

Toronto School of Theology Doctor of Ministry Program
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Dear Referee:

_____ (Candidate's name) has asked that you provide a **Ministry Colleague/Associate Reference Letter** in support of his/her application to the Doctor of Ministry program. Our program is designed for those interested in an advanced professional degree in the practice of their Christian ministry through the integration of academic study and critical reflection on the practice of ministry.

When writing your reference letter, please keep in mind that the candidate is expected to have a proven ability in the practice of ministry and a solid biblical and theological education. It is also important that the candidate have the ability to be self-directed in determining their learning goals and objectives. Please refer in your letter to the criteria listed below:

1. Describe your working relationship with the candidate and the length of time you have known the candidate in their ministry.
2. Does the candidate have the ability to work with others in a collaborative environment?
3. Describe the candidate's personal qualities, their sense of vocation, their leadership qualities, and any qualities you feel best describes the candidate in their ministry.
4. In your judgement does the candidate have the qualities fit for admission to the DMin Program and in your estimation does he or she have the ability to complete the program (approx. 5 years) while continuing in the practice of ministry? Please offer any other comments you deem helpful to the Admissions Committee when reviewing the candidate's application.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR REFERENCE LETTER.

Signature of Referee: _____ Date: _____

Position of Referee: _____

Thank you,

The Doctor of Ministry Office