



MATUL Spiritual Autobiography

Spiritual Autobiography (2-4 pages, single-spaced)

Why are you pursuing training for Faith-Rooted Transformation of the City? The spiritual autobiography allows you to bring this question into focus by articulating your sense of spiritual calling. It narrates the people, experiences, and commitments that have made you the person that you are today.

Approach your spiritual autobiography by simply telling your story. You might want to begin by sharing your family's religious background (or lack thereof), and the ways it shaped your early life. What early instruction and experiences impacted your subsequent spiritual journey? What comes to mind as you reflect upon your early life?

Next, you might explore encounters with particular persons, faith communities, ideas, or books that influenced you spiritually. Life is marked by doubt, challenges, and losses. What struggles have you faced? Who or what helped you through these conflicts and instilled in you, either by word or example, the values and qualities that now guide you? What significant decisions did you make at key turning points in your life?

Lastly, where is your spiritual life and practice right now? What means do you use to cultivate closeness to Christ and the moral courage to act on certain values? How does your faith inform your desire for life among marginal communities and Faith-Rooted Transformation of the City? This essay is only intended to provide a glimpse of your story. Please do not feel obligated to contain all of your spiritual autobiography in the 2-4 pages. Instead, share what is most pertinent to your pursuit of transformative leadership in the City.

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