

In line with our privacy policy, please note that this document is a resource of the BUV Advisory Board. When in negotiations with Pastoral Search Committees the Advisory Board will use the information provided as necessary. It will not be used for other purposes. If you have information you would like the Board to know, but not to be passed on to Pastoral Search Committees, please attach a separate document for this purpose. If you wish to view our privacy policy it is available at our offices.

1. Personal Details

| | |
|--|--|
| Date: | |
| Given name/s: | |
| Family name: | |
| Preferred title: Pst, Rev, Mr, Mrs, Dr, Ms, Miss | |
| Residential address: | |
| Postal address (if different from above): | |
| Email: | |
| Telephone: | |
| Business Hours | |
| After Hours | |
| Mobile | |

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Date & place of birth: | |
|------------------------|--|

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Residency & Citizenship status: | |
|---------------------------------|--|

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Current Position: | |
| Church currently attending: | |

| | |
|--|--|
| Marital status: single, engaged, married, divorced, widowed | |
|--|--|

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| If applicable, spouse's full name: | |
|------------------------------------|--|

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| If applicable, spouse's occupation: | |
|-------------------------------------|--|

| |
|---|
| If applicable, full names, ages and current school level of children: |
| |

| |
|--|
| Are there any special needs or circumstances (e.g. health, education, spouse's occupation, children, constraints on location, etc.)? |
| |

| | |
|---|--|
| What is your preference regarding housing? (e.g. manse, own home, etc.) | |
|---|--|

2. Education, Experience and Expectations

| |
|--|
| 2.1 Outline your education and any other qualifications (secondary, tertiary, theological and/or ministry related) including the type of qualification, where it was received from and when. |
|--|

| |
|---|
| 2.2 Are you ordained? If yes, by which Ordaining Body and when? |
|---|

| |
|--|
| 2.3 Outline your full employment history, both pastoral and non-pastoral appointments; including the role you filled, where you filled it, and when. |
|--|

| |
|---|
| 2.4 Outline other relevant positions you have held in churches. |
|---|

| |
|---|
| 2.5 What are your two strongest and most developed ministry skills? |
| |

| |
|--|
| 2.6 What type of setting do you prefer (e.g. rural, urban, large, small, traditional, contemporary, planting, replanting, charismatic, etc.)? Please describe. |
| |

| |
|---|
| 2.7 Would you prefer to be a sole pastor, senior pastor, team member, etc? If a team member, what type of focus most interests you? (e.g. family, youth, worship, outreach, etc.) |
| |

2.8 Would you prefer full-time or part-time? If your preference is not available, what time fraction are you able to consider? Please be specific about the number of days.

3. Your Faith Journey and Understanding of Ministry

Spiritual Journey

Briefly describe how you became a Christian and your Christian pilgrimage, including the circumstances of your baptism.

Relate your personal sense of God's call to pastoral leadership.

Comment on the place of the Bible in your experience.

Comment on the place of prayer in your experience.

What are the significant influences that have shaped your life?

How are you actively engaged in sharing Jesus Christ with others?

Theology

What are the core elements of your theology?

How has your theology grown and developed over the years?

What is your theological understanding of the local Church?

How do you wish to see this understanding of the local Church expressed in contemporary life?

How do you see the role of the pastor as distinct from other members of the congregation?

Over the years, how has your understanding and practice of pastoral ministry changed?

In a few sentences for each, outline your convictions or preferences regarding:

Baptism.

Open/closed membership.

Women in leadership.

Worship.

The practice of 'charismatic gifts' in the church.

Interdenominational activities.

Practicing homosexuals in the church.

Are there any other issues of faith and church practice that you are passionate about? Please tell us more.

4. Additional

How often do you take time out from pastoral ministry responsibilities for the following, and how do you normally spend the time?

a) Spiritual reflection:

b) Personal leisure:

What other responsibilities do you / your spouse currently have beyond the local church?

a) Christian:

b) Community:

How open are you to being involved in the life of the Baptist Union of Victoria? How might this be expressed?

Churches are encouraged to have annual Internal Reviews and every three years to have a Church Ministry Review conducted by a Regional Minister or other outside nominee. Is this type of review arrangement acceptable to you?

Separate from the above Reviews, to be a BUV Recognised Pastoral Leader requires participation in the Personal Development Plan (PDP) process, which encourages three-year planning for ongoing growth and development in both personal and professional life. Are you willing to participate in the PDP process?

The BUV has a duty to protect our churches from those who may abuse the trust placed in the pastoral role. Therefore, it is important that Advisory Board is advised of any potential problem areas with those who are applying for BUV pastoral positions. It is the applicant's responsibility to convey any relevant information to the Advisory Board. If you are aware of anything that may impede your suitability for a pastoral role, basic details are to be submitted in a separate document. Do you understand this responsibility and agree to act accordingly?

Do you assent to the Doctrine of the BUV and agree to submit to the BUV Policies (e.g. Duty of Care, Sexual Misconduct by Pastors: Complaint Procedures, etc.)?

Please include the names and contact details of three referees.

Please enclose a recent photo of yourself and spouse/family as applicable.

If applicable, your spouse is invited to attach a brief resume or indicate if they would like a specific role in the church.

Please return this form to:
mel.price@buv.com.au