



The Orchard

A Project-Based Mentoring Program for Christian Ministry Leaders

PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Orchard is a mentoring program that supports Christian ministry leaders in developing ministry projects of their own design. The program helps participants discern their calling in God and gives them the skills to be effective. For more information about The Orchard, please see our website (<https://resources.gci.org/ministry-pathway>). All participants in The Orchard must complete this application. Please submit completed applications via email to **dishon.mills@gci.org**. Please direct all questions to Dishon Mills, who can be reached at the aforementioned email address or by calling 617-653-7565.

BASIC INFORMATION

Name (First, Last):

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Church (and denomination, if not GCI) you currently attend:

REFERENCES (Only for those applying as a participant. Auditors just need to complete and submit the two previous sections.)

Please provide us with two references: one from a pastor or spiritual mentor, and one general reference. Please use the form at the end of this application to collect the references.

TIMELINE

- Applications accepted through February 27, 2021
- Participants identified by March 6, 2021
- Program starts with full day (6 hr) intensive on Saturday, March 13, 2021
- Monthly meetings with your coach: 1 hr each
- Monthly learning sessions with the cohort: 2 hrs each
- Conclusion of the cohort: August 2021

By submitting this application, you give your consent for your image to be used in documents and videos that promote The Orchard.



REFERENCE FORM

Thank you for being a reference for an applicant to The Orchard. The Orchard is a project-based mentoring program that helps ministry leaders discern their calling in God and gives them the skills to be effective. We are looking for people who love Jesus and are ministry-minded self-starters. Your perspective on the applicant will be very helpful. For more information about The Orchard, please see our website (<https://resources.gci.org/ministry-path-way>). Please complete this reference form and return it to the applicant so it can be included with her/his application.

YOUR INFORMATION

Name (First, Last):

Address:

Email:

Phone:

QUESTIONS

1. Applicant's name?
2. How do you know the Applicant?
3. What are the top three adjectives you would use to describe this person's strengths? Why?
4. What are the top three adjectives you would use to describe this person's weaknesses/areas of growth? Why?

5. Please briefly tell us about the Applicant's spiritual maturity and relationship with Jesus.

6. Please briefly give us an indication of the Applicant's sense of initiative-taking, risk-taking, and leadership.

7. *FOR PASTORS ONLY:* How are you and the congregation currently supporting the development of this leader? How will you support the implementation of the applicant's ministry project?

Thank you for completing this reference form.

