

# Crosslink Christian Network, Australia

ABN 66 078 054 092

## APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT AS A MINISTER

Please note the following:

1. Ministers endorsement is through the recommendation of an affiliated Crosslink church or organisation only. If you are part of an organisation that is looking for affiliation with Crosslink please complete an Application for Affiliated Church or Organisation Membership first. If your organization is already affiliated please put the name of our organization down as the nominating body (Part 1).
2. Only send the following 2-page form as your application; the last 3 pages of this document are notes for your reference and recommended reading and do not need to be returned to Crosslink.
3. Please complete all sections as requested. If you have any queries at all, please contact the office (Phone (02) 6103 0100 or email [rachel@crosslinknetwork.com.au](mailto:rachel@crosslinknetwork.com.au)).
4. DO NOT send payment with your application form. If your application is approved, you will be issued a Tax Invoice at that stage.
5. Your application may take up to two weeks on average to process.

Thank you and God bless.

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\* To help you complete this form correctly please refer to the Supporting Notes (pages 3-5 )

### Part 1—NOMINATION\*:

1) Nominating Crosslink Church / Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Your Function/Role/Position \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 2—PERSONAL DETAILS:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 3—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION\*:

- 1) Are you currently endorsed as a minister by any other organisation? YES/NO  
If yes, please supporting notes for this question.
- 2) Please attach details (summary) of any formal or informal ministry training or experience that you may have.
- 3) Do you currently hold a Marriage Celebrant's licence with another denomination?  
If YES, please ensure you resign before applying to become licensed under Crosslink  
(see supporting notes, page 4)

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**Part 4—REFERENCES\*:**

**1) Names of at least two people who have agreed to provide you with Apostolic covering/ Mentoring:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email.: \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Names of 5 current Crosslink Endorsed Ministers willing to support your application:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please attach at least ONE REFERENCE from one of the Ministers listed above.**

**Part 5 — FEES (DO NOT send payment with this form) \*:**

**1) Endorsed Minister Fee:** see Part 5 –Fees on Page 5 of Supporting notes

**2) Church Affiliation Fee:** see Part 5 –Fees on Page 5 of Supporting notes

**Once you have been notified that your application has been approved, you will be sent an invoice. payment of fees are required to complete the endorsement process.**

**Part 6—INSURANCE\* (Professional Indemnity & Directors and Officers Liability):**

"I **am/am not** (please circle one) covered for Professional Indemnity Insurance under my church's/ organization's policy"

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional:)

"Please send me information about joining Crosslink's Professional Indemnity cover" YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form to:**

Crosslink Christian Network  
PO Box 182  
BELCONNEN ACT 2616

Or FAX to (02) 6253 2202

**Enquiries:** TEL: 02 6103 0100 or EMAIL: [rachel@crosslinknetwork.com.au](mailto:rachel@crosslinknetwork.com.au)

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## Supporting Notes

### **Part 1—NOMINATION:**

#### **1) Nominating Crosslink Church/Organization**

As a Network we have agreed to endorse on the recommendation of a Crosslink Affiliated Church or Ministry Organization. There are a number of reasons for this:

We believe that the people who best test and affirm the gifts in a person qualifying for endorsement are the people in their church or the members of the Board of their ministry. It is the conviction of the church or ministry that is most important to us. Nominations for Endorsement should only come from churches and organizations affiliated with Crosslink. It may be that the church/organization and the endorsement application would be processed concurrently.

In order to be received as an Affiliated Member of the Network we will have already taken steps to find out whether a church or organization has a Biblical set of values, a Biblical and agreed spiritual structure, an acceptable legal structure, the basic insurance policies that would commend it for Affiliated Membership and an agreement to affirm the vision and values of the Network. Following acceptance as a Affiliated member, our job as an Executive and our task as Members is to support and not to dictate to one another. When an Affiliated Church or Board nominates a person for Endorsement, we would usually confirm that nomination unless there was a very clear reason to the contrary.

#### **2) Function/Role/Position**

We want to know what title you are known by according to the church or ministry to which you belong.

As Christian ministry embraces marketplace spheres and as churches begin to take different shape, the idea of a person describing their role as "pastor" will need expanding. While "pastor" is probably the most commonly used title, we are not assuming that a person being nominated for Endorsement will be called a pastor or that all Crosslink Endorsed Ministers will be called the same thing. The idea of Endorsement is a national recognition of a sphere of leadership. We have deliberately left it undefined in order to promote the concept of the multifaceted grace of God upon people he has called to serve in a particular way.

### **Part 3—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

#### **1) Ministry endorsement from an organization other than Crosslink**

We have the view that a person should receive recognition within the ministry organization to which they primarily belong. Anything else creates confusion. If a person is currently ordained by or recognized formally by another denomination or movement they should continue to belong to that movement. If this is the case there is nothing to prevent anyone "hanging out" with Crosslink. We can be friends with anyone we like and we can travel down a road with anyone we choose. If formal recognition with another denomination is concluded, then a person is free to receive endorsement from the Crosslink Network.

