

## **Application Form for Candidate for Licensing at Browncroft Community Church**

Name -Joshua Eisenhart

Date – September 27, 2021

### **Ministry Experience**

*List the various ministries (and dates of service) you have served in as Pastoral Staff at BCC:*

Director of Jr. High Ministry – June 2003 - July 2013

Director of Student Ministry – July 2013 – July 2015

Director of Family Ministry – July 2015 – November 2020 – (Focused on Student Ministries still and changed focus to Parents and Young Adults for the last year)

Visual Stories Director – November 2020 - Present

*Which of these do you consider to be your primary ministries?*

I think my current ministry is very broad but if I had to sum it up, it would be focused on engaging our church community with the life of the church. Sharing stories of life change and of service opportunities all around our campus and in our community is an important way to compel our congregation towards deepening their discipleship. I am so fortunate to be able to sit down with members of our church and hear what God has done in their lives and then share that as a story of inspiration with our whole community! Whether that is done on a Sunday morning or through social media, stories help us see how God continues to work and gives us hope, if we need it, that He will work in and through us.

### **Education**

Undergraduate degree Institution Date

Geneva College – BA Student Ministries - 2003

Graduate degree Institution Date

*List the names of the courses you have satisfactorily completed in college, seminary, correspondence courses or short courses which you believe are relevant to your qualification for licensing. Institution 1*  
Courses

Bible Inro I, II

Gospel Studies in Matthew, Mark

Adolescent Culture and Development

Evangelism – Evangelism Explosion

How to Read the Bible

Foundations of Christianity

Creative Church Leadership

Augustine

History of the Christian Church

Spiritual Formation

Old Testament Prophecy – Daniel Focus

World Christian Movement

Evangelical Theology

As well as many Student Ministry and Teaching specific courses

## **Doctrine**

*Do you give assent to the BCC Articles of Faith? Yes!*

## **Gifts and Calling**

*What do you regard as your primary spiritual gifts?*

Discernment  
Exhortation  
Serving  
Wisdom  
Teaching

*How have you seen those gifts used in building the body of Christ?*

I have seen God use me in many ways over the course of my time serving Browncroft. I think there are moments when some of these gifts are strong and very visible than others and times when a gift I thought was strong is actually found to be less than. Through my time working with students, I was able to grow in my ability to teach and share the Word of God with the students I encountered. I feel that my God given personality often was used as a way to help students feel comfortable and trusting, more open to what God might be telling them.

More than anything, God made me a relational being. This has led me to be able to serve and encourage others well. I love helping others find their story and a path towards where God is leading them.

I think ongoing desire to grow in knowledge and experience has led to greater wisdom and discernment for finding God's leading in my own life and in the lives of those closest to me.

*In what ways have you sensed the Lord calling you to ministry?*

This is a great question. Early in my life, in college and post-college, the call to ministry was as absolute as can be. I sensed it and felt it in every decision and opportunity that was presented to me! As I have gone further into my ministry years, I have often found my specific calling to be a little cloudier. I love the Church and believe with all my heart that we are God's plan for restoration in this world. I believe that supporting the Church and its members is a life-long calling for me. Whether I am leading students, mentoring young couples/families/men or telling stories of what God is doing in the lives of His followers, I believe that He has called me to support, encourage and lead in His Church.

*To what specific ministries do you sense a calling in the near term? To what specific ministries do you sense a calling in the longer term?*

In the near term, I believe that I am called to tell the stories of the Church. I think we have access to the greatest story ever told (the Gospel) and some of the greatest individual stories of life-change, hope, grace, forgiveness, and love that the world has ever seen! I think it's important that we find ways to share those stories with those inside the church and those who are in need of the hope of Jesus.

I am also sensing a calling towards consulting with other church leaders in terms of ministry, staff and culture development

**References** (at least one from BCC Pastoral Staff Leadership Team member)

DL Walter – Youth Pastor, Perinton Community Church  
Jonathan Sigmon – Executive Pastor, Calvary Assembly  
John Iamaio – NYS Director of CRU  
Rob Cattalani – Senior Pastor, Browncroft Community Church

Do you have any other input that would help us understand why you seek to be licensed?

I have been blessed to be in ministry for a very long time, investing into the lives of students over the 18 years! It has been amazing continuing to connect with these students as they have grown, graduated college, started their careers, gotten married and started families! My first 7<sup>th</sup> graders are now 30 years old!!! Over the years, I have been asked many times to officiate the weddings of students and have had to decline because I was not licensed. Moving forward, I would love the opportunity to continue supporting those whom I have developed relationships with and these families by officiating their weddings! More than just weddings, I love the mission of the Church and pray that God uses me to build that Church in any way I can in the future.