

GracePoint Ministry Apprenticeship Pathway (MAP)

In partnership with Presbyterian METRO and MTS, the GracePoint Ministry Apprenticeship Pathway (MAP) is a 2-year program designed to equip potential apprentices for Christian ministry by giving them a hands-on ministry training experience under the supervision and mentoring of a ministry trainer at church. This program is ideally suited for people moving towards gospel ministry in roles such as a church pastor, youth ministry, women's ministry, children's ministry, student ministry, para-church ministry, missionary work, and a range of other possible ministry roles.

It is expected that having completed their 2 years, apprentices will continue their training in ministry through formal theological colleges like Christ College, SMBC or Moore College.

General Information

Applicant first name (Apprentice): _____

Applicant middle name: _____

Applicant surname: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone (mobile): _____

Working with Children Check Number (WWCC): _____

Are you an Australian citizen? YES NO

Have you been granted Permanent Residency? YES NO

Residential Address: _____ Town / Suburb: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): _____ / _____ / _____

Gender: MALE FEMALE

Marital Status: SINGLE MARRIED

Name of Spouse: _____

Is your spouse in paid employment? YES NO

Do you have any children? YES NO

What are the names and ages of your children? *E.g. Sam (8), Kathy (10), Peter (14)*

Your current job: _____

How long have you been in your current job? _____

What other previous jobs have you had? _____

Your current congregation: Lidcombe 9.45am Burwood 10am Burwood 4pm Lidcombe 4pm

Past church(es): _____

Education Section

Non-theological qualifications held

i. Have you previously enrolled any tertiary education? YES NO

ii. What is the highest level of tertiary education you have completed?

iii. What is the name of the tertiary education provider?

iv. Did you complete this course? YES NO

v. How far through this course did you progress? *e.g. completed 2 years of this 3 year course*

Theological qualifications held

i. Have you previously enrolled in a theological course of study? YES NO

ii. What is your highest level of completed ministry/theological education?

vii. Who have you seen come to know Christ, or grow in Christ, through your ministry?
Please be specific and include the names of the people who have you seen come to know Christ, or grow in Christ, through your ministry.

viii. What training for ministry have you completed (e.g. courses, seminars, colleges, etc.)?

ix. Which of your gifts have you seen used by God?

x. What are your personal strengths and weaknesses in ministry, and how would they potentially have an impact on your ministry apprenticeship?

xi. What are your strengths and weaknesses in working with others in a team? How have they impacted your ministry?

iv. What are doctrines that you would consider a matter of freedom or a matter of liberty of opinion for a Christian?

Personal Background

i. Describe your family life

ii. Describe your schooling

iii. Describe your interests

vii. List 5 books that have significantly influenced and played a part in your growth as a Christian (apart from the Bible)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

viii. How do you work on your Christian growth?

For example, tell us about your personal bible reading and prayer, other things you might do?

ix. An apprenticeship requires self-motivated reading, learning and practical application. How do you think you will go with these?

x. Why do you want to be in long term Christian ministry?

xi. Is there anything in your life that could affect your public reputation as a minister of the gospel (e.g. a criminal record, substance abuse, sexual or marital issues, a gambling addiction)?

iv. What interest do you have in formal theological training?

v. How would you describe your spouse's/parents' attitude to you being in the ministry?

vi. What does your pastor/leader think about your plans for the ministry?

vii. Who is encouraging you into ministry? (Please provide names). Why are they encouraging you into ministry?

viii. Why do you want to do ministry apprenticeship?

ix. What adjustments do you think you will face?

x. What are your financial considerations?

Do you have any questions or comments? Is there anything else that you'd like to discuss?

References

Please include 3 written references with contact details

- i) a pastoral reference from your pastor
- ii) a reference from another leader currently serving in ministry with you
- iii) a reference from someone who has benefited from your ministry

Note: in giving us these references you are giving us permission to contact them.

Apprentice Scholarship

Ministry Apprentices are expected to raise their own funds for the program. According to the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS), apprentices are expected to raise approximately \$27,500 per year (or \$55,000 over 2 years). However, successful applicants to the Ministry Apprenticeship Pathway may be eligible for financial support through the 'Nations and Generations Scholarship Fund' at GracePoint of upwards to \$10,000. The final scholarship amount is allocated solely at the discretion of the GracePoint Session (Board of Elders). Additionally, members of the Presbyterian Church of NSW may be eligible for financial support through the METRO committee.

Application Procedure

Application into the Ministry Apprenticeship Pathway is a rigorous process. Below are the steps involved:

1. Informal Conversation with Pastor/s – Applicants are advised to speak to their pastor/s about their desire to pursue an apprenticeship prior to a formal application. Applicants should only consider submitting an application with the encouragement and endorsement of their pastor.
 2. Initial Application (this form), due on **August 31, 2020** for apprenticeships starting in 2021.
 3. Assessment by the GracePoint Pastoral Team – Initial applicants will be firstly assessed by the GracePoint Pastoral Team
 4. Second Application (through MTS) upon completion of assessment
 5. Interview with the GracePoint Session – After completing an application through MTS, applicants will undergo an interview with the Elders at GracePoint
 6. If the applicant is endorsed and approved, the eligible applicants (members of the PCNSW) are encouraged to submit another application through the METRO committee requesting financial support
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Submission

Once completed, please submit this form to Pastor Elliot Ku at rev.elliottku@gmail.com