

# **HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE AWARD**

## **APPLICATION PACKET**

### **BETHEL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

(A Graduate College of Theology and Ministry)



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## APPLICATION FOR HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE

(\$100.00 Non-Refundable application fee MUST be sent with this application)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Middle First

I am 40 years of age or older  Yes  No. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you Born Again?  Yes  No

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Telephone No: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Single  Engaged  Separated  Divorced  Re-married  Widowed

Gender:  Male  Female. Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduated/GED  Yes  No. Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ if not a graduate, show highest year completed:

(9, 10, 11, 12). College or Specialized Training:  Yes  No. List College(s) and type(s) of degree(s) presently

Held with dates: \_\_\_\_\_

What type(s) of Ministry are you presently involved in? (Be Specific) \_\_\_\_\_

What are your Ministry goals? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been Baptized by Immersion?  Yes  No

Name of Church you presently attend on a regular basis: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: No: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Present Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Licensed or an Ordained Minister?  Yes  No. If yes, list the date and name of the ministry that Licensed or Ordained you with photocopy of certificates attached: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have attached **two** recommendations for Honorary Doctorate Degree from my Pastor and my Christian Friend who can verify that I have been involved in full time ministry for at least **TEN YEARS**.  Yes  No.

How and where did you hear about Bethel Christian University by: \_\_ Magazine, \_\_ Internet, \_\_ Conference, \_\_ Advert  
\_\_ Handbill/Poster, \_\_ Referred by: (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been involved in the occult?  Yes  No. if Yes to what extent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been disciplined by a Church, a Pastor, or a Christian Leader  Yes  No. Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been treated for emotional/mental condition:  Yes  No. If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been accused or found guilty of Child Abuse, Sexual molestation, misappropriation of funds, felony crimes, or inordinate affections (including lesbianism or homosexual lifestyles)?

Yes  No if yes explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that, BCU reserves the right to deny or revoke the approval of any candidate whose behavior or lifestyle is inconsistent with Biblical principles or with the University's standard code of conducts in the Ministry.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved:  Yes  No. If No, give reason (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Degree Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Approving Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PERSONAL FRIEND'S HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE RECOMMENDATION FORM

### TO THE APPLICANT

Please complete the following before forwarding to the appropriate friend.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

This section is to be completed by your FRIEND ONLY.

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### **TO THE PERSONAL FRIEND.**

Your comments will be given serious attention and will be regarded as CONFIDENTIAL.

NB: Please mail this form directly to the Office of Registrar, Bethel Christian University, 5010 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Terrace Topeka KS. 66604, USA. **Or send it as an email attachment to: info@bcuks.org**

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months. In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you acquainted with the applicant's religious life? \_\_\_\_\_ Business life? \_\_\_\_\_ and social life? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is he/she saved? \_\_\_\_\_ please describe the applicant's home life \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please give what information you can regard the applicant's church, social and business life. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Has he/she been active in the church? \_\_\_\_\_ in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Has he/she any special talents or abilities (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Does the applicant respond well to authority? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does the applicant work well with others? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you noted any particular personality weaknesses? (Be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

10. What do you consider to be the applicant's doctrinal peculiarities? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Is the applicant's conduct with the opposite sex above reproach? \_\_\_\_\_  
if not, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

12. Is the applicant living a consistent Christian life? \_\_\_\_\_ if not, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

13. Would you recommend that we accept this applicant for an honorary doctorate degree award?  
Please check one of the following:  Yes  No. **I would recommend this candidate to receive an Honorary Doctorate Degree for the following reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PASTOR'S HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE RECOMMENDATION FORM

### TO THE APPLICANT

Please complete the following before forwarding to a PASTOR:

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

This section is to be completed by a PASTOR ONLY.

### TO THE PASTOR.

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1. How well do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long do you know him? \_\_\_\_\_

2. After a personal interview, have you determined that the applicant has received Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the applicant's involvement in your Church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. In your estimation does the applicant exert a good influence among those of his own age?  
Yes  No  if Yes, how? Please explain if No: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you aware of any personality traits which hinder the applicant in relations with others?  
Yes  No  if Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Comment on any special circumstances which might prove helpful in considering this applicant's application. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. To your knowledge does the applicant use tobacco, alcohol or drugs?  
Yes  No  if Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What are the significant strengths and special abilities of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please tick your choice of recommendation of an honorary degree to Bethel Christian University.  
 Highly Recommended  Recommended  Not Recommended

\* Please indicate the reason(s) for your recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church or Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## HONORARY DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bethel Christian University offers honorary degree to people who have distinguished themselves in their ministries and communities. The honorary degree is not earned, but deserved. This degree is for those that does not need to prepare for ministry with an earned degree, but has already made an impact in the ministry and Christian Communities. It is given to well recognize eminent personalities who have contributed to the building of Christian Churches, Ministries, Communities, the Nation and the cause of Christ in World Evangelism.

If you are a Pastor, Evangelist, Prophet, Missionary, Teacher of the Word or a Leader of an active Christian Ministry, Bethel Christian University may be able to grant you an Honorary Doctorate Degree on the basis of 1 Timothy 5:17, if you meet the following requirements.

1. Must be a Born Again Christian.
2. Must be at least 30 years of age.
3. Verify that you have at least 10 years of full-time or part-time active ministerial experience.
4. Produce evidence that you are a licensed and ordained minister of the Gospel.
5. Prepare a TYPED one to two page summary of your Christian Work and Ministry.
6. Secure the endorsements of two people:
  1. Your Senior Pastor and,
  2. A licensed or an ordained Ministers' Friend.
7. Make a \$1,000.00 donation to the furtherance of Bethel Christian University's visions.

