



# CHURCH ENDORSEMENT FORM

CONTEXTUALIZED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Name of Applicant

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CLD Center (Code & Name)

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Dear Pastor / Church Leader, \*

A member of your church has applied for admission to the CLD program of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. One of the key factors we look at in our admissions process is church endorsement. We want to know that a church heartily endorses a man or woman as one with real potential for vocational Christian service. Please answer all of the following questions as best you can. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary would be unable to minister effectively without the cooperation of churches.

From the GGBTS Admissions Committee

\* This form is to be filled out by the church pastor, on behalf of the church body. If there is no church pastor, or if the applicant is the pastor, then this form may be filled out by a co-pastor, a deacon, or another church leader.

\*\* This form should be filled out and returned to the local CLD Director by \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Please fill out ALL information in English, neatly, in ink.

## I. Church and Ministry

Is applicant a member of your church?  Yes  No

Date applicant became a member (month/year)

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Applicant became a member by:

- Profession of faith
- United from a non-Southern Baptist church
- Letter from Southern Baptist church
- Other (please explain)

Is the applicant a person who reflects church-related activity equal to or above that of the committed laity of your church in:

- Worship attendance  Yes  No
- Financial Stewardship  Yes  No
- Program Involvement (Bible study, etc.)  Yes  No

Please list positions of leadership, volunteer or paid, which the applicant has held in your church.

Position

Approximate length of service

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## II. Personal and Biographical

Can applicant physically and emotionally meet the normal demands of religious vocational training and employment?

- Yes  No
- If not, please explain.

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Is there solid evidence to suggest the applicant has genuine potential for leading people?  Yes  No  
If not, please explain.

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How would you describe the applicant's personal relationships (i.e., how does he/she get along with people)?

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Do you foresee any potential problems that would hinder applicant's ability to perform ministry effectively?  
 Yes  No If "yes," please explain.

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**Name and Title of person filling out sections I and II**

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**Signature of person filling out sections I and II**

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### **III. Statement of Endorsement**

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The following statement must be read to the congregation and approved by a vote of the congregation:

**"Having evidenced that the named applicant to Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is an individual who**

- is committed to the Christian faith;**
- evidences a divine call to ministry;**
- has moral integrity;**
- is emotionally stable so as to be able to fill leadership responsibilities in church life; and**
- shows potential for responsible Christian ministry,**

**we recommend him/her for admission to Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and pledge our continuing interest and prayerful support of him/her."**

Date of congregational approval

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Name of Church

Denomination

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Mailing Address

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Signature of Moderator (the person who called for the vote)  
or Church Clerk / Secretary

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Name and phone number of person to contact for more information

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