



DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY GROWTH PLAN

Dear ACTS Student,

As a requirement for the ACTS Diploma in Ministry, you are requested to take some time for personal reflection to complete an individual growth plan. This assignment is to be completed in two parts:

- 1) At the beginning to take the opportunity to discuss your reason(s) for entering the program; and
- 2) Following the completion of the program to clarify your plans and how you intend to apply what you have learned.

GROWTH PLAN ASSIGNMENT:

Complete the following writing assignments at their appropriate times in a clear and honest way, approximately one page in length. Email your completed work to: Cris Kimbrough, CKimbrough@EMIGlobal.org.

Part 1) To be completed within one month of starting the Diploma program

As a new student in the *ACTS Diploma in Ministry* program, write a brief essay (approximately one page in length), to share your reason(s) for entering this program.

Include:

- Background
- Call (to ministry)
- Current involvement in ministry
- Plans/Goals

Part 2) To be completed within two months of completing the program's required course work

Reflect back on the program, and discuss the following:

- What were the highlights of the program? What challenges have you faced?
- Have you been able to apply or implement any of what you've learned? Be specific in describing this.
- What plans do you have now that you have completed the program?
- What further studies are you planning if any?

Suggested Format for Growth Plan:

NOTE: This is merely a sample of how one might begin a plan and is not comprehensive.

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Name:

Date:

Part 1 (or 2)

Background:

I grew up in a large Catholic family, and my experience of attending church was limited to...

As a child I had a strong desire to take care of the needs of others, especially those who...

Calling:

That 'need to care for others' became a strong life anchor for me, and one morning it was as if God turned the light on for me. The words popped into my mind as if I was reading it on the page of a ...

Current Ministry Involvement:

Although I have not found a church that is open to GLBT folks like me, I have been able to minister to others in my community through...

I have been involved with a new online counseling website, called...

Plans/Goals:

Whenever I pray about the direction of my life, I see myself working alongside current ministers that specifically target those who are...

I believe that in five years I will actually be living in ...