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# PASTORAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

## TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT: ​ (If you do not have a pastor or any spiritual authority in your life, please explain why on a separate sheet of paper.)

Applicant’s Name:

Email:

Phone:

Internship start date:

[ ] I waive my right of access to this letter of reference. \*

Applicant name:

Signature: Date:

[ ] I do NOT waive my right of access to this letter of reference. \*

 Applicant name:

Signature: Date:

\*Please check only one option

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PASTORAL REFERRER

Please return this form to us via email at goschoolgz@gmail.com. Please place Recommendation: (Applicants Name) in the subject line.

If you have any questions, please email us at:

 goschoolgz@gmail.com or chris.kilburn@theprayerfurnace.org

Name:

Church Name:

Staff Position:

Church Phone:

Church Address:

City, State, Postal Code, Country:

Contact Phone:

Email:

How long have you known the applicant? / How well do you know them?

Please describe the applicant’s level of involvement at your church.

What is the applicant’s effect on his/her peers?

Has the applicant served in your congregation in any capacity? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, please give a brief description:

SOM consists of a heavy weekly schedule. Do you foresee difficulties for the applicant with a schedule combining high expectations and time constraints? [ ] Yes [ ] No

if so, please explain.

What is your assessment of the applicant’s ability to handle situations involving change, crisis, and correction?

According to your observations, what are the strengths and spiritual gifts of the applicant?

According to your observations, what is your assessment of the applicant’s weaknesses and struggles?

Are you aware of any complex family or relational factors that might affect the applicant’s time in SOM?

Would you have the applicant on your staff? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Why or why not?

Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Uncertain | Weak | Fair | Good | Outstanding |
| Spiritual maturity | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Devotion to Jesus Christ | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Integrity and honesty | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Openness to correction | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Self-discipline  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Working without supervision | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Willingness to serve  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Ability to work with others | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Communications skills | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Leadership skills | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Reliability | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Teachability | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Emotional stability  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Physical health  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Family life  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

Additional comments or explanations:

Do you recommend this applicant for SOM?

[ ] Highly recommend [ ] Recommend

[ ] Recommend with reservations\* [ ] Do not recommend\*

\*Please explain:

Additional comments of explanations not already covered:

Reference name:

Signature: Date:

### **FREDERICKSBURG PRAYER FURNACE STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**WE BELIEVE** that only the sixty-six books of the Bible are the inspired, and therefore inerrant, Word of God. The Bible is the final authority for all we believe and how we are to live. [Matthew 5:17-18; John 10:35 and 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21]

**WE BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, that He was conceived and born​ of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and offered Himself as a penal, substitutionary sacrifice for sinners. By His bloodshed at the Cross, He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. He was raised bodily on the third day and ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to make intercession for the saints forever. [Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:1-18; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:10-14; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:6-11; Colossians 1:15-23; Hebrews 7:25, 9:13-15 and 10:19; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 1 John 2:1-2]

**WE BELIEVE** that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual,​ work or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted in order to be saved. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ. [John 1:12-13, 6:37-44 and 10:25-30; Acts 16:30-31; Romans 3-4 and 8:1-17, 31-39 and 10:8-10; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12-13; Titus 3:3-7; 1 John 1:7, 9]

**WE BELIEVE** that the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit, in Whom we are also sealed​ for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit regenerates, forever indwells, and graciously equips the Christian for godly living and service. Subsequent to conversion, the Spirit desires to fill, empower and anoint believers for ministry and witness. We also believe that signs and wonders, as well as all the gifts of the Spirit described in the New Testament, are operative today and are designed to testify to the presence of the Kingdom and to empower and edify the Church to fulfill its calling and mission. [Matthew 3:11; John 1:12-13 and 3:1-15; Acts 4:29-30; Romans 8:9 and 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 3:1-5; Ephesians 1:13-14 and 5:18]

**WE BELIEVE** that the one true God exists eternally in three Persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power and glory. We believe that God not only created the world but also now upholds, sustains, governs and providentially directs all that exists and that He will bring all things to their proper consummation in Christ Jesus to the glory of His name. [Psalm 104 and 139; Matthew 10:29-31 and 28:19; Acts 17:24-28; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 1:9-12 and 4:4-6; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4-6]

**WE BELIEVE** that when the Christian dies they pass immediately into the blessed presence of Christ, there​ to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of the resurrection and the glorious transformation of their body. The saved will then forever dwell in blissful fellowship with their great triune God. We also believe that when the unbeliever dies they are consigned to Hell, there to await the Day of Judgment when they shall be punished with eternal, conscious and tormented separation from the presence of God in the lake of fire. [Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:25-29; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Philippians 1:19-26 and 3:20-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Revelation 20:11-15 and 21:1-22:15]

