



UNIVERSITY REFORMED CHURCH Pastoral Fellowship Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Where is your church membership?

Where did you graduate from seminary?

Have you read and do you agree with the entire Fellowship Policies document?

Do you have any questions or concerns?

Please answer briefly, in complete sentences, the following questions. Use a separate sheet if necessary (but try to be brief). If you are using this sheet, please print neatly.

1. How did you become a Christian?

2. Describe your sense of call to pastoral ministry (include both how you feel called and how others have confirmed your gifts and effectiveness in ministry).

3. Describe your previous involvement in church and Christian service, especially areas of leadership.
4. Describe your practice of spiritual disciplines (e.g., prayer, Bible reading, memorization, fasting, journaling, etc.).
5. What are a few of your spiritual gifts and personal strengths?
6. What do you need to work on?
7. Who are some of the authors, people, or books that have been most formative in your Christian life?
8. Do you understand that this position requires the raising of some financial support? Do you see this as feasible for you?

Four references are required for every application.

1. **Pastoral reference:** Should be written by a pastor or elder of the church the applicant is currently attending. This reference should include information related to the applicant's gifting for pastoral ministry, comment upon the applicant's maturity and character, and describe the applicant's participation in the local church.
2. **Professor reference:** Should be written by a current or recent seminary professor familiar with your academic and theological experience.
3. **Personal reference:** Should be written by a personal friend, who can attest to the applicant's character, gifts, and abilities.
4. **Co-laborer reference:** Should be written by a co-laborer in a ministry which the applicant has served in. This reference should comment on what they have observed to be the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant in ministry.

These references should be emailed directly from the reference to the Assistant Pastor at nate@urcstaff.org.

*Please return the completed application to the Assistant Pastor by **March 1st**. If you are not a member of URC, please include a resume and brief cover letter. A decision on your application should be made by the end of March.*