

## **EXHIBIT 3**

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## Application for Admission

Online Application Fee Received: Yes

Name: Malcom Joanna A  
Last First Middle

Preferred first name:

Other names on previous records:

Gender: Female SSN: [REDACTED] Birthdate: [REDACTED]

Country of birth: Panama State of birth: City of birth: Ancon

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### Citizenship

Nation of citizenship: United States of America

U.S. Permanent Resident: No In progress? No

Do you have a valid U.S. visa? Visa status:

Are you seeking a Student Visa to attend Fuller? No

### Program Information

Program: MA in Theology and Ministry Recovery Ministry

Term: Winter 2015

Home Campus: Fuller Seminary Texas Beginning Campus: Fuller Online

Primarily Online:

Do you hold (or will you receive) either a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution before the starting date of your desired term of entry? Yes

Are you applying for reinstatement? No

### Biographic Information

Have you ever been convicted of, entered a plea for, or do you have felony charges pending against you? No

Explanation:

Hispanic or Latino: Yes

Ethnicities: Other White or Caucasian; Central American Hispanic or Latino

Native language: English

Other language:

**Contact Information**

Mailing Address

Street Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Watauga State: TX Zip/Postal Code: 76137  
Country:

Permanent Address

Street Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Watauga State: TX Zip/Postal Code: 76137  
Country:

Phone Numbers & E-mail

Home:  
Mobile: [REDACTED]  
Work Phone:  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Communication Preference: E-mail

**Employment**

Employer	Job Title	Location	Start Date	End Date	Responsibilities
Wal-Mart Optical Lab	Maintenance	Dallas, TX	1/4/2007		Maintain and repair complex computerized manufacturing automated equipment and train others to do the same.

**Church Information**

Denominational affiliation: United Methodist  
Other denomination:

Current Church

Church Name: Davis Memorial United Methodist Church  
Street Address: 5301 Davis Blvd  
City: N Richland Hills State: TX Zip/Postal Code: 76180

Country: **United States of America**

Minister's Name: **Denise Luper**

How long have you attended this church? **2.5 years**

Home Church/Former Church

Church Name:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Minister's Name:

Attended from:

Attended to:

Licensure and Ordination

If you are a licensed minister, name of licensing body:

Year of licensure:

If you are ordained, name of ordaining body:

Year of ordination:

Academic Background

School Name	Location	Currently Enrolled	Begin Date	End Date	Degree	Major
Tarrant County Junior College Dist	Fort Worth TX	No	8/15/1986	7/30/1990		
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington TX	No	8/15/1990	5/30/1996		
Letourneau University	Longview TX	No	8/15/2010	7/25/2013	B.B.A.	Business Administration

My cumulative undergraduate grade point average is at least 2.7 on a 4.0 grading scale: **Yes**

Have you previously applied to Fuller Theological Seminary? **No**

If "Yes", which program(s)?

Have you previously enrolled in classes at Fuller Theological Seminary?

If "Yes", what year(s)?

Have you ever been denied admission to, been dismissed from, or been on academic or disciplinary probation at any seminary or graduate school? No

If "Yes", please explain here:

## References

### Pastoral or Denominational Leader Reference

First Name: Denise

Last Name: Luper

Position: Senior Pastor,

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Would you like the above referee to fill out the online reference form? Yes

I expressly waive any and all rights I have of access to this evaluation. Yes

### Academic or Professional Reference

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Younker

Position: Mission And Service Team Leader, Davis Memorial Umc

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Would you like the above referee to fill out the online reference form? Yes

I expressly waive any and all rights I have of access to this evaluation. Yes

### Academic or Professional Reference

First Name: Julio

Last Name: Palacios

Position: Maintenance Technician

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Would you like the above referee to fill out the online reference form? Yes

I expressly waive any and all rights I have of access to this evaluation. Yes

## Influencers

Influencer 1:

Influencer 2:

Influencer 3:

## Additional Questions

Are you an active member of the United States military? No

If "Yes", which branch of the military?

