



# Volunteer/Mentor Application

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Please fill out all questions to the best of your ability and as thoroughly as possible. If needed, please use additional paper to fully explain your answers. If you have questions regarding this form please contact PTFM at the e-mail address at the end of the application.

## Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

**References:** (One reference must be a member of the clergy who has known you for at least one year.)

### Reference #1

#### Pastor/Minister/Clergy

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

Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ How long has this person known you? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this be the person filling out your Pastoral Reference?  Yes  No

### Reference #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ How long has this person known you? \_\_\_\_\_

What is this person's relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information**

Are you a member of a church?     Yes             No

Marital Status             Single     Married             Divorced             Separated             Widowed

If married, how long have you been married? \_\_\_\_\_ If you have minor children, what are their ages?

Are you employed:     Yes     No

Retired:  Yes     No

**\*The following questions apply to all volunteers: If uncertain of how you want to be involved please complete all questions as fully as possible.**

**General Information:**

1. Why do you want to be a part of this ministry?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What professional training do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Identify and explain any counseling experience or training from other ministries or organizations that you feel would be an asset to PTFM and its mandate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How much time can you invest in this ministry either weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you able to self-evaluate when you are over-extended in your commitments of time and money?  
 Yes             No

6. What other programs and/or ministries are you currently involved in, either in the church or the community?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Other than what you have already mentioned, do you have other interests or hobbies that would be an asset when working with your client? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Briefly describe your spiritual journey, outlining how you became a believe in Jesus Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. In reference to the Scriptures, what spiritual gifts do you feel you have to offer this ministry?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. How would you describe your current relationship with Jesus Christ?

Staying the same             Getting Better             Growing

Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_

11. How would you describe your ability to share Christ's love and His work in our lives?

12. Briefly state your beliefs concerning the Bible.(Use extra paper if necessary)

**MENTOR APPLICANTS:** (Other applicants may also complete this section, you will have an opportunity at the end of the application to indicate your area of interest.

13. What is your comfort level in sharing the Gospel? (1 being uncomfortable, 5 being very comfortable)

- 1     2     3     4     5

14. How do you interpret the following Scriptures as they refer to your life?

John 14:15-31; Acts 2; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

15. What other talents or special abilities to you have that would be an asset when working with our clients?

16. Do you have experience with Canada's Criminal Justice System?     Yes     No

If yes, what is the nature of your experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Was time served?     Federally     Provincially

Have all conditions been met? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Is your family supportive of your involvement as a mentor in this program?     Yes     No

If married, would your spouse be comfortable meeting with the client with you, once a relationship has been established?     Yes     No

If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you willing to travel to visit an inmate?     Yes     No

If yes, how far are you willing to travel? \_\_\_\_\_ There is a mileage rate to be reimbursed according to ministry policies

19. Would you be willing to help your match find a home church (church family) by attending services at various area churches of different denominations, even if it means foregoing your own church's Sunday services?

- Yes     No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Once a relationship has been developed with a client, are you willing to continue the mentor relationship upon the client's release, following the guidelines as laid out by PTFM?     Yes     No

21. Do you believe that God loves all people, no matter what they have done outside of the law of God and society?

Yes  No

Do you believe that God can change people and help them turn away from sin and behaviours that are detrimental to them or others?  Yes  No

22. If the offender to whom you are assigned re-offends after release, would you be willing to continue mentoring that offender?  Yes  No

If this were to happen, would you be willing to be assigned to another client?  Yes  No

23. In this program, we come into contact with people that are hurt and broken, usually having come through tragic circumstances. Because of this, we must be able to deal objectively with our emotions and feelings associated with what we see and hear from our inmate friends. Are you willing to allow God and/or the PTFM staff and board to assist you, through prayer and counseling, to deal with the difficult emotions and feelings associated when dealing with this segment of the population and their families?

Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Tough Love™ is “an expression used when someone treats another person harshly or sternly with the intent to help them in the long run.” Tough Love™ may be called for when dealing with these men and women within the context of the discipleship and mentoring process. Are you willing to be bold with the help and the love of God, and to be truthful, speaking what needs to be spoken to your match within the confines of PTFM guidelines?

Yes  No

In most cases, there must be some actual love or feeling of affection behind the correction of stern treatment for this to be defined as “tough love.” For example, genuinely concerned parents refusing to support their drug-addicted child financially until the child has entered drug rehabilitation would be said to be practicing tough love. In the case of a mentor and matched friend, you may have to utilize this approach, after a relationship has formed, if the client is not attempting to make changes in his/her life, or if he/she is continuing on a destructive path, drawing the mentor into this path. Will you be able to demonstrate tough love?

Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Is there any type of offender that you do **NOT** want to be matched with?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

26. What area would you like to serve in this ministry?

Mentor  Board Member  Specialty Advisor  Administrative

27. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Applicant Signature

Date

**NOTE: This signature does not constitute a commitment from Pathways to Freedom Ministries to accept the signatory as a mentor, nor does it constitute a commitment from the mentor to become paired with an inmate. This form is only PART of the application process.**