

## D. Min. Application Writing Instructions

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The Doctor of Ministry Application includes two documents to be written by you. Please submit A) a ministry professional writing sample and B) a ministry experience reflection as outlined in the directions below:

A) The ministry professional writing sample is a 5–7-page essay (approx. 1500-3500 words) that demonstrates use of citations and bibliography. Prepare one of these three options:

1. Submit an academic paper written within the last 5 years for a previous graduate theological school program/course.
2. Submit a sermon you have preached annotated with references to reflect the exegetical and theological research you engaged to support your preparation (inclusive of a bibliography).
3. Write an essay on three books you have read recently and how and in what ways they have had an impact on ministry and changed, challenged, or confirmed your practice of ministry. Provide citations, quotes, and bibliographic information.

B) A reflection on ministry experience – respond to each of this series of questions in short essay form addressing each prompt separately. Please save your responses in a single document.

- Select a Scripture text and describe how it connects with and informs your practice of leadership in your setting of ministry.
- Briefly describe your ministry context. What adaptations or shifts have you witnessed? What problem/opportunity might you want to research/address in your ministerial leadership in your context?
- Elaborate on your ministerial identity and sense of call to ministries of leadership in the public square and/or chaplaincy committed to advocating for the community.
- What evidence or signs of readiness would you name in your ministry, calling, and life to illumine your commitment to personal and spiritual formation?