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Melbourne School of Theology

Reference Form

Pastoral

Melbourne School of Theology exists to equip God's people with **transformational theology**, **biblical depth** and a **missional heart**, to effectively communicate the Gospel of Christ to a diverse and changing world.

## NOTE TO THE REFEREE

As this form indicates, the applicant has recently applied to study at Melbourne School of Theology. We feel privileged to be involved in the training and equipping of men and women in their calling to follow Christ. We also feel that biblical and theological training is ideally undertaken with the support and affirmation of a student's local church. Therefore all applicants to MST are required to provide a reference from their Pastor/Minister.

Please email or post this form to the Enrolments Office at Melbourne School of Theology within a week of receiving it as the application cannot be processed until we hear from you.

The applicant has consented to Melbourne School of Theology gathering and holding this confidential reference in his/her application approval process and for the purpose of pastoral and vocational guidance. For clarification purposes, we may follow up this reference with a phone call. Please be assured that all information received will be regarded as strictly confidential.

## REFEREE DETAILS

Referee's name:

Phone:

Email:

Church:

Applicant's name:

## YOUR CONNECTION TO THE APPLICANT

Are you the Senior Pastor/Ministry Team Leader of the applicant's home church?  yes  no

If yes, please indicate how well you know the applicant: very well  -  -  -  -  not at all

If you do not feel you know the applicant well enough to provide a reference, are you able to please suggest someone who might be more suitable to complete this form:

Name:

Email/Phone:

If you are *not* the Senior Pastor, what is your role/relationship to the applicant (please ensure, if possible, that the Senior Pastor is aware of the applicant applying to MST)?

## CHRISTIAN LIFE

Does the applicant appear to demonstrate a consistent profession of faith and witness?

At home:  always  usually  sometimes  rarely

At church:  always  usually  sometimes  rarely

How would you describe the applicant's involvement and attendance in your church?

very involved & regularly attends  not really involved but regularly attends  
 irregular involvement & attendance

How would you describe the growth in the applicant's Christian Life?

steady progression  spasmodic  very slow

How long has the applicant been a committed Christian (years)?

How long has the applicant been a part of your Church/congregation (years/months)?

In what ways are you aware that the applicant contributes to the life of your church?

Does the applicant appear to have distinct areas of spiritual gifting, or service? If so, please describe:

### PERSONAL AND RELATIONAL CHARACTER EVALUATION

A. How well does the applicant appear to relate to their peers?

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B. How well does the applicant appear to relate to those in positions of leadership?

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C. Please describe the applicant's Christian character, spiritual maturity and understanding of Christian doctrine:

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D. Do you have any comments about this applicant's emotional and mental health?

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E. Please comment on any other strengths or concerns:

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F. Are there any specific areas that the applicant will need to develop?

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**FINAL REMARKS**

Do you recommend the applicant to study at MST?  Yes  No  Not at this stage

Please explain:

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Do you have any further comments?

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Signed:

Date:

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**SENDING THE REFERENCE**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form. Please scan and email this reference form to [enrolments@mst.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@mst.edu.au). Alternatively you can fax the form to **61 (03) 9800 0121**, or post it to Enrolment Office, Melbourne School of Theology, PO Box 6257, Vermont South, Victoria 3133.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to a college representative regarding the applicant's suitability to study at Melbourne School of Theology, please contact the Dean of Studies on **61 (03) 9881 7800**.



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