

## AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

All applicants must submit a complete autobiographical statement as part of their application to the Lutheran Theological Seminary and to their CTEL. We cannot act on an application until all materials are submitted including the autobiographical statement.

The autobiographical statement should include:

1. A reasonably full account of your life, including a description of your family, what it was like growing up in your family, important events in your life, persons who had significant influence on you as you were growing up, and educational and occupational experiences. Describe any significant relationships in which you are currently engaged or which have been recently dissolved.
2. A reasonably full description of your faith journey, including comments on significant individuals and experiences that have influenced your faith development. Describe your views of God, Jesus Christ, scripture, the church and the Christian life and how these beliefs have evolved. Describe current involvement with a congregation or worshiping community. Please indicate any leadership roles you have held in your congregation or Synod.
3. Describe any pertinent medical or physical problems, and offer any relevant comments on your physical health and illness over the course of your life.
4. Describe your career goals, long-range objectives (if different from career goals), and the type of ministry for which you wish to prepare. If you are uncertain about career goals and ministry at this time, please describe what you would hope to gain from your time at the Lutheran Theological Seminary.
5. Discuss personal and professional strengths that you see yourself bringing to both the seminary experience and to ministry. Also discuss areas in which you feel that further growth is needed, your physical and emotional health.
6. Describe your personality, as you see it, including: (a) Do you draw "energy" primarily from involvement with other people or from within yourself, (b) do you tend to gather and rely on facts in making decisions or do you see yourself as a more intuitive person, (c) do you tend to approach your life by utilizing or focusing first on values or feelings, or do you tend to rely more strongly on thinking things through, and (d) do you tend to like things well organized or are you more comfortable just seeing how experiences and events unfold or evolve.
7. Include any other comments, events, experiences, attitudes, values and beliefs which are relevant for the autobiographical statement.