If you wish to partner with PLTS in the Ministry in Context Program, please complete two forms:

1. The **Supervising Pastor Statement**

   To be completed by **new and continuing Ministry in Context supervising pastors** on an annual basis. Supervision is a vital component of this program. This form is a statement of your commitment to the supervisory requirements expected of the pastor.

2. The **Ministry in Context Congregation**

   Profile can be completed by the pastor or a parishioner. This form will give Ministry in Context students some general information about the congregation.

The Ministry in Context Program is a two-semester course typically begun in the spring of their first academic year at PLTS. The students are expected to participate in the life of the church during the regular bounds of the semester. They will be participating concurrently in an online forum with the Director of Contextual Education to process and deepen the learning that is happening in their sites during the two semesters.

Please return these forms to the Office of Contextual Education at PLTS at

contexted@plts.edu
SUPERVISING PASTOR STATEMENT

Supervising Pastor ___________________________  Congregation ___________________________
Street Address ___________________________  City and Zip ___________________________
Phone Number ___________________________  Email Address ___________________________

I understand the Ministry in Context Program requires the following commitments from me:

1) Establish a Lay Committee before the student begins.

2) Meet with the student for reflection sessions at least once per month to focus on:
   a) the student's personal, theological and pastoral growth
   b) feedback involving student participation in the parish
   c) integration of academic and experiential learning

3) Provide the student with regular worship leadership experience and other pastoral leadership
   experiences in the congregation.

4) Complete student evaluations in a timely manner.

Sites may have two Ministry in Context students. I would be open to having a total of _____ student(s) at
our site.

PLTS is an inclusive community and offers hospitality to all who participate in our programs of study. As
disciples of Christ committed to public leadership among God's people in diverse and challenging cultural
contexts, we eagerly learn from and welcome one another's diversity, including, but not limited to,
thological perspective, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, relationship status, age, physical ability,
social and economic status and sexual orientation.

We ask all congregations/agencies to extend the same welcome. Please indicate whether or not you and
your community agree with this statement and are currently practicing such hospitality. If you are not,
please indicate in what ways you are unable to meet these expectations in the comment section below.

_____ We agree with this statement and are currently practicing such hospitality.

_____ We agree with this statement but are not currently practicing such hospitality for the reasons listed
   below.

_____ We do not agree with this statement.

We are unable to meet these expectations in the following ways:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Signature ___________________________  Date ___________________________
MINISTRY IN CONTEXT CONGREGATION PROFILE

Church Name __________________________ Street Address __________________________

City and Zip __________________________ Phone Number __________________________

Email Address __________________________ Web Site __________________________

Average Sunday Worship: Children _________ Adults _________

Sunday School? Yes No Adults _________ Children _________

Communion: Weekly _________ Monthly _________

Midweek Service? Weekly Seasonally

Please describe briefly

Approximate distance from PLTS _________ Estimated travel time from PLTS _________

Accessible via public transportation? Yes No

Pastor(s) # of Years at Parish Email Address

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PLEASE ENCLOSE A REPRESENTATIVE BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER
Describe the community around your parish:

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Describe the people in your congregation (ie: age group ratio, racial & socio-economic mix):

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List ministries beyond the congregation in which your church is involved:

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Please identify any major transition issues or challenges currently facing the congregation:

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List paid staff and indicate whether full or part-time:

For the supervising pastor: Please briefly describe your leadership style and your preferred supervisory style:

Other parish information you think a student would be interested in knowing: