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Office of the Chaplains

Exploration of Vocation and Ministry Program Application

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Greenville, South Carolina 29613-5947*

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

_____ Age _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Class _____ Denomination _____ Home Phone _____

Church Membership: _____

I have read and understand the purpose and expectations of Furman's *Exploration of Vocation and Ministry* program. _____ yes _____ no

Experience of Calling or Attraction to Ministry

Professional Ministry Goal (be as specific as possible)

Self-Perception of Strengths and Weaknesses

Previous Work and/or Volunteer Experience

Extracurricular Activities



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Please include the following in an essay of no more than 3 pages:

1. A reasonably full account of your life. Include, for example, significant and important persons and events, especially as they have impacted, or continue to impact, your personal growth and development. Describe your family of origin, current family relationships, and important and supportive social relationships.
2. A description of your spiritual growth and development. Include, for example, the faith heritage into which you were born and describe and explain any subsequent, personal conversions, your call to ministry, religious experiences, and significant persons and events that have impacted, or continue to impact, your spiritual growth and development.
3. An account of a “helping incident” in which you were the person who provided the help. Include the nature and extent of the request, your assessment of the issue(s), problem(s), situation(s). Describe how you came to be involved and what you did. Give a brief, evaluative commentary on what you did and how you believe you were able to help.
4. Your expectations of EVM. Indicate, for example, what you believe or imagine EVM to be. Indicate how EVM may be able to help you meet needs generated by your ministry or call to ministry. Indicate any personal and/or professional learning goals and issues that you have at this time and how you believe that EVM will help you to attain or address these learning goals and issues.

Exploration of Vocation and Ministry Program Participation Agreement

As a member of the *Exploration of Vocation and Ministry* program at Furman University, I am committed to the exploration of my call to ministry. Under the supervision of the university chaplains, I covenant to follow these guidelines as I participate in the program:

- First year students agree to participate in weekly classroom sessions led by the chaplains. Students agree to plan and participate in University Worship during their first year in the program. Please note: **one absence per term is permitted**;
- All students agree to model of life of faith through appropriate lifestyle choices;
- All students agree to participate in weekly gatherings of the *Exploration of Vocation and Ministry* program;
- All students will complete and submit theological reflections as noted in the EVM syllabus;
- Upon successful completion of a year of orientation, students agree to participate in annual approved internships in the areas of urban ministry, hospital chaplaincy, congregational ministry, or other setting (at the approval of the chaplains). In order to expose the student to a variety of settings, internships will change at least annually. Every internship will include three learning goals signed by the internship supervisor, student, and submitted to the Chaplain's Office at the beginning of the internship.
- Students agree to actively participate in a community of faith, on and/or off campus.
- Students commit themselves to satisfactory academic performance.

I realize that in addition to these guidelines, it is my responsibility to participate in the *Exploration of Vocation and Ministry* program with an enthusiastic and open spirit. Continuation in the program and receipt of financial aid/academic credit will be based on the chaplains' evaluation of my fulfillment of the above criteria.

Signature of student

Date