#### **2) Ministry Training Records**

The Network does not have a set of training qualifications required for Endorsement. We encourage all people in ministry to be trained as much as possible. A local church or ministry organization may have its own internal standards and we are happy to provide Endorsement as a form of recognition of those standards. Our aim in asking for some record of ministry training is simply to gain some understanding of the journey a nominated person has been on.

### 3) Marriage Celebrants Licence

The Registrar General recognises Crosslink as a denomination for the purposes of registering Marriages Celebrants (under the rites of Crosslink Christian Network). Some conditions do apply.

- You cannot be licensed under Crosslink if you are still licensed under another organisation. Make sure you have resigned your license before applying with Crosslink.
- Your church/ministry must have 30 or more members to qualify for one registered celebrant, and 100 or more members to qualify for 2 or more registered celebrants.

Marriage services are conducted under the Rites of the Crosslink Christian Network, Australia. For more information on ceremony procedures contact the office for a guideline.

If your application to become an Endorsed Crosslink Minister is successful, please contact the Crosslink office for the appropriate form.

## Part 4—REFERENCES:

### 1) Apostolic covering/mentoring

It is important that we have a mutual understanding of what we are attempting to put in place here. We are a network and not an institution and therefore we are committed to relationships as the key to doing everything that is important. We believe strongly that it is both Biblical and therefore essential for everyone in ministry to have someone whose love and gifts enable them to provide either fathering or coaching or some of both. The article, *Board of Reference*, on the Crosslink Website gives more information on this matter. We suggest you read this material and if there are questions or further information please contact the Crosslink National Office (02 6103 0100). The article can be found at <http://www.crosslinknetwork.com.au/membership/reference-material> or look in *Resources* and then *Reference Materials* on the Website.

### 2) Names of Crosslink Endorsed Ministers who are willing to support your application

We are not expecting people being nominated for Crosslink Endorsement to know five currently Endorsed Ministers. What we need is for you to know at least one or two currently endorsed ministers who would be willing to find three or four others. The process of getting these names could be done by phone. We will assume that you or a supportive Endorsed Crosslink Minister will have talked to those persons and that they will have agreed to support your nomination.

### 3) Reference from one of the supporting Endorsed Ministers

This reference does not need to be a long and detailed one. It needs to express the reasons for the person giving support to your nomination and providing some basic information about you and your ministry.

## Part 5 — FEES:

### 1) Endorsed Ministers' Fee

Crosslink Network is about support for Christian leaders more than it is about whole congregations having a strong bond to the Network. Most congregations are grateful for the trans-local connection and for the sense of accountability that comes by belonging to the Network. It is generally the pastors/leaders who feel the greater value of belonging. For this reason the fee structure focuses on leaders. Endorsement is like becoming a member of the Certified Practising Accountants Association of Australia. This organization provides a guarantee of certain standards and the opportunity for recourse to a further authority body if there is some problem. Crosslink works in a similar way. Endorsement qualifies you to receive certain tax benefits given to Christian ministers and it provides an identification that can be readily seen by any community organization (school, hospital etc.). It removes some of the problems associated with people who become dangerous 'lone rangers' in ministry situations.

Our goal in setting fees is to meet a very modest budget, not to make it impossible for people to belong. If you seek a fee concession or special arrangements for making payments please contact the National Office and speak with Rachel Horne (02 6103 0100).

**Current Fee Structure for Ministers:**

First two Endorsed Ministers \$550 (incl GST) each.

If second Minister is a spouse \$220

All subsequent Ministers \$110

**2) Church Fee Package:**

As stated previously, we will endorse people in ministry through the recommendation from a church or ministry organization that is already an Affiliate Member of the Network. The notional fee for a church is therefore \$220 per year.

**Pro Rata**

Depending on when your nomination is approved by the Executive, you will be charged according to how much of the fiscal year (July to June) remains. E.g. if you joined at the end of December you would pay 50% of the full annual amount.

**Payment of Fees:**

Invoices for annual fees will be posted in July of the new fiscal year. All fees are expected to be paid with 30 days of the date of invoice unless some other arrangement has been agreed to. Many newly planted churches and ministries make arrangements to pay quarterly or monthly if they are not able to send the full amount within 30 days of the invoice.

**Part 6—INSURANCE:**

All Crosslink churches and ministries need their own Public Liability and Professional Indemnity & Directors and Officers Liability cover. We are unable to provide insurance directly, however, we do have a very reasonable arrangement for bulk Professional Indemnity & Directors and Officers Liability through Australian Christian Services (ACS). This insurance is taken out by the church on behalf of all its workers. Questions about this should be directed to Rachel Horne at the National Office (02 6103 0100). If you are already insured and wish to keep that policy, please provide us with the Company name and your policy number. For all your insurance needs we recommend contacting Australian Christian Services 1800 626 777.



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