

# The MDiv Readiness for Ministry Plan

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Master of Divinity program at Andrews University seeks to prepare each student for success in pastoral ministry, whether it be congregational, chaplaincy or another area of pastoral leadership. Godly and effective practice of ministry requires not only intellectual preparation, but also spiritual, physical, emotional and social readiness. Whether you have been in ministry leadership before, or are just starting out, the MDiv Readiness for Pastoral Ministry process will help you:

- **Further explore your ministerial gifting and calling through Vocation and Ministry Forums and other events that will help you explore how God is leading you.**
- **Discover more fully your strengths and areas for growth through periodic feedback from Seminary professors, staff and ministry supervisors:**
  - » Each semester, professors, staff and ministry supervisors are invited to fill out readiness assessments (link assessment survey) for students with whom they have worked. Once a year you will receive a profile that gives a summary picture of results. The profile provided during your last semester before graduation will be available to hiring organizations who wish to match your strengths with their ministry needs. (Students who wish that their profile not be shared may make such a request at that time.)
- **Connect with a mentor and mentoring group peers who will assist and encourage you in your growth process.**
  - » You will become part of a mentoring group when you enter the Seminary and may sign up to continue with a mentor after the end of the first year, if you wish. Your mentor will receive your Readiness for Ministry profiles each year, and will work with you to identify how to address the opportunities for growth identified.

If your experience in the MDiv program and Readiness for Ministry process reveals that you are not currently suited for professional pastoral ministry, we will assist you in exiting the MDiv program and identifying an alternate pathway for serving the Lord that is more suited to your God-given aptitudes and skills.

***By signing below, I am recognizing that the MDiv Readiness for Ministry plan is an essential part of the MDiv program, and am agreeing to participate in the process and related reporting as described above.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

***Once you have completed and signed this form, please save it to your computer and then upload it to the "Acknowledgement" section of the Graduate Application. You will not be able to submit your application without uploading this form. For more information in this regard please contact us at [graduate@andrews.edu](mailto:graduate@andrews.edu).***