Are you a veteran of the United States military? No

Do you plan to take courses through the African American Church Studies Program? No

Do you plan to take courses through the Centro Latino Studies Program? No

**Religious Autobiography part A** *(if typed into the form)*

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**Acknowledgement**

I have read and understand the Application Requirements: **Yes**

I have read and understand the Special Note to Prospective Applicants: **Yes**

By checking and signing below, I acknowledge the following:

1. Once submitted, the application and all supporting documents become the property of Fuller Theological Seminary and will not be returned to me.
2. I certify that this application form was completed by me and that information provided by me is true, correct, and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or material omission of information in any part of my application for admission, or orally during a pre-admission interview (if applicable) may result in me being denied admission, or if already admitted, being dismissed.
3. If admitted, I understand that continual adherence to the ethical and behavioral standards affirmed by the seminary's Statements of Community Standards is a continuing condition of enrollment.

I acknowledge the above information. **Yes**

Please type your name as an electronic signature

**Joanna A. Malcom**





I'm a new Christian. I attended Catholic mass with my mother for a few years as a child, but I never understood or internalized what being a Christian was about during those years. As an adult, my perceptions of Christianity were shaped by culture, media and a few brief encounters with "church people". Following a long series of events in which there were many changes in my life, I began attending a local church in June of 2011. This was a church in a denomination with which I was completely unfamiliar. What I was sure of, however, was that I knew everything I ever needed to know about Christianity before I walked in the door; and, what I knew was that there was nothing in the church for a person like me.

God knew something, too. My heart longed for a safe place to be who I was, to heal old wounds, to grow and be accepted as one of God's own children. I needed a spiritual community. I did not even know what that was at the time, but I kept feeling drawn back to that place. I would go and look for reasons not to be there, reasons why I did not belong, why I did not "fit". What I found though was exactly the opposite. I found a very deep sense of belonging. I went to church hoping to encounter something spiritual, which I could not name. What I found instead was that Christ was alive and well, and working in the community that we call church.

Over the course of the last (almost) three years, I have been supported and challenged by my local church, as I began my journey of growth in God's grace through Christ. Just as I was starting to discern where I might find a place of service within the church, my pastor spoke with me about helping to begin a small group ministry. In a little more than a year, this has grown from an idea to a number of small, authentic communities where relationships are being nurtured, and healing and growth are taking place. I organize schedules, recruit leaders, help invite new participants, lead some discussions, and find some curriculum, but it is God's work that I see in those groups.

Being an active part of the Christian community has taught me some things. I have learned that the world is much smaller than I had previously thought. I've learned to see less of a separation between people. I've learned to see the world as infused with God, and not as separate from God. I believe I see these things only because I understand some of the nature of God through my relationship with Christ. It is within that relationship that I have come to understand the power of forgiveness, the belief that true healing is possible, and have grown to believe that God's love is great enough to cover us all.



There are two prevailing reasons why I am planning to pursue a degree in theology and ministry. In learning about spiritual growth, I have come to understand that there are two primary ways that this growth can be nurtured; either by focusing internally or externally.

My personal journey has led me from being a person who did not have a church, a relationship with God, or a clear understanding of Christ, to becoming a person who is very active in church and who organizes small group ministries within my local church. These things occurred, through the grace of God, in a relatively short period. There is so much I have yet to learn and know about. I have resources through my denomination (and a pastor with a giving heart) which I have found to be helpful.

In seeking to continue to nurture my own growth in God's grace, being able to study, learn, listen and ask questions within the community of others who are traveling the same path would be a valuable experience. I love to learn, and I crave the structure that education provides for learning. At the same time, I seek to study more so that I can share more and do more both within the small group ministry of my local church, and beyond to possibly some other ministry I am not even aware of at this time.

While it is not my intention to seek ordination, I do believe that we are all called into the mission of ministry. Being a person of faith often puts me in a position at work, within my family, or socially to be called upon to speak about matters of faith as they relate to whatever the current situation might be. While I don't believe that a seminary education will give me all the "answers"; I do believe that the intense period of self-examination that this education offers will allow me to become more clear and consistent in why my beliefs and actions are relevant.