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Office of Admissions

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond to the following questions thoroughly, on separate sheets of paper. Questions 1-6 must be answered by all applicants. **Question 7 for all MDiv** program applicants only, and **questions 8-9 are for MA in Counseling** applicants only.

1. Describe your conversion to Christ and some of the influential factors that have aided in your Christian growth.
2. How has God been working in your life to lead you to ministry?
3. What are your vocational goals/objectives after seminary? How do you see a seminary education preparing you for this work?
4. Comment on the role, importance and responsibility of the local church. How have you been involved to see those things take place in your church community?
5. What are your plans for financing your degree program? Can you reasonably fulfill this plan without undue stress on you and your family?
6. Please initial to indicate that you have discussed the commitments of seminary with your spouse and he or she supports you in it (if applicable). Please have your spouse sign at the bottom of the form to attest to this discussion. **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MDiv track applicants only:**

7. The MDiv program is intensive and requires a commitment to attend class one night per week, and one Saturday per month. It also necessitates approximately 15-20 hours of work outside of class time each week. How do you plan to balance your studies with family, ministry, and employment?

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**MA in Counseling applicants only:**

8. The MA in Counseling program requires a commitment to attend class one night per week, one Saturday per month, and one weekend retreat per year (Fri. evening – Sun. noon). It also necessitates 20 – 25 hours of work outside of class time each week, in addition to 700 hours of fieldwork (practicum and internship). How do you plan to balance your studies with family, ministry, and employment?

9. By applying to the MA in Counseling program, I acknowledge that the program requires all of the above commitments, and that I am required to complete a total of 700 hours of practicum and internship field work.

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