

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPLICATION PROCEDURE</b> <b>FIRE &amp; GRACE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY</b></p>
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**PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE APPLYING**

***WHEN TO APPLY:***

Fire & Grace School of Ministry accepts new students **once** a year. Prospective students must submit completed applications for the **coming school year** no later than **August 1st**.

***REQUIREMENTS:***

**CHARACTER:** Students will be expected to live in accordance with godly principles as stated in the New Testament and the Fire & Grace School of Ministry Code of Conduct.

**ACADEMIC:** Applicants must have completed high school (Diploma or GED). Any exceptions to this must be approved by the FGSM Evaluation Panel.

**AGE:** Applicants who wish to enroll in the Fire & Grace School of Ministry must be at least 18 years of age by the first day of class of the year they are applying for. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the FGSM Evaluation Panel. Applicants who are not 18 years old by the first day of class must have a Parental Recommendation submitted with their application.

**APPLICATION FEE:** A nonrefundable \$25 application fee must be sent with your application. Send a check or money order made to Fire & Grace Church attached to your application forms to our Admissions Office.

**TUITION:** The suggested tuition donation for a full-time student is \$600.00\* per semester/\$1,200.00\* per year. This amount DOES NOT include textbooks or school supplies. Please make checks or money orders out to Fire & Grace Church or donate online.

The suggested tuition donation for a part-time student is \$200.00 per class. A first year, part-time student takes Core Class (a “freebie”) plus 1-2 classes in the fall semester and then 1-2 classes in the spring semester. The remaining classes are taken the second year. This amount DOES NOT include textbooks or school supplies. Part-time students will be given limited access to academic sessions each semester. Please make checks or money orders out to Fire & Grace Church or donate online.

**NOTE:** We believe that FGSM tuition suggestions are reasonable and much lower than most ministry schools. Matthew 6:21 tells us that people spend their money on what is important to them, and we believe they are more likely to value what they spend their money on. However, we also know that some truly cannot afford a set tuition. Therefore, if you sincerely desire to attend FGSM but cannot due to finances, please submit your application. FGSM never denies applicants based on money.

**HOUSING/EMPLOYMENT/TRANSPORTATION/FOOD:** Currently all classes are offered on-line only. Students who desire to move near Fire & Grace School of Ministry are responsible for their own housing, employment, transportation, food, healthcare, etc.

**HOW TO APPLY: WE MUST RECEIVE THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS. FAXES AND COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

### **1) APPLICATION**

All questions on the application forms must be completed. If a question does not apply, write N/A (not applicable). Applications must be signed and dated. Failure to do so will cause a delay in the processing of your application. If you have attended more than 3 colleges or other schools, please list the information on a separate sheet of paper.

### **2) RECOMMENDATIONS**

**a.** Using the enclosed form, provide Fire & Grace School of Ministry with one Personal Recommendation. The recommendation must be completed by a mature Christian adult (at least 24 years or older) that has known the applicant at least one year and is not a relative. The recommendation will be kept in confidence. Once completed, the recommendation must be mailed directly to our Admissions Office by the individual filling out the recommendation form, not the applicant. We must receive the original Personal Recommendation.

**b.** Pastoral Recommendations must be completed by the Pastor from the home church where you regularly attend. Once completed, recommendations should be mailed directly to our Admissions Office. If you do not have a home church please submit an explanation.

### **3) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Complete this form in your own words. Your statements will be held in confidence.

Applicants to Fire & Grace School of Ministry should send the completed Application, Statement of Purpose, and the Application Fee to our Admissions Office:

**Fire & Grace School of Ministry  
Attn: Admissions Office  
P.O. Box 4275  
Opelika, AL 36803**

### **AFTER YOU APPLY:**

When the Admissions Office has received **ALL** completed forms, including recommendations; your application will enter the Evaluation Process and will be reviewed by the Fire & Grace School of Ministry Evaluation Panel. Applicant will then receive an email with instructions for submission of a 5 minute video testimony. Once this video is received, applicant will receive notification of acceptance or denial within 4 weeks. It is strongly suggested that the applicant makes sure the Pastoral and Personal Recommendations have been submitted. Applicants to Fire & Grace School of Ministry will not enter the Evaluation Process until all of the above forms have been received.

