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## **Application Form** for entering the Holistic Pathway/Rapid Pastoral Certification Program – a cooperative pastoral training program between the Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations (CALC) and the Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT).

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

**COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM:** Print in ink (or type). Please complete the entire form. Answer N.A. (not applicable) for all items which do not apply to you.

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE:** Please include with this application three letters of reference with at least one of those letters coming from a Lutheran pastor.

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT:** Please submit a transcript from your last completed course of academic education (high school, college or university).

**CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK:** A criminal record check must be obtained by the applicant and submitted along with the application. This can be obtained from the nearest police department.

*The personal information on, or in conjunction with, this form is collected in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Information Protection Act and will be used and disclosed in accordance with the provisions of that Act.*

<b>Application Date (mm/dd/yyyy):</b>					
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>					
<b>First Name</b>		<b>Middle Name</b>		<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>Permanent Address</b>					
<b>City</b>					
<b>State or Province</b>			<b>Zip or Postal Code</b>		
<b>Phone</b>			<b>E-mail Address</b>		
<b>Alternate Phone</b>			<b>Alt. E-mail Address</b>		
<b>Country of Citizenship</b>			<b>SSN or S.I.N.</b>		
<b>Date of Birth</b>			<b>Place of Birth</b>		

<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>					
Single	Married	(Circle one)	If previously married, termination was by:	N/A	Death      Divorce      (Circle One)
<b>If presently married, please complete the following information.</b>					
<b>Spouse's Name</b>			<b>Number of Years Married</b>		
<b>Spouse's Address If Different</b>					
<b>Spouse's Occupation</b>					
<b>Childrens' Names, Genders and Ages.</b>					

<b>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</b>					
<b>Home Congregation</b>					
<b>Permanent Address</b>					
<b>City</b>					
<b>State or Province</b>			<b>Zip or Postal Code</b>		
<b>Pastor's Name</b>			<b>Denomination</b>		

<b>FIRST QUESTIONS</b>					
<p>Give an honest reflection on CALC's ordination vows (see Appendix 1). Would you be comfortable in making such vows upon ordination by a CALC congregation?</p> <p>Why do you feel that God is nudging you through the Holy Spirit to enter into parish ministry? Share your story of God's calling you into shepherd ministry.</p>					

<b>EDUCATION</b>
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List the secondary and post-secondary institutions you have attended.

High School				Years Attended	
College or University				Years Attended	
Major		Minor		Degree and Grad. Date	
College or University				Years Attended	
Major		Minor		Degree and Grad. Date	

What specialized or professional training have you undertaken (courses, seminars, retreats, independent studies, etc.)?

What other specific vocational abilities or other talents have you developed that would be beneficial for your serving as a parish pastor?

<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>
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List in chronological order the positions in which you have been employed. -OR- Attach a résumé.

Inclusive Dates	Employer	Address	Type of Work or Position

What work-related experiences have provided you with tools that can be utilized or easily transferred into parish ministry?

**SERVING EXPERIENCE**

What significant community service experiences (outside of the church; for example, member of the Board of Directors for a local hockey association) have you been involved with over the last 10 years?

**CHURCH EXPERIENCE**

List the variety of capacities that you have served in the local or larger church body? Please share with us how these experiences shaped your understanding of the church and how they have encouraged you to look seriously into entering into full-time parish ministry.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

Please furnish contact information (not a letter of reference) for three additional references, selecting people who come as close as possible to fulfilling the roles we specify below. These references should not be members of your family. These persons may be contacted should we require more information beyond that provided by the three people who wrote letters of reference for you.

**Some person, not in your family, who has watched your development for a significant portion of your life.**

Name		Address		Phone		Email	
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**A person who taught you and knows your academic abilities.**

Name		Address		Phone		Email	
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**A person who can speak on behalf of your faith and your commitment to the church.**

Name		Address		Phone		Email	
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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

Please type out answers to the following questions on a separate piece of paper and submit them with your application. Please use the title, "Answers to Questions." Please type the number for the question and the question itself at the beginning of each answer.

1. Name three areas of your life which you believe are strengths you bring to pastoral ministry?
2. Name three areas of weaknesses which you would like to address prior to entering into parish ministry?
3. Which persons, factors, or incidents in your life most influenced your journey of faith, and in what ways?
4. Comment on how your spouse and family feel about your entering parish ministry? What are their worries? What would excite them?
5. Why do you want to a pastor with CALC?
6. Do you agree to the training route of CALC and are you committed to meet with the Pastoral Review Panel to be open to recommendations?

**ESSAYS**

Please prepare and submit three short essays (no more than one page per question) on these three questions. (Note: The essays may be submitted upon completion of the 40 days of discernment.)

1. What is your understanding of the authority of Scripture?
2. What is your understanding of the theology of the Cross and the importance of Law and Gospel?
3. What is your understanding of a pastor/shepherd in parish ministry?

**ACADEMIC INTENTIONS**

Which term do you intend to start at the Institute of Lutheran Theology?	
I plan to enter the RPC program	
I plan to enter the M.Div. program but will begin with the RPC	

**APPLICANT DECLARATION**

**Read the Applicant Declaration before signing the *Application Form*. Your signature must be original and in ink.**

I certify that all information submitted in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, that statements made in connection with this application are true and complete in all respects and that no information has been withheld. Completion of this application gives express permission to the Institute of Lutheran Theology to request from other institutions my academic transcripts in addition to those already submitted.

I acknowledge that the information herein is required to determine my eligibility for admissions. I hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege to inspect or challenge the content and comment expressed in references given as part of this application procedure. I expect that the observations made shall remain confidential and the property of the Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations and the Institute of Lutheran Theology.

Signature	Date
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## **Appendix 1**

### **- CALC's Ordination Vows (Draft)**

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this congregation, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that this congregation's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

In the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and

responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitutions of this church?

The church in which you are to be ordained subscribes to the Holy Scriptures as the divinely inspired, revealed, and inerrant Word of God, and joyfully submits to this as the only infallible authority in all matters of life and faith, accepts, teaches, and confesses the ancient Ecumenical Creeds, the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, and also acknowledges the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these Creeds and Confessions?

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?