



The Urban Ministry Institute
Equipping Leadership for the Urban Church

Volunteer Application for Professor or Mentor



Name _____

Date _____

Home phone _____

Business phone _____

Home address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Birth Date _____

E-mail _____

Employer name _____

Employer address _____

City, State, Zip _____

In case of emergency, notify _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Name of the church you attend _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Denominational affiliation, if any _____

Are you a member of this church? _____

What is your role in your church? _____

A **professor** is an Institute instructor who **develops and/or implements** courses, teaching classes, tutoring students, and leading seminars and conferences that fulfill the goals of your Institute.

A **mentor** is an Institute instructor who **facilitates and/or assists** the learning experience of the students in their taking of courses, classes, seminars, and conferences that fulfill the goals of your Institute.

<p>How long have you been a Christian?</p> <p>Why do you want to teach at a satellite of <i>The Urban Ministry Institute</i>? (What is your calling?)</p> <p>What is your ministry experience among the urban poor?</p> <p>Are you currently involved in the planting of churches among the urban poor?</p>	<p>Professor or Mentor Ministry Information</p>
<p>What is your understanding of the term <i>evangelical</i>? Do you consider yourself to be an evangelical Christian? Why or why not?</p> <p>What is your understanding of the meaning of salvation, and how does a person obtain salvation?</p> <p>Have you read, and do you agree with our <i>Affirmation of Faith Statement</i> (see the last pages of this application)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not, please explain (on a separate sheet).</p> <p>Have you read, and do you support <i>The Urban Ministry Institute's</i> statement on <i>Ministry among the Poor</i> (see the last pages of this application)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not, please explain (on a separate sheet).</p> <p>Have you read, and do you understand the <i>Job Description of a Professor or Mentor</i>? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not, please explain (on a separate sheet).</p>	<p>Professor or Mentor Doctrinal Information</p>

Are you an ordained or licensed minister?

Ordained Licensed Neither

If so, what congregation or denomination licensed or ordained you?

Do you hold any educational degrees relevant to ministerial or theological education? Yes No

Name of Educational Institution	Location	Years Attended	Degree/Major

Are there particular areas of theological/ministry education that you are especially interested in teaching?

Ministerial Credentialing, Education, and Skills

List those familiar with your capabilities. If possible, we prefer to have a combination of friend, employer, and/or fellow worker.

Name Years Known (Month/Year)	Address Phone	Organization and Position

References

Please check days and times of the week you are available to teach.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning						
Afternoon						
Evening						

Availability

I understand that I am volunteering my time and services to *The Urban Ministry Institute* for humanitarian religious reasons. I further understand that I work at my own risk and that my services are as an unpaid volunteer who will not be considered an employee of *The Urban Ministry Institute* for any reason.

I understand that my volunteer relationship with *The Urban Ministry Institute* may be terminated at any time by the initiative of either party.

Signature

Professor's or Mentor's Signature

Date

1. There is one living and true God, infinitely perfect in glory, wisdom, holiness, justice, power, and love, one in his essence but eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God sovereignly created the world out of nothing, so that his creation, while wholly dependent upon him, neither comprises part of God, nor conditions his essential perfection.
2. The books which form the canon of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writings, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
3. God created man in his own image, in a state of original righteousness, from which man subsequently fell by a voluntary revolt, and consequently is guilty, inherently corrupt and subject to divine wrath.
4. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, became man without ceasing to be God by uniting to his divine nature a true human nature in his incarnation, and so continues to be both God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, forever. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, exhibited his deity by manifold miracles, fulfilled the requirements of the Law by his sinless life, shed his blood as a vicarious and propitiatory atonement for man's sin, was resurrected from the dead in the same body, now glorified. He ascended into heaven and now intercedes in glory for his redeemed as our great High Priest and Advocate, and as the head of the Church and Lord of the individual believer.
5. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, through the ministry of regeneration and sanctification applies salvation and places believers into the Church, guides and comforts God's children, indwells, directs, gifts, and empowers the Church in godly living and service in order to fulfill the Great Commission, and seals and keeps the believer until Christ returns.
6. Every man, regardless of race or rank, who receives the Lord Jesus Christ by faith is born into the family of God and receives eternal life. This occurs solely because of the grace of God and has no ground in human merit.
7. The Holy Church is the one institution specifically ordained by God to function in the furthering of the Kingdom until Christ comes again. It consists of all those regenerated by the Spirit of God, in mystical union and communion both with Christ, the head of the body, and with fellow believers. Neighborhood congregations are the local manifestation of the Church universal. In obedience to the command of Christ, these congregations preach the Word of God, equip God's people for the work of ministry, and administer the Lord's Supper and baptism.

***Affirmation of Faith
Statement***

8. The Lord Jesus Christ will return bodily, visibly, and personally to receive his own, to conform believers to his own image, and to establish his millennial Kingdom. He will judge the quick and the dead and will effect a final separation of the redeemed and the lost, assigning unbelievers to eternal punishment and believers to eternal glory, enjoying conscious fellowship with him.
9. Man's chief end in life is to honor and glorify Almighty God. Personal salvation is a means to this end.

Some ask why *The Urban Ministry Institute's* purpose statement includes the phrase "especially among the poor."

Especially Among the Poor

By the year 2025, one out of every three people on the planet will live in urban poverty. We believe that God is raising up leaders who will go to the unreached millions among the urban poor in America and around the world. More importantly, we believe that God is raising up dynamic leaders from among the urban poor who deserve access to quality theological education.

This belief is not predicated simply on the urgent need, although God's Church should certainly respond in faith to the unique challenge of a swelling urban population. Rather, we assert that God has "chosen those who are poor in the eyes of this world to be rich in faith and to inherit the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him" (James 2.5). Whether we are rich, poor, or somewhere in between, we believe that Jesus has given all of us as believers a theological mandate to prioritize the poor in our life and ministry.

As much as Christians may wish that poverty and oppression did not exist, to avoid talking about the problem will not bring a solution. We believe that the Church is God's agent for bringing Christ's Kingdom which leads to freedom, wholeness, and justice. Furthermore, we believe that people from families and communities struggling with urban poverty are not to be viewed simply as objects for Christian benevolence but as a dynamic leadership pool for the future of the whole Church. We believe that all training for Christian leadership must be done in the light of Christ's announcement that:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me; therefore, he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4.18-19)

To the best of our ability, we will strive to be a Christian leadership training center which is accessible and relevant to Christian leaders, not on the basis of economics or social power, but on the basis of their calling by God to serve his Church.