If you have questions regarding the status of your application, please contact our Admissions Office at fgschool@yahoo.com. Information regarding acceptance or denial will not be given over the phone.



Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of your citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you resided in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s) Race \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak the English language fluently? Yes No What is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>
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Circle One:

Single      Legally Married      Separated      Remarried      Divorced      Widowed

Please explain about previous marriage(s) and give dates (if applicable) :

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How long have you been married (if applicable) ? \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Month      Day      Year

Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Will your marital status change between now and the time you attend FGSM?    Yes      No

Future Spouse's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all your children's name(s) and age(s):**

Living with you:

\_\_\_\_\_

Not Living with you:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

Last High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

GED? Yes No      Graduated? Yes No      Date of Graduation or GED \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month      Day      Year

Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(1) College/Other \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) College/Other \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) College/Other \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Degree Attained \_\_\_\_\_ Attained at which college: (1) (2) (3)

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended the church named above? \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

Are you a member? Yes No

If you have attended the Church named above less than one year, please fill in the needed information below:

Previous Church's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended the church named above? \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year      Month Year

**SPIRITUAL**

When did you accept Jesus as your Savior for the first time? \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year

Have you made a recommitment since the date above? Yes No

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year

Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues? Yes No

In the last 2 years have you used illegal drugs, tobacco or consumed any alcoholic beverage? No Yes

If yes, please explain:

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Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

In the last 2 years has your life demonstrated moral, ethical and pure living? Yes No

If no, please explain:

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Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Have you ever been incarcerated? Yes No If yes, please explain:

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Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Have you ever been involved in the occult, witchcraft or cults? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

State any Christian service that you have done in the past 2 years:

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<b>HEALTH</b>
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Describe any disease, disorder, or disability that requires special attention:

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Have you had any emotional problems in the past 2 years or recurring emotional problems? Yes No  
If yes, please explain:

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Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been medicated for mental illness? Yes No  
If yes, please explain:

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Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been institutionalized? Yes No  
If yes, please explain:

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Date(s) of most recent occurrence(s), Month and Year: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Are you presently taking any medications? Yes No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMPLOYMENT**

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

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

How long have you been employed there? \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STUDENT COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE &amp; CODE OF CONDUCT</b> <b>FIRE &amp; GRACE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY</b></p>
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Fire & Grace School of Ministry students should possess a commitment to excellence in every area of life, possessing a level of maturity that enables God to entrust them with the calling to which He has appointed them. Each FGSM student is expected to commit to pursue a standard of excellence by doing the following:

- Spend time daily in God's presence through prayer, the Word of God, worship, and devotion.
- Pursue academic excellence and integrity.
- Cultivate positive social relationships.
- Act in ways that edifies the body of Christ.
- Respect the rights and property of others.
- Conduct oneself in moral, ethical, and spiritual purity according to God's Word.
- Abide by established FGSM standards, including dress code and attendance policies, and help others to abide by these same standards.

Our conduct and moral standard as Christians should be governed first and foremost by the New Testament. The following Fire & Grace School of Ministry Code of Conduct is in place to ensure we avoid any confusion and to make certain that FGSM students abstain from sin and even the "appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22)

