

### Ordination Candidature Application

Your application must be typed. Please take as much space as you need for each question. Please carefully note the attachments required which are listed at the end of this form.

Your complete application must be submitted by August 31<sup>st</sup> in the year you apply.

#### SECTION A – PERSONAL DETAILS

Preferred title: Pst, Mr, Mrs, Dr, Ms, Miss	
Given name/s:	
Family name:	
Residential address:	
Postal address: (if different from above)	
Telephone:	
Business Hours:	
After Hours:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Date and place of birth:	
Residency and Citizenship status:	
Marital status: single, engaged, married, divorced, widowed	

Spouse's full name: If applicable
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Full names and ages of any children: If applicable

How do you envisage financing the cost of your training if your application is successful?
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Describe your general state of health. Outline any diagnosed medical conditions that may have any impact upon the exercise of pastoral leadership.

Are there special needs or circumstances relating to your application and the future exercise of pastoral leadership? (ie health, education, spouse's occupation, children, home location, etc)

What are your special interests? (ministry related and recreational)

What books have you enjoyed reading over the last year?

If accepted as a candidate, how much time are you able to spend in theological studies? (please specify days/hours/week during the academic year)

### Section B: Educational Development and Church Experience

1. Provide a brief description of what it meant for you to grow up in your family.

2. Outline your education and any qualifications (secondary, tertiary, and specifically, any theological and/or ministry related):

3. Outline your full employment history:

4. Detail all your previous and present membership(s) in all churches:

5. If applicable, of which BUV church is your spouse a member?

6. Outline the positions you have held in churches (general leadership and pastoral leadership roles):

7. Give details of previous applications made to any Baptist Union, other denomination, theological college or missionary society (including result):

### Section C: Faith Journey and Understanding of Ministry

1. Relate the story of your spiritual development. In your account include details of your conversion, significant influences and events, circumstances of your baptism and ways in which you maintain your relationship with God.

2. Elaborate on your understanding of baptism and church membership.

3. Relate your personal sense of God's call to pastoral leadership and how others have confirmed this sense of call for you:

4. Why are you applying to the Baptist ministry?

5. If applicable, how does your spouse feel about your application and your sense of call? (Your spouse is encouraged to answer this question themselves.)

6. Do you assent to the Doctrinal Statement of the BUV? (it is included in the Ordination Information document)

7. Outline what you have learned through your life's experiences (good and bad) that have helped to prepare you for ministry.

8. What do you see as the evidence that you have gifts of leadership?

9. Describe an area of ministry you feel particularly gifted in.

10. Do you believe you have a call to a particular ministry? (eg chaplaincy, youth, part-time, bi-vocational, team, urban, rural, etc)

In a few sentences each, answer the following questions:

a. What is your understanding of ordination within the Baptist denomination?

b. What is your understanding of the place of the Bible in the life of the individual believer and the church?

c. What is your understanding of God?

d. What is your understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual and the church?

e. What is your understanding of the local church and the role of the pastor as distinct from other members of the congregation?

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

g. What would be the key factors/steps in your ministry to someone who comes to you wanting to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ? How would you describe the person of Jesus Christ to them?

#### Section D: Additional

1. Please include the names and contact details of the three referees whose details were previously provided to the DOM'S office. (As per point four in the "Steps to Ordination" section of Ordination Information document.)

2. Do you assent to the Policies of the Baptist Union as outlined in the Ordination Information document?

3. 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 the PLSC is advised of any potential problem areas with those who are applying to become ordination candidates. It is the applicant's responsibility to convey any relevant information to the PLSC. Do you understand this responsibility and agree to act accordingly? Are you aware of anything that would limit your suitability for the pastoral role?

4. As a duty of care, we are required to run a police check on every applicant. Are you willing to submit to this process?

5. Do you understand that it is your responsibility to ensure the following documents are submitted by the relevant people

- The Discernment and Support Group's final report (you view this first).
- Three completed referee forms (you are not to view now or later).

6. The following are to be provided by you as part of the application:
- An accurately completed "Consent to Check and Release National Police Record" form. (We will actually lodge the request and pay the fee.) You can obtain such a form from the DOM's office or from any police station.
  - From a single service you preached at in the preceding 6 months:
    - The order of service
    - Your manuscript / notes for your sermon
    - A videotape of the whole service

I understand that the information provided by me or obtained by the Baptist Union of Victoria in processing my application for ordination to the Christian ministry within the BUV, including; academic history, psychological evaluation, application form, report from my discernment and support group, reports from referees, reports from my interviews with the PLSC, results of my police check and any other relevant data, is required for the BUV to process my application for ordination.

I authorise the information contained in the above items to be distributed to members of the PLSC and, where considered appropriate, to members of the LTRG and the BUV Advisory Board.

Signed:

Dated:

The Baptist Union of Victoria undertakes to keep the information contained in this application strictly confidential. You can obtain a copy of our privacy policy for details.