

Application Form for Candidate for Licensing at Browncroft Community Church

Name: John Iamaio

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Ministry Experience

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

Cru Staff- Syracuse University (2002-2007)

Cru Team Leader- Rochester area (2007-2018)

Cru Missions Director- New York State and NYC (2018-Current)

Additional Service at Browncroft:

Children's ministry main session teaching (2010-2015)

Small group facilitator (2015-2020)

Sunday morning sermons (2014-Current)

"Why God Why?" Podcast (2018-2020)

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

My primary ministries have been in missions, leadership development and teaching.

Education

Undergraduate degree	Institution	Date
Organizational Communications/Bible Minor	Cedarville University	June 1996
Graduate degree	Institution	Date
M.A. Ministry Practice	Northeastern Seminary	May, 2022

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.

Cedarville University Courses: The Christian Life, Introduction to Bible Study, Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, God and History, God and the Church.

Institute of Biblical Studies (Seminary Level) Courses: Bible Study Methods, Doctrine Survey, New Testament Survey, God/Bible/Holy Spirit, Apologetics, Christ/Humanity/Salvation, Christian Worldview, Church History, Biblical Communication, Biblical Interpretation, Old Testament Survey.

Northeastern Seminary Courses: Pastoral Formation, Suffering/Pain/Evil, Biblical Theology of Leadership, Christian Faith A Global Survey, Being in the Story, Fundamentals of Transformational Leadership, Field Education I, Field Education II, Johanne Epistles, World Religions & Spirituality, Organizational Diagnosis & Change Management (Current), Leadership Development (Current).

Doctrine

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

Are there any of the BCC Articles of Faith with which you have reservations? If so, please explain. I'm not sure that I can solidly say I believe in the "pre-millennial" return of Jesus...but I believe he is coming back! To me, eschatology is not something I am willing to be divided over.

Gifts and Calling

What do you regard as your primary spiritual gifts?

Shepherding, Teaching, Encouragement, Hospitality.

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

In the context of Browncroft, I have seen my shepherding gifts used in the context of my small group as well as in leading the entire staff team through *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship* this past summer.

My gifts of communication and teaching have been utilized in the children's ministry space on Sunday mornings, talking to the youth group and speaking at the main service on Sunday mornings.

My gift of encouragement has been evidenced in the relationships I have built with people throughout the church. I have a wide range of people who I have been able to nurture relationships with. Hopefully, I have served as a source of encouragement in their lives.

I have used my gift of hospitality by having people from church into our home for meals and fellowship. I enjoy throwing food on the grill and using meals and our home as a way to connect meaningfully with others.

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

After serving in ministry for 20 years reaching the next generation on college campuses, I have sensed that the Lord wants to use my gifts in the context of the local church. Rather than focusing my energy on reaching 1.5 million college students in the state, I feel like He is asking me to focus on one group of people and do my best to shepherd them in the Discipleship process.

I realize that this could be a long process with many ups and downs but God wants to teach me by submitting my will and agenda to His plan for my life. I hope this has been the pattern of my life but I have found there are always new ways God is inviting me to surrender to Him.

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

Taking my 20 years of discipleship experience and applying those lessons in a church setting. First of all, I sense the Lord calling me to invest in the lives of staff at the church. I want to create a culture where staff members are thriving in their walk with Jesus and their love for each other. Second, I sense God inviting me to cast a vision for the entire church community of what lives surrendered to Jesus might look like. It would be exciting to see people laying down their own agendas and embracing the idea of apprenticeship to Jesus.

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

I'm taking it a step at a time. I could see this new role as being extremely rewarding for me for quite a while. At the same time, if God reveals a new path for me in the future, I want to live open-handed before Him.

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

Mike Pitts- *Browncroft Pastoral Staff*

Mike Keys- *Member of my Rochester Area Cru Board and Browncroft Member*

J.W. Betts- *Cru staff I have served with for 15+ years and have supervised for the past 5*

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

My main reason for seeking licensing through Browncroft is that I want to contribute as much in my new role as possible. I'm hoping that by being licensed I will be able to serve the Browncroft community in ways I wouldn't be able to do otherwise.