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 Informat	tion			
Applicant first name (Apprentice):				
Applicant middle name:				
Applicant surname:				
Email Address:				
Phone (mobile):				
Working with Children	Check Number ((WWCC):		
Are you an Australian ci	tizen?		☐ YES	□ №
Have you been granted	Permanent Resi	idency?	☐ YES	□ NO
Residential Address: _				Town / Suburb:
_				Postcode:
Date of Birth (dd/mm/y	ууу):	_//		
Gender:	☐ MALE	☐ FEMALE		
Marital Status:	☐ SINGLE	☐ MARRIED		
Name of Spouse:				
Is your spouse in paid en	mployment?	☐ YES	□ NO	
Do you have any childre	n?	☐ YES	□ NO	
What are the names and	l ages of your ch	nildren? <i>E.g. Sam (8)</i>), Kathy (10), i	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?
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?
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? $\ \square$ YES $\ \square$ NO
ii. What is your highest level of completed ministry/theological education?



iii. What is the name of the Theological education provider?		
iv. Did you complete this course?		
vi. Are you still enrolled in this course? \square YES \square NO		
vii. Do you hope to receive Centrelink benefits during your apprenticeship?	☐ YES	□ NO
viii. Have you previously received Centrelink benefits while studying theology or ministry?	☐ YES	□ NO
Ministry Background Section		
i. What ministries have you been involved with in the past? e.g: short-term: local missions, camps, long term: Sunday school, youth groups, campus minis	stry, music.	
ii. What ministry activities are you currently involved in?		



iii. Languages Spoken. Please indicate any languages (other than English) that you are able to speak fluently:
iv. What cross-cultural ministries have you been involved in?
v. How have you seen God at work in these ministries?
vi. Provide an example of a simple explanation of the gospel as you might explain it to an unsaved friend.



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



xii. Tell us about the most recent evangelistic activity that you have been involved in. What methods/mater you use and what were the results?	iais di
Doctrinal Background	
i. Do you agree with the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF) as an articulation of our doctrines in the Presbyterian Church of Australia? \square YES \square NO	
ii. What would your primary reservations be with the Westminster Confession of Faith?	
iii. What are doctrines that you would consider essential and non-negotiable as a Christian?	



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		
ii. Describe your schooling		
iii. Describe your interests		



iv. How did you l	ecome a Christian?
v. Who has pers include the name	onally ministered to you and helped you grow as a Christian? How have they done this? <i>Pleas</i> of those who have ministered to you.
vi. Who are your	role models in ministry?



vii. List 5 books that have significantly influenced and played a part in your growth as a Christian (apart from t Bible)	he
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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?	
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ix. An apprenticeship requires self-motivated reading, learning and practical application. How do you think you w go with these?	- rill
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x. Why do you want to be in long term Christian ministry?	
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xi. Is there anything in your life that could affect your public reputation as a minister of the gospel (e.g. a crimir record, substance abuse, sexual or marital issues, a gambling addiction)?	ıal



Plans

i. People usually go through a decision-making process as they think about a serving God in full time paid Christian ministry. Where do you think you are in the process?
Choose one from the list below.
☐ 1. I've just started thinking
☐ 2. I've talked to a few people and got some vague ideas
☐ 3. I'm in the process of making decisions. I think I know where I'd like to be but I'm not sure how I'll get there
4. I've got some set plans
☐ 5. I'm ready to go
ii. What are your long-term aspirations/interests/dreams for ministry?
iii. How do you see (under God) the next 10 years unfolding? Please map out by year (or ranges of years) the possible timing of things like apprenticeship training, theological college, secular work, marriage, starting a family, etc. for the next 10 years.



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

Submission

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

