two typed, single-spaced pages. Include your name on each page.

### 1. Theological Orientation

Describe two or three theological issues that have been central to your personal development and to your ministry.

### 2. Personal/Ministry Objectives

Comment on the motivating objectives of your life and ministry at the present time and how your work in the Doctor of Ministry program will relate to these.

### 3. Encouragement from Others

Comment on the encouragement you experience from family members and significant friends for your entering the Doctor of Ministry program.

### 4. Strengths and Weaknesses

Based on your experience in ministry and personal evaluation, describe significant strengths and weaknesses in yourself which you bring to the Doctor of Ministry program.

## X. PERSONAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Write a brief autobiography of no more than two pages and sign your name. Be sure to comment on your commitment to Christ, the significant factors which have aided your growth as a Christian, and the important events and people shaping your identity as a person. The autobiography must be typed with single-spacing (double-spacing between paragraphs) and is to be sent with the application.

I hereby declare that all information presented in this application is accurate and complete and that I am in full agreement with the Community Life Statement on the back of this page.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call the Doctor of Ministry Office at 800-816-1837.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Complete the application in full; type or write legibly.
2. Personal statements and autobiography must be typed and sent with this application. Please include a ~~\$40~~<sup>\$50</sup> application fee made out to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
3. Generally, completed applications must be received no later than three months before the first residency period.
4. A decision regarding admission is normally made within two weeks after the application is complete, including all transcripts and reference forms. You will be notified by mail immediately after a decision has been made.

Return completed application to: Doctor of Ministry Office  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
130 Essex Street, South Hamilton, MA 01982

## COMMUNITY LIFE

*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.*