

## Explanation of Ministry Formation Journal & Log for Mentored Ministry 1 & 2:

Summary of Process Developed by John McNally for Mentored Ministry

The MM syllabi show this assignment being submitted on the last day of the five months noted below for 20% of the mark (5 entries total with 4 marks per entry). In **BOTH TERMS**, follow the directions described on Acorn, in this summary (also on the MM webpage (<https://acadiadiv.ca/mentored-ministry/>)), and clarified in class discussions. **Submit five entries, one at the end of Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., March**, through Acorn related to MM insights. **Write a minimum of 3 sentences and a maximum of 5 sentences per category** below as you develop in the following areas:

**1. Ministry Log:** In this time period, what ministry activities did I do in my mentoring placement? While you do not need an exhaustive list here, mention a representative list of your primary activities.

**2. Formation of HEAD:** In this time, how did the Lord broaden, deepen or strengthen me in the area of my head, beliefs or principles of ministry? Consider Christ as the Truth teaching you principles about this aspect of ministry, why it is important, or what it reveals about God's character and activity. With such intellectual engagement, journal about how you are thinking or believing in your formation of convictions about ministry and God.

**3. Formation of HEART:** In this time, how did the Lord broaden, deepen or strengthen me in the area of my heart, virtues or passion for ministry? Consider Christ as the Life filling you with passion that increases your desire and motivation to grow in this area of ministry. You may want to journal about struggles with an area. With such spiritual, emotional or relational engagement, journal about how your being and belonging is influencing your formation of character in ministry.

**4. Formation of HANDS:** In this time, how did the Lord broaden, deepen or strengthen me in the area of my hands, ways or practices of ministry? Consider Christ as the Way, guiding you in the practice of how to walk with Jesus and follow him more fully in ministry. With such practical engagement, journal about how you are acting or behaving in your formation of competence in ministry.

For understanding the vital role of such journaling, **my related article is required reading:** <https://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/rpfs/article/view/1049/907> .

You do **NOT** have to do this threefold reflection on all that you read, discuss or do with others, but rather focus on something significant in each of these three areas for each entry. I'm not looking for specific content, but specific engagement. You may look through the lens of principles, passion, and practices for the same area of ministry or different aspects of ministry for each of the three categories. **At least one part of each of your five journal entries must be linked to one of the sources in the required reading.** Some students share from journals with mentors.

For the summer placement alternate arrangement, you can divide your summer season into three to five logical blocks of time that may vary depending on special projects or intensive involvement in a particular week. If you choose three blocks from the summer (one for June, July and August), then you would do the remaining journal entries about formation during each school term (one for fall and one for winter). Once the Acorn pages are ready for entry, then in this scenario your June entry would fill the Oct. slot, the July entry the Nov. slot, etc.). If you choose five blocks in the summer, then you could do a journal entry for June with one every two weeks for July and August. In this scenario your June entry would fill the Oct. slot, the first half of July entry the Nov. slot, etc.). I am interested in regular reflection on how God is shaping you, so keep a cumulative word document from which you can copy and then submit the respective entries as the course unfolds.