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Dear Referee:

Please submit a *Ministry Base Group Letter of Support* for _____
(Candidate's name) concerning his/her application to the Doctor of Ministry Program.

Your letter of support should indicate your willingness to help the applicant form a Ministry Base Group.

Our program is an advanced professional degree program designed to assist participants in achieving a high level of competence in the practice of Christian Ministry through the integration of academic study and critical reflection on the practice of ministry. Candidates are expected to have a solid biblical and theological education, and a proven ability in the practice of ministry. It is also important that the Candidate have the ability to engage in collaborative learning and be self-directed in determining their learning goals and objectives

An integral part of our program requires the support of a Ministry Base Group (MBG) to assist the successful candidate with critical reflection and support the candidate in their ministry setting. The MBG is established on the site of the candidate's practice of ministry. The MBG is formed during the first year of the candidate's program. The major responsibility for forming this group is the candidate's; **the application process requires a statement from at least one such person indicating their willing to work with the candidate in establishing the MBG. Your letter should indicate such a willingness and commitment to the candidate and DMin process.**

Please offer any other comments you deem helpful to the Admissions Committee when reviewing this candidate's application.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR REFERENCE LETTER.

Signature of Referee: _____ Date: _____

**Thank you,
The Doctor of Ministry Office**