

# Preliminary Survey for Churches

## Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary Ministry Referral Service

Feel free to add additional comments for any of the questions below. If you have personal questions please call (313) 381-0111, ext. 402. When completed, whether on paper or in electronic format (our preference), return to Dr. Claude Wiggins at DBTS:

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- By fax: (313) 381-0798

### **Church Contact Information**

Name of Church:

Street Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

City:

State:

ZIP:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Website Address:

Staff Contact Person (name & title):

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Pulpit Search Committee Contact Person (name & title):

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Please provide any other contact information or directions we should know in order to more adequately serve you.

### **The Staff Position**

What position are you trying to fill (e.g. senior pastor, assistant pastor, youth pastor, minister of music, other)?

Please describe the primary responsibilities for this position (e.g. preaching, teaching, evangelism, discipleship, youth work, visitation, etc.)?

Will this position be full-time or part-time?

## **Your Church's History**

Please indicate when and how your church was established. Then list key events in your history.

## **Your Church's Community**

How would you describe the type of community in which your church is located (e.g. Urban, Suburban, Rural)

What is the geographic distribution (i.e. distance from the church location) of the people who attend your church?

What is the current trend in regional and local population growth/decline? What factors are most significant in contributing to this trend?

## **Your Church's Membership**

What is your average attendance for SS, AM, PM, Wed?

How would you describe the employment mix of your congregation (e.g. factory workers, service industry, technical-professional, etc.)?

How would you describe the age mix of your congregation (e.g. children, teens, young adults, middle aged, senior citizens)?

How would you describe the maturity mix of your congregation (e.g. sincere seekers, new believers, stable & growing believers, strong-seasoned saints)

## **Your Church's Ministry Structure**

**Church Constitution.** Is a copy of your church constitution & by-laws available for review upon request by any prospective candidate? Would you be willing to provide a copy to DBTS (for private reference only)?

**Church Government.** What is the nature of the relationship between deacons and pastor as it pertains to decision making authority?

**Church Affiliation.** Is your church a part of any association or fellowship of churches? Please list.

**Church Staff.** What other paid staff positions exist in your church?

**Church Ministries.** Does your church have any auxilliary ministries which you consider noteworthy (e.g. Christian school, etc.)? Please describe.

**Your Church's Theology & Philosophy of Ministry**

Are there any theological terms with which your church would or would not like to be identified (e.g. fundamentalist-evangelical; traditional-progressive; dispensational-covenant; calvinistic-arminian, etc.)? Feel free to comment or add additional distinctives of your ministry.

What is the position/practice of your church in regard to music and worship (e.g. traditional hymns only; all conservative, but use old and new; southern gospel; contemporary [CCM])?

What is the position/practice of your church in regard to Bible translations (e.g. KJV, NKJV, NASB, NIV, ESV) for private/personal use and for public instruction?

What Christian colleges/seminaries would your church be most comfortable recommending to your students?

What missions agencies would your church be most comfortable recommending to your congregation or prospective missionaries?