**Doctor of Ministry Dissertation**

Applied Research Project Topic Approval Form

Singapore Bible College



This preliminary form precedes the official dissertation proposal. Please type it single-spaced and send it to Dr. Sng Bee Bee (beesng@gmail.com) and griffith@sbc.edu.sg. Keep working on consecutive editions until approval. After Dr. Rick’s approval, you may proceed with the dissertation proposal. The Research & Writing class initial proposal need not include a proposed supervisor, but the supervisor credentials *must* be included on the later proposal using the form entitled “DMin Professor, Supervisor, & Reader Information.” The proposal cannot be officially approved until modules are completed. Once approved, the DMin Office will inform the student and supervisor.

**Name of Student:** TYPE OVER THIS TEXT

**Proposed Supervisor (if decided already—not Dr. Rick!):** TYPE OVER THIS TEXT

**Sabbatical Dates for Dissertation Approved by Your Ministry Leadership:** TYPE OVER THIS TEXT

**Anticipated Graduation Date:** TYPE OVER THIS TEXT

**Applied Research Project Title:** TYPE OVER THIS TEXT

**Underline the Dissertation Model to Be Used (see the 8-page “Applied Research Project DTS Explanation” pdf and make this consistent with question 6d below)—select only one of these below:**

**•** Descriptive Survey of a Ministry Situation • Program Development and Evaluation

• Program Evaluation and Response • Case Study of Ongoing Ministry

**Please answer each of these questions in 100 words or less:**

1. Write a summary description of your applied research project, including its rationale (why you want to do this project).

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2. Briefly state the significance of this topic for your personal ministry context (church, mission field, etc.) and its significance for others in similar ministries.

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3. Briefly state the relationship of the topic to your DMin goals and post-graduation goals.

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4. List five major books and five major journal articles and/or other sources with which you can begin. Follow the correct bibliography (*not* footnote) form for books and articles in the *SBC Writing Standards*, including putting them in alphabetical order.

**Books:**

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**Articles:**

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5. Describe the compatibility of this topic with your capabilities, the availability of information, your limits of time and limits of money. Is this project “doable?”

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6. Provide a ***one sentence*** answer for each of the following items:

a. Problem to be addressed: TYPE OVER THIS TEXT WITH ONE SENTENCE TO SHOW THE NEED FOR THIS STUDY OR WHAT PROBLEM INFLUENCED THE NEED TO UNDERTAKE THIS STUDY

b. Research question: TYPE OVER THIS TEXT WITH ONE QUESTION TO SHOW THE MAIN QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED TO GUIDE THE RESEARCH AND STRUCTURE OF THE STUDY

c. Hypothesis: TYPE OVER THIS TEXT WITH ONE DECLARATIVE SENTENCE TO GIVE YOUR BEST GUESS AT THIS POINT ON THE OUTCOME OR CORRELATION OF ISSUES

d. Research method (program, how many surveys and who surveyed, number of case studies, etc.) should be specific (e.g., “Interviews of ten pastors and written surveys of 50 members will give both qualitative and quantitative data”): TYPE OVER THIS TEXT WITH ONE SENTENCE TO SHOW HOW THE DISSERTATION MODEL UNDERLINED ON PAGE 1 WILL BE CARRIED OUT