



Native Ministries Program

Master of Divinity by Extension

Application for Admission

To: Sponsoring Denominational Constituency

Please have the applicant complete the attached application form and return it to the appropriate denominational representative, i.e., bishop or presbytery representative.

It is the responsibility of the denominational representative to return the completed application form accompanied by the signed Statement of Support to:

**Native Ministries Program
Vancouver School of Theology
6000 Iona Drive
Vancouver, BC Canada
V6T 1L4**

7. Give details of your educational background, showing schools, universities, seminaries attended and degrees or diplomas received or presently being completed. **Transcripts of credits should be requested from each institution and attached to this form, or sent directly to the Registrar, Vancouver School of Theology.**

SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY	LOCATION	YEARS ATTENDED	DEGREES, DIPLOMAS & DATE

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INCLUDING CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

8. Give details of work/employment in the last ten years:

(a)

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES

(b)

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES

(c)

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES

(d)

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES

(e)

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES

9. What specialized or professional training have you undertaken?

10. Please indicate whether you are now ordained or whether you are recognized by your denomination as a candidate for ordained ministry, or are in the process of seeking such recognition.

Enclosures Required: (An application will be considered when all required enclosures and references from two persons have been received.)

11. **Autobiography.** Please attach to this application a short biography, written or on audio tape, including such matters as your interests and hobbies, impressions and early memories of family, friends, school, church. Include reflections on your learning from significant events and persons. The Native Ministries Program is designed to provide a Master of Divinity degree for persons seeking, or already exercising ministry in First Nations settings. With this specific purpose in mind, please articulate:

- (1) your current commitment to and/or within a First Nations setting.
- (2) your commitment and future aspirations within First Nations settings, and how this program will assist you in further reaching these goals.

12. **Official Transcripts.** As required in (7) above.

Note: A student applying without a prior degree might be requested to present evidence of ability, either a written document or assessments of supervised experience.

13. **A Recent Photograph.**

14. **References.** Please give names, addresses and occupations of TWO persons who can supply references for you, of whom at least one should be ordained. Please send one of the attached forms to each person named, with the request that the form be mailed directly to the Registrar, Vancouver School of Theology, 6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC V6T 1L4. Print your name on each form before mailing it.

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
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Signature of Applicant _____

_____ Date of Application

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SPONSORING DENOMINATIONAL AUTHORITY
(Diocese, Presbytery, etc., if applicable)

Freedom of information and protection of privacy: Your personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Vancouver School of Theology Act (1992) and is needed to process your application. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Privacy Office at 604-822-9813. All information is held in confidentiality.



VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

6000 Iona Drive, Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1L4

Confidential Statement concerning _____

The Registrar of Vancouver School of Theology would appreciate a confidential statement from you concerning the person named above who has applied for admission to this School of Theology. Please indicate the length and nature of your relationship to the applicant. Information is desired especially on the following points: (1) character and personality (2) academic ability (3) emotional stability (4) leadership and vocational qualities (5) potential, in your opinion, for full-time study of theology and ministry of the Church.

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This should Not be returned to the applicant.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Position and Title: _____

Address: _____

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**Native Ministries Programme
MASTER OF DIVINITY by EXTENSION
Denominational Responsibilities**

The Master of Divinity by Extension is usually delivered in partnership with denominational authorities, who nominate the candidate and commit themselves to provide the infrastructure necessary for the delivery of the program in the student's local community.

When a denominational authority is involved, their infrastructure commitment includes:

- *nominating students for admission to the program. This means taking responsibility for the student's expenses (books, travel, tuition) or negotiating with the student the means by which these expenses will be met.*
- *nominating tutors to be approved by VST and taking responsibility for the costs associated with the tutor's work. The way in which this responsibility is met is up to the denominational authority. The sole VST financial contribution to this effort is paying room and board costs for the tutor during summer school.*
- *when appropriate, negotiating with the local congregation a location for students to exercise ministry during the course of the program.*
- *helping VST faculty access the student's congregation, including (when possible) the provision of accommodation during visits.*
- *sharing in the evaluation of the student as determined by VST.*

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Signatures to this document indicate willingness to provide and sustain the necessary infrastructure to enable

(name of student)

to pursue theological studies towards an extension degree offered by Vancouver School of Theology, including educational and financial support specifically through stipends and the costs of tutors and supervisors.

FOR CHURCH JUDICATORY

NAME (print)

OFFICE

SIGNATURE

Date _____