

**THE BELOVED-DISCIPLE SEMINARY
SEMINARY APPLICATION**

This application should be sent, to:

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This application may be submitted in typed or hand-written hard copy, or by email in an MS Word document or a .txt file. In whatever format, please note the question number for each answer given. *Please note:* no determination will be made on acceptance until all aspects of this application have been completed and the presiding bishop and review committee have had time to prayerfully consider the your application.

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date: _____

Home Address:

Street, City , State, Zip

Mailing Address:

Street, City, State , Zip

Email Address: _____

Alternate Email Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Fax: _____

Date & Place of Birth: _____

Marital Status (single, married, gay partnered, divorced, widowed, etc.) _____

Name of Significant Other and any children, with ages. _____

NARRATIVE INFORMATION

1. Describe your religious journey. What strengths and/or shortcomings do you carry with you from those affiliations?
- 2.. Autobiographical essay, including family-of-origin information and family tree, history of residences, significant events and people, turning points in your life, your understanding of your own spirituality and ethics and how you got there, and your place in the world as steward to humanity and creation.
3. Write your own personal statement of faith.
4. Why are you applying for study in the Beloved Disciple Seminary?
5. What is your favorite passage of world scripture. How did you come by it? What does it mean for you? How does it inform your daily life?
6. What activities do you do to rejuvenate your heart and soul?
7. List the three words that best describe you:
8. What do you understand to be the core of the Gospel message?
9. Describe what particular ministry to which you feel called. (Pastoral counseling, healing, contemplative, missionary work, etc.) How have you discerned this? What gifts of the Spirit do you bring to the ministry? What is the present nature of your ministry and how do you see it changing in the future?
10. How have you reconciled the problem of human suffering and a loving God?
11. Do you consider yourself a person of "truth" or of "justice"? Why? Give examples of how this plays out in your life.
12. What is your understanding of "priesthood" and "service"?
13. If you had only one sermon/lesson/homily to give prior to your passing, what is the essential message you would deliver? Please write and include the homily as a separate document to this application.
- 14.. Have you ever had a mystical experience? If yes, please describe. Please also advise how this colored the way you view God, religion, and how you move in the world.
15. Please list all religious, esoteric, or spiritual training that you have been received in the last ten (10) years. Please also indicate the approximate dates of your membership or association with any related training organizations.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- * Educational Transcripts, Certificate/Diplomas of formation and training.
- * Sacramental Certificates: Baptismal, Chrismation/Confirmation
- * Current photograph of yourself
- * If you have been ordained, please include copies of all Ordination Certificate(s), licenses, letters of faculty, etc