Global Mission Leadership
Garland School of Social Work
Pastoral Reference – Fall 2017

ENDORSEMENT OF CONGREGATION

Applicant Information

__________________________________________
Applicant’s Name

Having declared personal ability to meet the qualifications of the Global Mission Leadership program, the above applicant has applied in order to enroll in the Master of Social Work program.

The applicant submitted your name for the required endorsement by a pastoral leader within the applicant’s congregation. We request that before answering the following questions, you review the Procedures and Requirements included with this form. Your responses will be kept confidential; the applicant has waived access to the file.

Reference Responses

1. How long have you known this applicant? ____________________________________________

2. Do you have a family relationship with this applicant? _______________________________

3. Does your congregation officially recommend this student for the proposed Master of Social Work to achieve the educational objective outlined? _____yes _____no

4. Why would you want the applicant to be considered for the Global Mission Leadership Initiative?

5. Please describe the applicant’s responsibilities and service within your congregation during the last two years:

6. Please rank the applicant’s language proficiency in the following categories:
   A. If the applicant is from a non-English speaking country, please rank the applicant’s written and oral proficiency in the English language using the following scale and comment lines:

      4 3 2 1
      Very proficient Proficient Mildly Proficient Not proficient

      Comments:
B. If the applicant is from an English speaking country, please rank the applicant’s written and oral proficiency in the language spoken in the country to which he/she plans to relocate/return:

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**Question 7 is for married applicants only:**

7. If the applicant is married, but chooses to come to Baylor University without his/her spouse for the required years of residency, do you perceive the applicant has considered the impact this decision will have on his/her family? If so, what causes you to believe this?

On a separate document, please answer the following questions. Please limit your responses to 200-300 words per question and type your responses double-spaced with a 12 pt font.

1. Describe an instance in which the leadership skills or abilities of the applicant enabled him/her to accomplish a specific purpose or project.

2. Describe three character qualities of the applicant that you find exceptional.

3. What do you hope/dream/anticipate that the applicant will be doing in 10 years with his/her graduate degree?

Additional Comments:

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Signature of Pastor ___________________________ Date ____________

**Submission Instructions**

*Please complete and scan this document and email it, along with the answers to the questions on the final page, to Global Mission Leadership at GlobalMissionLeader@baylor.edu.*