



Minnesota School of Ministry (MnSOM) Internship Standards and Objectives Ordained Ministry – Waiver Checklist

Pastor/Mentor: Please make sure that the prospective credential holder has completed the following standards before requesting that a waiver for internship be approved. Please initial next to each standard that you feel has been successfully completed.

Applicant Name: _____
(Please print)

____ **Standard 1: Strategic Planning**

Objective: To gain competence in strategic planning by leading a group of local church leaders through a process of planning and implementing a significant change in the life and ministry of the church OR within a particular ministry of the church.

____ **Standard 2: Pulpit Ministry**

Objective: To gain competence in pulpit ministry by having a pastor/mentor and members of the congregation critique five preached sermons.

____ **Standard 3: Church Finance**

Objective: To gain confidence in managing church finances by developing an annual church budget (actual or sample) to be evaluated by a mentor.

____ **Standard 4: Vision**

Objective: To gain competence in developing a vision by assembling a “vision team” in the local church or within a department of ministry of the church, and leading them through the vision discovery process OR if the church has a vision statement lead a team of lay leaders through the process of evaluating the church’s implementation of their vision in terms of its policies, procedures, practices and budgets. Produce a vision statement OR implementation report.

____ **Standard 5: Personal Spiritual Growth**

Objective: To gain competence in the process of personal spiritual growth by keeping a prayer and devotional journal consistently for six months that includes: 1) Scriptures read, 2) Scriptural insights, 3) Prayer Needs, 4) Answered Prayer, 5) Insights gained from non-biblical reading and 6) reflections on their personal spiritual growth including insights, challenges and victories.

____ **Standard 6: Required Reading**

Objective: To gain competence in core areas of intern’s personal life. *Courageous Leadership* by Bill Hybels is required.

I, _____, hereby witness and sign that _____ has completed all of the required standards listed above in accordance to the policies set in place by the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the Minnesota District School of Ministry.

Pastor/Mentor Signature: _____ Date: _____