

## EVALUATION STATEMENT

### Doctor of Ministry Program

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\_\_\_\_\_ has made application for the Doctor Ministry program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Will you please give us your frank opinion, telling us whether you think the applicant has the qualities to grow in ministry and to be effective on the local level and in the church-at-large? It will be helpful if you will give your response to questions such as these:

1. What are the applicant's specific strengths and weaknesses, both personal and professional?
2. In what respects is he effective in his present ministry?
3. In what respects is he ineffective?
4. In what ways has he demonstrated the ability to grow in his own ministry?
5. Is he a leader and can he help lay and professional persons to improve their service to the church?
6. Should the applicant be encouraged to proceed with the degree program? Why do you think so? The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry program is to assist in the sharpening of theological insights, in the application of them to the practical ministry, and in the ability to evaluate ministerial practice.

Your evaluation will be more meaningful if you can supply specific illustrations in answering the above questions. For example,

1. In what ways has the congregation or agency which the applicant is serving gained new life and found new directions as a result of his leadership?
2. Can you cite specific cases where parishioners, pastors, or other church leaders have come to the applicant for advice?
3. What new programs or new directions for programs has he introduced?
4. What specific instances can you name where he has taken the initiative for planning or is carrying out activities locally or in the larger church scene?

This evaluation will be treated in strict confidence and used only by the Graduate Admissions Committee.

Please be candid, at the same time supplying information which will be most helpful for the application of the candidate.

Thank you for your help.