

CONFIDENTIAL When Completed: Clergy/ Pastor's Reference Letter

This Portion is to be completed by Mentor Applicant:

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission granted for Clergy/Pastor reference to be released to Pathways to Freedom Ministries and for Pathways to Freedom Ministries to contact reference if further information is required.

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Mentor Applicant Signature

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Date

\*Please include for your use a stamped self-addressed envelope that can be used to mail this letter to Pathways to Freedom Ministries.

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Instructions for Clergy/Pastor: We thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. We realize your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to help us out. The above noted individual is applying to become a mentor to an inmate incarcerated or recently released from a provincial or federal institution in Nova Scotia. Because of the sensitive nature of this relationship match we want to know as much as possible about a future mentor in regards to their character within a Christian context. We ask you to be as clear and factual as you can be as this will help us assess the suitability of this individual to become a friend (match) to an individual in our program. At any time in this reference you may for clarity contact PTFM for more information to help you be complete in your reference.

1. a) How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months  
b) How would you describe the depth of your knowledge of the applicant?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Well \_\_\_\_\_ Casually \_\_\_\_\_ Not Well
  2. Is this applicant a member of your congregation in the context that this would apply to your church? YES \_\_\_\_\_ How long: \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Does this applicant serve in a capacity in your congregation? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes: in what areas do they serve? \_\_\_\_\_
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4. Do you know anything of the individual's spiritual journey? If so please briefly describe here:

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5. How would you describe this individual's ability to disciple a new Christian?

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6. What you describe as this individuals spiritual gifting, have they demonstrated these gifts in your church?

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7. Have you noted areas of concern in regards to appropriateness of relationships within your congregation; in areas of ministry; or externally in their personal life?

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8. Does the applicant demonstrate a lifestyle consistent with biblical standards? Yes \_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_  
If no, please explain:

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9. Are you aware of any criminal record (for which a pardon was granted) or other social problems (addictions) which may interfere with the ability of this individual to work with offenders?

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10. What do you consider the applicant's strong points? (include positive personal traits)

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11. What do you consider the applicant's week points? (include negative personal traits)

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12. Do you have anything else you would like us to know about this applicant? Any other comments, suggestions?

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13. Would you like a representative of PTFM to contact you regarding this applicant, or anything else regarding this ministry? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
IF YES, briefly what is your question or concern?

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14. If your congregation or ministry has not previously had a presentation from PTFM would this be of interest to you or your congregation? Yes \_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_

15. May we contact you for further information if necessary? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Again, thank you for taking the time to complete this reference; we appreciate your time and patience.