

Pastor application form

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*[This form can be completed in Chinese.]*

**1.**       **Personal Details**

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| **Date:** |  |
| **Family name:**  **(Surname)** |  |
| **Given name/s:** |  |
| **Preferred title:**  (Pst, Rev, Mr, Mrs, Dr, Ms, Miss) |  |
| **Residential address:** |  |
| **Postal address:**  (if different from above) |  |
| **Email:** |  |
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| Business Hours |  |
| After Hours |  |
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| **Residency & Citizenship status:** |  |

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| **Current Position:** |  |
| **Church currently attending:** |  |

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| **Are you open to an interstate move?** |  |

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| **What is your preference regarding housing?** (e.g. manse, own home, etc.) |  |

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| **Why are you seeking a move and what is prompting you to be open to a pastoral call in a Baptist church at this time?**    **What is your current understanding of the way God’s Spirit is leading you in this?** |

**2.**       **Education, Experience and Expectations**

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| **2.1**    **Outline your education and any other qualifications (secondary, tertiary, theological and/or ministry related) including the type of qualification, where it was received from and when.** |

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| **2.2**    **Are you ordained? If yes, by which Ordaining Body and when?** |

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| **2.3**    **Outline your full employment history, both pastoral and non-pastoral appointments; including the role you filled, where you filled it, and when.** |

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| **2.4**    **Outline other relevant positions you have held in churches.** |

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| **2.5**    **What are your two strongest and most developed ministry skills?**  (Please note, in order to use terminology the Pastoral Search Committee is familiar with, it would be best for you to select out of the categories provided in the *Pastor Profile* and feel free to clarify up to three sub-skills each for your two main skill areas.) |

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| **2.6**    **What type of setting do you prefer**(e.g. rural, urban, large, small, traditional, contemporary, planting, replanting, charismatic, etc.)? **Please describe.** |

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| **2.7**    **Would you prefer to be a sole pastor, senior pastor, church planter, team member, etc? If a team member, what type of focus most interests you?**(e.g. family, youth, worship, outreach, etc.) |

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| **2.8**    **Would you prefer full-time or part-time? If your preference is not available, what time fraction are you able to consider? Please be specific about the number of days.** |

**3.**       **Your Faith Journey and Understanding of Ministry**

**Spiritual Journey**

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| **Briefly describe how you became a Christian and your Christian pilgrimage, including the circumstances of your baptism.** |

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| **Relate your personal sense of God’s call to pastoral leadership.** |

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| **Comment on the place of the Bible in your experience**. |

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| **Comment on the place of prayer in your experience.** |

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| **What are the significant influences that have shaped your life?** |

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| **How are you actively engaged in sharing Jesus Christ with others?** |

**4.**    **Theology**

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| **What are the core elements of your theology?** |

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| **How has your theology grown and developed over the years?** |

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| **What is your theological understanding of the local Church?** |
| **How do you wish to see this understanding of the local Church expressed in contemporary life?** |

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| **Outline your understanding of Mission in contemporary Australian society:** |
| **How might you lead a community to advance the Kingdom of God?** |

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| **How do you see the role of the pastor as distinct from other members of the congregation?** |

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| **Over the years, how has your understanding and practice of pastoral ministry changed?** |

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| **In a few sentences for each, outline your convictions or preferences regarding:** |
| Baptism: |
| Open/closed membership: |
| Worship: |
| The practice of ‘charismatic gifts’ in the church: |
| Interdenominational activities: |
| Are there any other issues of faith and church practice that you are passionate about? Please tell us more: |

**5.**       **Additional**

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| **How often do you take time out from pastoral ministry responsibilities for the following, and how do you normally spend the time?** |
| a)   Spiritual reflection: |
| b)   Personal leisure: |

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| **What other responsibilities do you / your family currently have beyond the local church?** |
| a)   Christian: |
| b)   Community: |

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| **How open are you to being involved in the life of the Baptist Union of Victoria? How might this be expressed?** |

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| **Please include the names and contact details of three referees:** |

Please return this form as aWord documentto:

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