## **Doctor of Ministry Program Toronto School of Theology**

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## Dear Referee:

The DMin program at TST is designed for those interested in an advanced professional degree in the practice of Christian ministry through the integration of academic study and critical reflection on ministerial practice.

When writing your reference letter, please keep in mind that candidates are expected to have a solid biblical and theological education, which includes the criteria listed below:

- 1. Candidates should have the ability to engage in collaborative learning.
- 2. Candidates should be able to be self-directed/self-motivated in determining their learning goals and objectives.
- 3. Candidates should have the ability to identify and carry out a research project.
- 4. Consider the candidate's intellectual abilities and achievements.
- 5. Include your assessment of the candidate's suitability for admission to the DMin program and your assessment of his or her ability to complete the programme (approximately 4 years) while continuing in their practice of ministry.

In order to match your referral to the applicant, please include the following in your letter of reference:

Indicate the legal name of the applicant
Indicate which letter of reference you are providing
Academic Letter of Reference
<ul> <li>Ministry Colleague/Associates' Letter of Reference</li> </ul>
Ministry Base Group Letter
<ul> <li>Letter of Denominational or Institutional Support</li> </ul>
$Indicate\ your\ name,\ position\ and\ denomination\ or\ institution\ with\ which\ you\ are\ affiliated$
Sign and date your letter
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Your letter is considered a confidential document and will not be shared with the applicant. Please indicate "DMin Applicant Reference - Confidential" on the envelope. Note that your letter must be received by the application deadline: **Friday, November 20, 2015**.

Thank you,
The Doctor of Ministry Office