### AREAS OF AWARD

- Group 1.**
- (a) Doctor of Divinity (D.D)
  - (b) Doctor of Evangelism (D.E)
  - (c) Doctor of Christian Mission (C.M.D)
  - (d) Doctor of Sacred Music (S.M.D)

These Degrees are award to an individual as a Religious or Sacred degree, a person inspired by the Spirit of God with hope, vision on leadership.

- Group 2.**
- (a) Doctor of Letters (D. Lit.)
  - (b) Doctor of Humanity (H.D)
  - (c) Doctor of Sacred Music (S.M.D)
  - (d) Doctor of Sacred Literature (S.L.D.)

These Degrees are awarded primarily to an individual who has made contributions to Christian Communities.

## **GRADUATION DONATION**

1. Application fee \$100.00
2. Graduation Expenses (Donation) to cover: \$1,000.00
  - a. Registration
  - b. Documentation and Processing
  - c. Certificate Holder
  - d. Administrative Charges
  - e. Other miscellaneous Expenses
3. All trips made to your School, Church/Ministry by our staff to train, assist, advice at graduation for the purpose of public presentation of Degree, or other special events will be done as time provides, and travelling expenses, food and lodging expense etc. must be covered and paid for by the host Minister or Honoree.

### ***Applicant must submit to the office of Bethel Christian University, the following:***

- (I) A completed enclosed application form for an Honorary Doctorate Degree.
  - (II) Detailed life biography (Ministry Resume)
  - (III) Copies of all educational certificates, diplomas, degrees and any special recognition certificates.
  - (IV) Copies of current license/ordination certificates; if any
  - (V) 2 passport photographs
- Two enclosed recommendation forms completed by an established Pastor, Missionary, or a Christian Leader, VERIFYING THESE CLAIMS.

### ***Upon receipt and review of the above information, Bethel Christian University staff:***

1. Reserve the right to require the candidate to supply **additional information** to the University.
2. On satisfaction, an approval letter will be sent to the Applicant.
3. All payments must be made by check in the name of **Bethel Christian University**, in advance before the ceremony. Payments can also be made through the University's website PayPal account or a direct bank transfer.
4. Due to the significance of this honorable event, the date and location of the public presentation must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. We highly suggest that presentation be made during the University's Graduation ceremony or to be agreed and approved by the Board of Directors to take place on a special location.

5. All costs and fees must be paid in advance of presentation date.
6. If you would like to purchase a gown, hood or cap, please  
Contact the office of the Registrar for information. Special tailored  
and designed gowns, hoods; caps are available for additional fees.

**N.B. Prices are subject to change without notice.**

### **SAMPLE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY RESUME**

**NB: Please write a comprehensive detailed Christian Resume (in Essay form) of not less than 1,000 words covering the following areas:**

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

JohnBull B. Akins  
5010 SW 20TH Terrace,  
TOPEKA, KS. 66604.

#### **EDUCATION**

1978 - 1981 BA, Theology from Faith Bible College. Texas.  
1982 - 1986 completed correspondence courses from Kingsway College. Iowa.  
(If Transcripts are not available – list courses completed, with seminars  
And workshops that are applicable to the Ministry)

#### **CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATES**

1975 - 1978 Licensed by Grace Bible Church, Kansas. (Church recognition)  
1978 - 1990 Licensed by Kingsway Fellowship Int'l. Iowa, (Int'l. recognition)

#### **TEACHING MINISTRY**

1973 - 1975 Sunday School Teacher, Adult class, Faith Bible Church, Kansas  
(1 hour weekly).  
1975 - 1978 Teaches Major Prophets, Grace Bible Institute, Kansas (1 hour 18  
weeks= 1 semester)  
1977 - 1978 Sunday school Superintendent, Grace Bible Church, Kansas, (2 hours  
a week)

#### **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

1976 - 1978 Evangelism Director  
1976 - 1980 Director of Missions  
1983 -1986 President of Men's or Women's ministry



### **ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY**

1973 - 1975 Part t-times Church Administrator, Faith Bible Church, Kansas.  
(16 hours a week)

1975 - 1978 Church Secretary, Grace Bible Church, Kansas. (2 hours a week)

### **PREACHING MINISTRY**

1973 - 1975 Fill in for Pastor when away, Grace Bible Church, Kansas.

1975 - 1978 Wednesday night Services, Grace Bible Church, Kansas.

### **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

1974 - 1975 Home Bible Study with couples in the neighborhood (1 hour weekly)

1975 - 1976 Prison Ministry, County Jail, Kansas (2 hours weekly)

1975 - 1978 Church Elder, Grace Bible Church. Kansas. (Weekly services)

1976 - 1978 Hospital Ministry, Grace Bible Church, Kansas. (4 hours weekly)

1978 - 1982 Pastor of Fellowship of Christ Church, Iowa.

1982 - Date Senior Pastor Hope Christian Center, New York.

### **SEMINARS/CONFERENCES**

1978 - Church growth seminar – 20 hours

1982 - Pastor's leadership conference – 40 hours

### **SERVED ON BOARD**

1975 - 1978 Hope Ministers Fellowship. (2 hours per month for four years)

**[NB: Please attach documents to prove your claims.](#)**