

# CHURCH ENDORSEMENT (APPLICATION PROCESS)

## Graduate Programs in Christian Studies



*Applicant:* Please check appropriate box  MAYM  MATM

### *A Message to the Applicant's Church*

Howard Payne University was founded in 1889 for the purpose of educating and training men and women who feel called to vocational ministry. Application to the Graduate Program in Christian Studies requires a recommendation from the church of which the applicant is a member. It is important that the entire statement of recommendation below be carefully considered by the congregation in business session and signed only if it is approved by a formal vote. Howard Payne University will be grateful for your responsible partnership in this admission decision.

### *Church Recommendation*

Having evidenced that \_\_\_\_\_, a member of this church, is a person

- of moral integrity,
- of genuine Christian commitment,
- of emotional maturity, able to fill leadership responsibilities in church life, and
- whom this church would consider or recommend for a responsible role in Christian ministry

we recommend him/her for admission to the Graduate Programs in the School of Christian Studies at Howard Payne University, and pledge our continuing interest and personal support of this student.

Name of church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of church: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of church clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of church approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
MO. / DAY / YEAR

Date applicant joined church \_\_\_\_\_  
MO. / DAY / YEAR

Send completed form to:

**Graduate Programs, School of Christian Studies  
Howard Payne University  
1000 Fisk Street  
Brownwood, TX 76801**