1. No drinking any alcoholic beverages, no using illegal drugs (this includes marijuana), and no abuse of prescription drugs in public or private.
2. No smoking, vaping, dipping, chewing or any other form of tobacco/synthetic legal drug intake.
3. No sexual immorality of any kind which includes premarital sex, adultery, homosexuality, pornography, crude sexual language or jokes. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated. No student will be accepted to FGSM who is living with a person of the opposite sex without being legally married (with a marriage license).
4. No student of FGSM may be a practicing member of any secret society, fraternity/sorority or false religion such as the Freemasons, Eastern Star, Shriners, Sigma Chi, Islam, Roman Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, New Age, Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses, Judaism, Wicca, Christian Science, and so forth.
5. No student of FGSM will practice Yoga, eastern meditation, visualization, mantras, chanting, astral projection, or any other occult thing such as acupuncture, essential oils, Reiki, or charms, fetishes, or any form of divination. Visiting fortune tellers, mediums, or playing with Ouija boards are also forbidden by Scripture and FGSM.
6. Threats of violence or any type of physical assaults on anyone will NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion.

7. Stealing, lying, or cheating on tests or class assignments will result in dismissal from FGSM. Plagiarism (the practice of taking the work or ideas of someone else and passing them off as one's own) is a form of theft and lying and will not be tolerated. Every FGSM student should always list sources and give honor to whom honor is due.
8. FGSM students should respect and obey civil laws and authorities unless they violate the Word of God.
9. Dress code: FGSM students are expected to dress modestly in all public places. Shorts should be modest. NO tank tops, low cut tops, high cut tops, low cut or sagging pants, see-through clothing or tight clothing will be allowed in school, church, while recording school videos or FGC/FGSM activities. Modesty should be the rule in a Christian's life even outside of church.
10. Disrespectful or argumentative speech toward faculty, staff, or guests of FGSM will NOT be tolerated. Using curse words or derogatory comments to demean fellow students or those in authority is also forbidden.
11. Social Media: No foul language or inappropriate content (anything that violates the FGSM Code of Conduct) is to be posted or shared on social media while a student of FGSM.

Examples: Memes/videos/posts with cussing, men/women wearing clothing that violates the FGSM dress code, or sexual in nature.

12. Local FGSM students are required to attend all services and events hosted by Fire & Grace Church of Opelika, Dean Odle Ministries and Fire & Grace School of Ministry. FGSM students who are not local are required to attend all services and events hosted by Fire & Grace Church of Opelika, Dean Odle Ministries and Fire & Grace School of Ministry on-line. This includes a monthly student Zoom call.

### **AGREEMENT**

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have read the Fire & Grace School of Ministry Student Commitment to Excellence & Code of Conduct. I agree to live by these standards and understand that FGSM has the right to dismiss any student who is considered to be in violation of this commitment. I agree to notify FGSM staff/faculty if at any time I violate this agreement or feel I can no longer adhere to it.

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Signature Required

Date



2. Briefly explain why you would like to attend Fire & Grace School of Ministry.

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3. Do you feel called to full-time ministry? Yes No

4. To what aspect of ministry service do you feel called (e.g., Pastor, Foreign Missions, Children's Minister, Worship Leader, etc.)?

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5. Do you have any unresolved problem areas that may need further counseling assistance? Yes No  
If yes, please explain:

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6. Are you ready to pursue ministry training at Fire & Grace School of Ministry which calls for serious commitment of time and energy and holds its students to high moral and spiritual standards?

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7. Please list the names of the last 3 books you have read, and briefly explain how they impacted your life.

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8. How did you hear about Fire & Grace School of Ministry?

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**PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION  
FIRE & GRACE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

**TO THE APPLICANT:**

Please complete the section below. Applicants are required to have ONE Personal Recommendation form completed in order to apply to FGSM. This form MUST be completed by a mature Christian adult (at least 24 years of age) that has known the applicant for at least 1 year and is not a relative.

