



PASTORAL LEADERSHIP FOR PUBLIC LIFE

COHORT APPLICATION 2021

SECTION ONE: Personal Information

Name

Gender

Race/Ethnicity

Age

Denomination

Email

Phone

Address (where packages are received)

In what region of Texas are you located?

SECTION TWO: Educational Information

Degrees

Name of Institution	Degree Earned	Dates Attended	Major/Concentration

Continuing Education

Title/Subject Matter	Location	Date	Short Description

Will you be enrolled in an academic program in 2019-20 or 2020-21?

If yes, explain:

SECTION THREE: Professional Information

If you are a minister of a tradition that ordains clergy:

Ordination date

Ordaining communion

If you are a minister in a tradition that does not practice ordination of clergy:

Date of entry into official ministry

Congregation

List the places you have served in ministry prior to your current setting, including the respective dates and title/roles:

Congregation/Organization	Dates	Title/Roles

SECTION FOUR: Current Place of Pastoral Service

Please provide the following information regarding the place in which you currently service in ministry:

Name

Address

Denominational Affiliation, if any

When congregation was established

Size

Profile of congregants

Current strengths

Current struggles

SECTION FOUR (continued)

Your title

Your responsibilities

How long have you been there?

Briefly describe your current call with this congregation. What is your purpose or key leadership task?

SECTION FIVE: Reflection Questions

The total word limit for this section is 3,000. You must answer the first question and two of the questions A-C. You may allocate the 3,000 words as you wish among the questions.

- 1) **Required.** Regarding the stated benefits of PLPL, what do you hope to gain and what do you think you will bring to the program?
- 2) **Choose two of the following three questions, incorporating scriptural references in your answer where appropriate.**
 - A. Describe a significant theological influence on you and your ministry.
 - B. When have you learned something that impacted your leadership as a pastor? How did you learn it?
 - C. Slavery has been called “America’s original sin.” How do you interpret this statement and how does it inform your ministry as a pastor?

Please type all essay responses in the space provided below. Indicate which question you are answering before each response.

SECTION SIX: Commitment to Full Participation and Cost Sharing

Have you reviewed the schedule and are you available for all in-person and virtual gatherings?

Are there any special circumstances regarding your application that you would like for us to take into consideration? Please describe.

PLPL is underwritten by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. and by Austin Seminary. Members are asked to contribute only \$250 toward the cost of the program, subject to their ability to pay for continuing education. Are you prepared to share the cost of this program?

If there are any extenuating circumstances limiting your ability to pay, please describe here:

SECTION SEVEN: Endorsement

Please provide the information requested below for a person who will support your selection as a PLPL Fellow. The person should be a leader in your congregation, a regional leader in your communion/denomination, or a third person (seminary professor, senior minister, colleague, or mentor). By providing this information you are giving us your consent to contact this person to inquire regarding your demonstrated capacity for leadership and your potential for leadership in the next two to three decades.

Name

Title

Mailing Address

Telephone Number

Email

Nature of relationship

We look forward to reviewing your application.

Please email your completed application to Rev. Erica Knisely at ebw@austinseminary.edu no later than 11:59pm on October 16, 2020.