



Sponsored by Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

Name of Applicant: _____
CLD Center (Name and Location): _____

CONTEXTUALIZED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

CHURCH ENDORSEMENT FORM

Dear Pastor / Church Leader, *

A member of your church has applied for admission to the CLD program of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. One of the key factors we look at in our admissions process is church endorsement. We want to know that a church heartily endorses a man or woman as one with real potential for vocational Christian service. Please answer all of the following questions as best you can. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary would be unable to minister effectively without the cooperation of churches.

From the GGBTS Admissions Committee

** This form is to be filled out by the church pastor, on behalf of the church body. If there is no church pastor, or if the applicant is the pastor, then this letter may be filled out by a co-pastor, a deacon, or another church leader.*

I. Church and Ministry

Is applicant a member of your church? Yes No
Date applicant became a member (month/year) _____

Applicant became a member by:

- Profession of faith
- Letter from Southern Baptist church
- United from a non-Southern Baptist church
- Other (please explain)

Is the applicant a person who reflects church-related activity equal to or above that of the committed laity of your church in:

- Worship attendance Yes No
- Financial Stewardship Yes No
- Program Involvement (Bible study, etc.) Yes No

Please list positions of leadership, volunteer or paid, which the applicant has held in your church.

Position	Approximate length of service

II. Personal and Biographical

Can applicant physically and emotionally meet the normal demands of religious vocational training and employment? Yes No
If not, please explain.

Is there solid evidence to suggest the applicant has genuine potential for leading people? Yes No
If not, please explain.

How would you describe the applicant's personal relationships (i.e., how does he/she get along with people)?

Do you foresee any potential problems that would hinder applicant's ability to perform ministry effectively?

Yes No If "yes," please explain.

Name and Title of person filling out sections I and II

Signature of person filling out sections I and II

III. Statement of Endorsement

The following statement must be read to the congregation and approved by a vote of the congregation:

"Having evidenced that the named applicant to Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is an individual who

- is committed to the Christian faith;
- evidences a divine call to ministry;
- has moral integrity;
- is emotionally stable so as to be able to fill leadership responsibilities in church life; and
- shows potential for responsible Christian ministry.

we recommend him/her for admission to Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and pledge our continuing interest and prayerful support of him/her."

Date of congregational approval

Name of Church

Denomination

Mailing Address

Signature of Moderator (the person who called for the vote)
or Church Clerk / Secretary

Name and phone number of person to contact for more information

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