



## Autobiographical Essay

Applicant's Name: MWUMVANEZA Marcellin

Last/Family

First

Middle

**Instructions:** Use this form to write your autobiographical essay.

You need to describe your childhood, education, volunteer experiences, and church involvement including a statement of personal religious faith, your calling to the Christian ministry, summary of ministry experience and an assessment of personal qualifications and gifts for ministry. On top of that, you need to provide a brief statement of your Christian testimony and explain your view of God and how your faith is evident in your life.

I am Pastor Marcellin MWUMVANEZA. I was born in non Christian family. My father died when I was 9 years old. I was on the protection of my mother and my grandbrothers in 1960, all my family have been refugee in Burundi Country. There I studied in a government school, where Christian religion was not taught. I grew in that condition without knowing God until I finished my secondary school. It was when I was working with Adventist Congregation, where many pastors chaired me the word of God but I refused because I preferred to remain non Christian, I considered Christianity as darkness doctrine referring to the books of Albert Camus and John Paul Sartre who wrote about existentialism.

It was when I was in Congo that a Pastor met me in the market and preached me the Gospel, and he prayed for me and I received Jesus Christ as my savior. He helped me by teachings of follow up, and I shared the word of God to others. Since that time I became evangelist of the youth.

It was 1992 when my church sent me to be trained Abidjan where I spent 1 year as Evangelist of University. I was transferred to work with University of Bujumbura for 2 years and I worked with CCCT, I was also transferred to work as Chaplain in National University of Rwanda. After 14 years, I got a burden to learn theology in Faculty of Theology of Butare - Rwanda where I got a Bachelor Degree. I implanted a church in Butare Town - South of Rwanda and one Missionary from Korea built a temple of our church. When African Theological University started in Rwanda, I applied for studying for Master Degree of Art. At the end, I saw it was very important to study Master in Divinity. And this is the reason why I am studying in World Mission Frontier University.