

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY
GORDON CONWELL
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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APPLICATION

I. Personal Information

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____ Social Security Number (optional) _____

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

Present Address _____

_____ Country _____ Effective Until _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Male Female Citizenship _____

Marital & Family Information (Optional)

Single Married Spouse's Name _____

Names & Ages of Children _____

II. Doctor of Ministry Track

Area of Specialization: _____

Location: _____

III. When Do You Plan to Enroll?

January Term, 20____ June Term, 20____ Other, _____

VI. 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 Doctor of Ministry Office at Gordon-Conwell. If transcripts are sent to you, submit an official unopened copy with your application materials to the Admissions Office.

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.)

Who or what influenced your decision to apply to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary? _____

Please list the names of other seminaries to which you are applying (optional)

V. Experience

Present position _____

Previous ministry appointments or other employment _____

VI. Church Information

Name of current church and city _____

Specific denominational affiliation of church _____

Are you on staff? _____ What is your position? _____

Details if you are licensed or ordained _____

Specific denominational affiliation (if different than above) _____

VII. Recommendations

List the names and addresses of three references as indicated. Please use the recommendation forms provided for you. Have the completed forms sent directly to Gordon-Conwell.

Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Current Denominational Official _____

Current Ministry Peer _____

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 recommendation 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.

XI. Signature

I have read and understand Gordon-Conwell's Statement of Faith, and if admitted, I will respect its commitment to historic Christian orthodoxy.

I have read and understand Gordon-Conwell's Community Life Statement, and if admitted, I agree that I will abide by its standards.

I hereby declare that all information presented in this application is accurate and complete.

Signature _____ Date _____

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

Instructions

1. Complete the application in full. Please include a \$50 application fee made out to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
2. Generally, completed applications must be received no later than three months before the first residency period.
3. 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
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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 by 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.

Statement of Faith

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.