**WE BELIEVE** that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the Church to be​ observed until the time of Christ's return. They are not a means of salvation, but are channels of God's sanctifying grace and blessing to the faithful in Christ Jesus. [Matthew 26:26-29 and 28:19; Romans 6:3-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34; 1 Peter 3:21]

**WE BELIEVE** in the literal Second Coming of Christ at the end of the age when He will return to Earth​ personally and visibly to consummate His Kingdom. We believe that the Church will go through the Great Tribulation in great power and victory. We believe the Church will be raptured at the end of the Great Tribulation. We also believe in and are praying for a great end-time harvest of souls and the emergence of a victorious Church that will experience an unprecedented unity, purity and power in the Holy Spirit. [Psalms 2:7-9 and 22:27-28; John 14:12 and 17:20-26; Romans 11:25-32; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-58; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; Revelation 7:9-14]

**WE BELIEVE** that Adam was originally created in the image of God, righteous and without sin. In​ consequence of his disobedience, Adam's posterity are born subject to both imputed and inherent sin, and are therefore by nature and choice the children of wrath, justly condemned in the sight of God, wholly unable to save themselves or to contribute in any way to their acceptance with God. [Genesis 1-3; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:9-18 and 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-3]

**WE BELIEVE** that the Church is God's primary instrument through which He is fulfilling His redemptive​ purposes in the earth. To equip the saints for the work of ministry, God has given the Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. We believe that women, no less than men, are called and gifted to proclaim the Gospel and do all the works of the Kingdom. [Matthew 16:17-19; Acts 2:17-18, 42; Ephesians 3:14-21 and 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 2:11-15; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Peter 2:4-5 and 9-10]

**WE BELIEVE** that God has called the Church to preach the Gospel to all nations, and especially to​ remember the poor and to minister to their needs through sacrificial giving and practical service. This ministry is an expression of the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ and is an essential part of the Kingdom of God. [Isaiah 58:6-12 and 61:1; Matthew 5-7, 28:18-20; Luke 4:18 and 21:1-4; Galatians 2:10; 1 Timothy 6:8]

**WE BELIEVE** that Satan, originally the great and good angel Lucifer, rebelled against God, taking a​ multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and is at work with his demonic hosts to establish his counter-kingdom of darkness, evil and unrest on Earth. Satan was judged and defeated at the cross of Christ and will be cast forever into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and his angels.

[Isaiah 14:10-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 12:25-29 and 25:41; John 12:31 and 16:11; Ephesians 6:10-20; Colossians 2:15; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-9 and 20:10]

### **FREDERICKSBURG PRAYER FURNACE CORE VALUES**

1. **Intimacy with Jesus** - Our first and foremost priority is to pursue the true knowledge of God with​ all our hearts - especially of Christ and Him crucified. This is the "one thing" (Ps. 27:4) that occupies our hearts and focus above all others. "There is no danger in the excess of loving you..." (Kevin Prosch)
2. **Night and day worship and prayer** - This is the center of our calling and mandate and will lead to​ the transformation of our city and the nations as we "cry out day and night"(Luke 18:6).
3. **Justice/Compassion** - We will not forget the poor, the oppressed, or the unborn.​
4. **Supernatural ministry** - We are committed to and aggressively pursue the fullness of the power​ and presence of the Holy Spirit being demonstrated through all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In this way, we will see the Kingdom of God come "on earth as it is in heaven."
5. **Mission** - We take the great commission seriously and actively seek to build relationships with​ those that do not yet know Jesus and engage every sphere of culture with the gospel including the nations.
6. **Creative Arts** - God wants to redeem all aspects of culture and creative arts are vital expressions​ of worship, prophetic ministry, and communication.
7. **Centrality of the Scriptures** - We are committed to the centrality of the Word of God in all that we do and look to the Bible as the primary guide and source of truth and life as well as the primary source of our prayers and intercessions.
8. **Fasted Lifestyle** - We believe that fasting and prayer is the normal lifestyle of every believer for the primary purpose of knowing Jesus and the secondary purpose of shaping history through intercession. We believe that radical generosity and giving are also a fundamental part of the fasted lifestyle.
9. **Covenant relationships** - We value friendships with like-minded people and treat them as long term relationships.
10. **Community** - The Kingdom of God is a family not primarily an organization. ​
11. **Urgency** - We believe that this is an hour of crisis, that the Day of the Lord is approaching, and​ that understanding, repentance, and prayer is needed as a response.
12. **Israel-**​We are committed to and contending for the fullness of God's purposes for Israel.​