Name of Applicant: ___________________________________________

Name of Reference: __________________________________________

The person named above has applied for admission to the Doctor of Ministry program and has given your name as a reference.

We request that you give consideration to the following questions as you assess the applicant’s readiness to engage in this advanced study for ministry. Please respond on a separate paper.

1. How long have you known the applicant and what has been your relationship with him/her?

2. Does this applicant have the support of his/her congregation or institution for participating in this program?

3. From your knowledge explain how this applicant has shown continued interest in personal and professional growth and development.

4. How would you rate the applicant’s relational skills with others?

5. What do you consider are the main strengths of this person’s ministry?

6. What do you consider are the main weaknesses of this person’s ministry?

7. Does the applicant demonstrate effective time management?

8. From your knowledge, do you consider this applicant to have the discipline to complete a doctoral program?

Federal law requires that all documents related to students be open for inspection by the student unless he/she waives this right. Nonetheless, Northern Seminary’s policy is to protect the confidentiality of recommendations during the admissions process through to completion.

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