**Note:** This section must be completed by the applicant in its entirety.

Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Maiden

Name you go by (If different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS RECOMMENDATION:** The above named applicant is applying for admission to Fire & Grace School of Ministry. Serious consideration will be given to your comments. This recommendation will be kept in confidence. Thank you for your assistance. Once completed, DO NOT mail or return recommendation to applicant. Please send directly to:

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**TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS**

1) How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2) How well do you know applicant? By name/sight      Casually      Fairly Well      Very Close

3) Describe the applicant by checking the following points:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Common Sense	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Health, vigor	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tact	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Compassion	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Participation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Social Ability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response to Authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seriousness of Purpose	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4) Which characteristics best describe the applicant? (Please Circle)

Warmhearted	Loving	Teachable	Tolerant	Unstable	Rebellious
On Fire for Jesus	Respectful	Mature	Enthusiastic	Passive	Critical
Belligerent	Immature	Lazy	Confused	Focused	

5) To the best of your knowledge, what Christian service has the applicant been involved in? (Nursery, Youth Leader, etc.) EXPLAIN:

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6) To your knowledge does the applicant use: (Circle the applicable answer)

Illegal Drugs? Yes No                      Alcohol? Yes No                      Tobacco? Yes No  
 If yes, please explain:

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7) To your knowledge has the applicant been involved in sexual immorality, alcohol, or illegal drug use within the past 2 years? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

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8) What do you consider the applicant's strengths?

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9) What do you consider the applicant's weaknesses?

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10) Do you have any reservations about this individual? Yes No  
If yes, please explain:

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11) Do you feel this individual is called to ministry? Yes No Not Sure  
Comments:

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**Please Read:**

We are a school with a very intense study and demanding policies. We do not recommend that students attend FGSM who may have difficulty adjusting. We are not a school designed to assist as a rehabilitative service for those who need extra help personally/emotionally. With this in mind, do you feel that this student is ready to be thrust into ministry training? Please evaluate below and comment if necessary.

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend      \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend with reservation      \_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend

Please Comment:

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Please print name \_\_\_\_\_ Your age \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION  
FIRE & GRACE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

**TO THE APPLICANT:**

Please complete the section below. Applicants are required to have one Pastoral Recommendation form completed in order to apply to Fire & Grace School of Ministry. Pastoral Recommendations must be completed by the Pastor of the church that you regularly attend.

**Note:** This section must be completed by the applicant in its entirety.

Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First                      Middle                      Last                      Maiden

Name you go by (If different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE PASTOR COMPLETING THIS RECOMMENDATION:** The above named applicant is applying for admission to FIRE School of Ministry. Serious consideration will be given to your comments. This recommendation will be kept in confidence. Thank you for your assistance. Once completed, DO NOT mail or return recommendation to applicant. Please send directly to:

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Attn: Admissions Office  
P.O. Box 4275  
Opelika, AL 36803**

**TYPE OR PRINT ALL ITEMS**

1) How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

2) How well do you know applicant?    By name/sight    Casually    Fairly Well    Very Close

3) Describe the applicant by checking the following points:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperativeness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Common Sense	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Health, vigor	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tact	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Compassion	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Participation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Social Ability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response to Authority	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seriousness of Purpose	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4) Which characteristics best describe the applicant? (Please Circle)

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Belligerent	Immature	Lazy	Confused	Focused	

5) Type of home and family background

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6) Do you consider the applicant able to do college level work successfully? Yes No

If no, please explain:

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7) To your knowledge does the applicant use: (Circle the applicable answer)

Illegal Drugs? Yes No

Alcohol? Yes No

Tobacco? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

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If yes, please explain:

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9) What do you consider the applicant's strengths?

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10) What do you consider the applicant's weaknesses?

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11) To your knowledge are there any unresolved problem areas or is he/she one who is ready to pursue ministry?

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12) Are there any past occurrences in the applicant's life that may hinder him/her from making a firm commitment to our schedule? Yes No Not Sure

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13) Do you feel this individual is called to ministry? Yes No Not Sure

Comments:

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**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_ I recommend      \_\_\_\_ I recommend with reservation      \_\_\_\_ I do not recommend

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor completing this Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Position \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you pastored this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Church address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_