

# Ministry Development Project 2020 Application

Hello! We're glad to see that you've discerned a call to participate in the Ministry Development Project. You can read more about MDP at our website here: <https://www.the-irl.org/ministry-development-project.html>

First, tell us your email address so we can make sure you get a copy of your own application at the end.

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1. **Email address \***

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## The Basics

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These questions are easy and short. Just breeze right on through!

2. **What is your full name? \***

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3. **What would you like to be called? \***

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4. **What are your gender pronouns? \***

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5. **What is your position in your current context?**

This could be clergy, lay, volunteer, or another descriptor.

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6. **What is your phone number? \***

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7. **What is your current living address? If you're anticipating a move, please note that. \***

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**8. What is your current mailing address, if different from your work address?**

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**9. Do you speak any languages other than English? Do you know enough to be able to work in that language?**

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**10. (Optional) You may upload your resume as a PDF file.**

Files submitted:

**11. Please upload a picture of your driver's license. If you don't currently have one, skip this question.**

Files submitted:

**12. How did you hear about the Ministry Development Project? (If it's a specific person, let us know who so we can thank them, please.) \***

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## Your Context

Every journey to developing new ministries has a starting point--we want to hear about yours! Give us an idea of where you are now and how you got there.

**13. Tell us about your current work situation.**

What position do you hold and how long have you been there? How did you get here? How do you feel about it?

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**14. Tell us about the place of your parish.**

You might talk about the surrounding geography, the demographics of parishioners and how it compares to the greater community, the ecology of trees in your area--be creative and descriptive! This is an opportunity for you to paint a picture of the place in which you serve.

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**15. Describe the current ministry/ministries in your context.**

Consider: Who keeps them going? What communities are impacted? Do they extend beyond the bounds of your parish or are they mostly internal? What assets or holy currencies do these ministries rely on? This could be labor, time, creativity, social connections, money, food, etc. A description of holy currencies can be found here: <https://www.kscopeinstitute.org/holy-currencies-1>

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**16. What would your dream ministry look like?**

Who would participate? What assets would you employ to bring about this ministry? What needs would this ministry be meeting? Again, this is a space for you to get creative and use your imagination!

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**Ok! You! All about you!**

Participating in the 2020 Cohort of Ministry Development Project is personal as well as professional--we want you to bring your whole person into this experience. Therefore, to best support you, we'd like to get to know you better! This section will dive into who you are, the gifts you have to give the world, and what you hope to give in the future.

**17. Please tell us about your social identities. What aspects of your identity or personality feel relevant and important to you, and why?**

You may choose to talk about aspects of identity such as race, gender, age, sexuality, etc. Examples of personality traits could be your giving spirit, joyful demeanor, or ability to get things done.

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**18. In what setting(s) have you lived and worked (urban, rural, suburban)?**

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**19. What have you found to be unique about serving in a rural context?**

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**20. Why do you want to participate in the 2020 Ministry Development Project cohort?**

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**21. What appeals to you about being part of a collaborative cohort?**

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**22. What gifts do you intend to share with the rest of your cohort?**

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**23. What is your envisioned outcome of participating in a six-month collaborative ministry development program?**

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### **Self-Expression**

This section is totally optional. There might be aspects of yourself, your goals, and how you relate to the Ministry Development Project that you haven't been able to share yet.

**24. Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

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**25. Is there anything you want us to see? A poem you wrote? A picture of you in your hometown? A glimpse into your journal with harried notes about ministry development ideas? It's your space.**

Files submitted:

**26. Do you want to provide any context or captions for the above file(s)?**

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**27. Are there any questions you have for us?**

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