

Ministry and Theological Reflection Paper

Admissions Assignment

Welcome to the creative part of the DMin application process. This is where you have the opportunity to express, from a biblical position, who you are as a unique leader and demonstrate your theological readiness. This paper must be solely the work of the applicant.

Submit a **five-page paper** (typed, double spaced, and no more than 8 pages) detailing the biblical-theological basis of your current context of ministry. It must include the following:

- A description of who you are as a minister (ministerial identity), your calling (ministerial/vocational), and its biblical basis (not just a testimony of what you are doing, but why you are doing it);
- A reflection on the relevance of your ministry within your theological tradition (e.g., Pentecostalism, Evangelicalism) and cultural context;
- A thorough demonstration of your ability to thoughtfully interpret Scripture using good hermeneutical practices and theological reflection. For example, while articulating the biblical basis for your ministry/calling, exegete one or more relevant biblical passages including word studies for critical terms and reflecting on the biblical context(s). Citation of quality theological sources is advised.

This paper allows us to know you better, and your awareness of the biblical support for what you do. While it is not being graded, we use it to evaluate two elements. First, it allows us to see your writing skills. We look at your organization, flow of thought, clarity, etc. Second, it allows us to evaluate applicants for their theological readiness and aptitude for advanced study.