

Minister's Profile Form



Introduction

The Reformed Church in America's Office of Ministry Services provides information and services to ordained ministers who are seeking a call and churches who are seeking ordained ministers. It does not recommend any particular candidate or church but instead serves as a resource to both.

Though not all fields are required, please provide as much information as possible in order to give search teams an accurate understanding of your qualifications and gifts for ministry.

For further information, or if you have questions or problems while completing this form, please contact Ministry Services at ministryservices@rca.org or 616-541-0895.

Helpful Hints for this Form:

- ❖ To move to the next field, hit TAB.
- ❖ To move the cursor to a desired field, left click on it with the mouse.
- ❖ To mark (x) in a box, left click with mouse.
- ❖ Hitting ENTER will move the cursor to the next line but keep you in the same field (essay questions).
- ❖ Spell check is not available in this format.
- ❖ The form will "paginate" itself as you complete it.
- ❖ If at any time you cannot include information important to you because of the "form field," please continue to complete the question in the comment box on the last page. Make sure to reference the question number.
- ❖ Please sign and return the **Release Statement** at the end of this form. You may scan it and email it as an attachment to ministryservices@rca.org.

Section A. Background Information

1. **Date Submitted:**
2. **Please check which one of the following choices best applies:**
 First Call

 Experienced Pastor
3. **Name:**
4. **Home Address:**
5. **Home Telephone (Include Area Code):**
6. **Mobile/Cell Phone:**
7. **E-Mail:** **Website:**
8. **Office Address:**
9. **Office Telephone:**
10. **Year of Ordination:** If student, anticipated ordination date:
11. **Denomination of Ordination:**
12. **If not RCA, what classis or supervising body from the ordaining denomination recognizes your ordination?**
13. **Present denomination:**
14. **Present classis or judicatory:**
15. **If you are not now a member of the Reformed Church in America, can you, in good conscience, agree with the doctrine, discipline and government of the RCA?**
 Yes No (If no, explain briefly)
16. **Do you support the mission and vision of the Reformed Church in America?**
 Yes No (If no, explain briefly)

17. Citizen of what country? If not USA, do you have permit to live and work in the USA? Yes No (If no, explain briefly)

18. Previous Experience: List all full-time or major positions beginning with current position (include dates, position, church/employer, location).

Date	Position Description	Church/Employer and Location

19. Formal Education: List in chronological order beginning with the most recent (include school name, dates, degree earned).

School Name	Dates	Degree

20. Continuing Education: List in chronological order beginning with the most recent (including organization/school, dates, program).

Organization	Dates	Program

21. Languages: List any languages, other than English, in which you can preach or converse fluently:

Section B. Reflection

Please answer the following questions, adding your own experiences where appropriate.

1. Describe your strengths, the best of who you are, and what you bring in service to the church.

2. Name two or three mentors who have significantly contributed to your ministry, and explain why these people are important to you.

3. What caused you to enter ministry, and what are the core values that define your vision for ministry?

4. Explain the strategies or ideas that most excite you for helping a church to become and remain missional.

5. Name three of your most passionate hopes for the Church at large, and why they are significant to you.

6. Give an example of how you would theologically address an issue facing our contemporary world. Please be thorough enough to help the reader to understand your thought processes and your life commitments.

7. What theologians, pastors, authors or other leaders have had the greatest influence upon your life and thought? (List up to three and explain your choices.)

8. How do you hope someone influenced by your ministry would describe what s/he considers to be most important?

9. Name at least one challenge for a pastor who accepts a Call to lead a church whose culture is other than his/her own.

10. Describe your vision and hopes for the Church over the next 5-10 years.

11. If there is anything else you would like to add about yourself that you think would help a search team to better understand and consider you as their next pastor, please elaborate here:

Section C. References and Release**REFERENCES**

Please provide 5-6 names, addresses (including E-Mail), and telephone numbers of persons who are qualified to evaluate your work. Where possible, include pastors, elders or deacons with a good working knowledge of your work in a church setting.

NAME	STREET ADDRESS CITY, ST, ZIP	E-MAIL/PHONE
Pastoral/Church-Related		
Professional/Colleagues		

Please receive permission of candidate before contacting references.

I am willing to have the list released to the pastoral search committee.

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony?

Yes No If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been accused of or disciplined for sexual misconduct, child or spousal abuse, or financial improprieties?

Yes No If yes, from what classis?

Please explain:

**Reformed Church in America
Office of Ministry Services**

Release Statement

I, _____, confirm that I am a Minister of Word and sacrament (or a Reformed Church in America candidate for ministry) and in good standing in my classis, and I acknowledge that the information contained in this Ministerial Profile is accurate and complete. I authorize the Office of Ministry Services to release this profile to designated recipient(s) in the RCA, CRC, or Formula of Agreement Churches who are seeking ordained Ministers of Word and sacrament.

Signature

Date