

## Autobiographical Essay

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**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 was born on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1984, Ruramagaha District; single. I have bachelor of honors in Theology. In 2007, I was a youth coordinator in Lutheran Church of Rwanda. I worked as URUKWU News Paper as Journalist. I was a mentor in Ashoka. I did counselling biblical trainings, leadership trainings, Customer service and adding value trainings, unity and Reconciliation training, Entrepreneurship trainings. I was volunteer youth in Lutheran church of Rwanda. I participated in Kenya youth peace summit. I also participated in US youth gathering as guest speaker. The Lutheran Church of Rwanda's statement faith, we believed in Trinity. when I was 9 years by the time genocide happened to my country. I lost many people in my extended family during 1994 Genocide against Tutsi. we have been with old woman who was a power full prayer, when the killers came to destroy us, she cried out to ask God to come and save us. God spoke to her in Psalm 91. by God's grace, He rescued us. I was too young but I saw the hand of God. After genocide. I went to the church maybe I knew that I will be comfortable. In preaching going in the church I found a hope in Jesus Christ. After hearing his life and his death. I decided to confess on my mouth that He is my savior. I asked God to help me to study theology in order to know a word of God. I finished bachelor in Theology. I became a pastor in Lutheran Church of Rwanda. Jesus is my everything in every day life. Amen.