



Residency Program Application *General Instructions*

Thank you for your interest in our residency at Southwest Harbor Congregational Church (SWHCC). Our residency is more like an apprenticeship where a man will spend up to two years studying as well as fully participating in the ministry of the church at every level. Our residency is aimed at populating churches in the State of Maine with Gospel-preaching and Christ-centered pastors who have a solid ecclesiology as well as a love for the people in Maine.

To complete the application, please send each of the following via email to bbrown@swhcc.com. If email is not possible for you, you may mail the application to: Residency Program c/o Southwest Harbor Congregational Church PO Box 727 Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.

1. Completed application form
2. Résumé
3. Two letters of recommendation (one from a pastor)
 - i. These letters should speak to your character, experience, and skills, and should discuss both strengths and weaknesses. Please ask your references to state how long and in what relational capacity they have known you. If you are married, one of your two recommendation letters should be a letter from a pastor who can describe your marriage and speak to its suitability for ministry. This letter must be confidential and sent directly by the pastor to the address or e-mail above.
4. High quality digital face photo (send to: bbrown@swhcc.com)
- a. Answers to the following questions:
 - b. How did you become a Christian?
 - c. What are your broad and brief/high-level theological convictions around; 1) sin and depravity; 2) How one becomes saved including how God's sovereignty plays into that; and 3) assurance of salvation including comments on losing your salvation.
 - d. Describe the circumstances of your baptism (year, setting, officiant, church involvement, etc.).
 - e. How did you learn about the SWHCC residency ?
 - f. Why do you want to be a resident at SWHCC?
 - g. What do you intend to learn during the course of the residency ?
 - h. Describe the church you currently attend and your involvement. (Include your spouse, if applicable.)
 - i. Please take some time to write about the similarities and differences in pastoring in New England versus the rest of the country. What is specifically hard or challenging about pastoring a church in New England/Maine? Explain why you think you would be an effective pastor in New England.
 - j. Residents are not considered regular employees of SWHCC, so it is not our practice to provide health insurance. We expect each resident to purchase coverage for himself and his family. What plans do you have to provide coverage during your stay?
 - k. Do you feel called to Maine? Would you be willing to spend the rest of your life pastoring in a church plant or revitalization work in Maine? Please comment.
 - l. Tell us something about yourself we would not learn from your résumé.

SWHCC will consider applications from those who show a passion and love for Jesus Christ; possess, by God's grace, a character of integrity; have the desire and potential to be an evangelical leader; and affirm SWHCC's Statement of Faith and Church Covenant. Residents must be able to become members of SWHCC during their residency. Each resident will last up to two years. A generous stipend is provided as well as housing (It will be the resident's responsibility to pay for utilities)

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions, please contact us at (207) 244-5181 or send an email to bbrown@swhcc.com.

Residency Program Application *Personal Information*



Full Name _____
last first middle

Current mailing address _____
apartment box/street number

_____ city state/country zip

Permanent address _____
apartment box/street number

_____ state/country zip

Telephone _____
home work cell

E-mail _____

Date of birth _____

Marital status _____

Wedding date _____

Church Information

Name of church of membership _____

Date joined _____

Pastor _____ Denomination _____

Name of church attending (if different) _____

Pastor _____ Denomination _____

Dates of attendance _____
mm/yy – mm/yy

Church employment (if any) _____



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Name of college/university _____

State _____ Major _____ Degree _____ Year of Graduation _____

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Family Information

Name of spouse _____

Name of children (if any) _____

name age gender

Name of child _____

name age gender

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Name of child _____

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Statement

I have read and affirm the SWHCC Statement of Faith and Church Covenant. *(An electronic signature is sufficient.)*

Date _____ Signed _____

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spouse, if applicable