

EXHIBIT 4

Application for Admission

Online Application Fee Received: **Yes**

Name: **Brittsan** **Nathan** **Thomas**
Last First Middle

Preferred first name:

Other names on previous records: **Nathan Thomas Henning**

Gender: **Male** Last 4 of SSN: **[REDACTED]** Birthdate: **[REDACTED]**

Country of birth: **United States of America** State of birth: **PA** City of birth: **State College**

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**

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Office of Admissions

Program Information

Program: **Master of Divinity** **General**

Term: **Fall 2017**

Home Campus: **Fuller Seminary Bay Area**

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: **No**

Ethnicities: **European White or Caucasian**

Native language: **English**

Other language:

Contact InformationMailing Address

Street Address: [REDACTED]
 City: **San Jose** State: **CA** Zip/Postal Code: **95112**
 Country:

Permanent Address

Street Address: [REDACTED]
 City: **San Jose** State: **CA** Zip/Postal Code: **95112**
 Country:

Phone Numbers & E-mail

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

Employment

Employer	Job Title	Location	Start Date	End Date	Responsibilities
Grace Baptist Church	Associate Pastor	San Jose, CA	1/2/2014		Plan Sunday services Select music and lead worship Lead Bible studies Administrative oversight and bookkeeping Homeless ministry
San Jose State University / DeAnza College	Student	San Jose / Cupertino, CA	4/1/2011	1/1/2014	During this period, I was primarily a student and only working odd jobs.

**Department of
Commerce - US
Census 2010**

**Crew
Leader**

Palo Alto, CA

3/15/2010

4/1/2011

**Supervisor for the 2010
Census operation in
San Mateo county**

**Alaska task force
member to complete
census deadlines**

**Crew leader in 4
subsequent quality
control operations**

**Trained enumerators;
monitored work
progress**

Church Information

Denominational affiliation: **American Baptist**

Other denomination:

Current Church

Church Name: **Grace Baptist Church**

Street Address: **484 E San Fernando Street**

City: **San Jose** State: **CA** Zip/Postal Code: **95112**

Country: **United States of America**

Minister's Name: **Rev. Dr. Liliana Da Valle**

How long have you attended this church? **7 Years**

Home Church/Formal 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: **Grace Baptist Church congregation and Evergreen regional association of ABC-USA**

Year of licensure: **2013**

If you are ordained, name of ordaining body:

Year of ordination:

Academic Background

School Name	Location	Currently Enrolled	Begin Date	End Date	Degree	Major
San Jose State University	San Jose CA	No		5/15/2016	B.A.	Philosophy
Foothill-Deanza Community College Dist	Los Altos Hls CA	No		12/15/2012	A.S.	Associates - Liberal Arts / Business and Computer Information Systems
Penn State University/Main Campus	University Park PA	No		5/15/1995		

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: **Rev. Dr. Liliana**

Last Name: **Da Valle**

Position: **Senior Pastor**

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Would you like the above referee to fill out the online reference form? **No**

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

Academic or Professional Reference

First Name: **Dr. William**

Last Name: **Shaw**

Position: **Professor**

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: **Anand**

Last Name: **Vaidya**

Position: **Associate Professor**

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 *(if typed into the form)*

My walk with Christ began at a very young age. Through Sunday schools, youth groups, and Christian school classes, I learned to love the Lord. Like many young people, however, I drifted away from church and my Christian community once I entered the work force. While running a small business as the principle executive, I spent a season away from actively practicing my faith, but God was never far from my heart. After this first career in the business world, I moved to northern California to begin a new chapter in life.

The new chapter began with a deep desire to be part of a faith community again and a spiritual commitment to be the hands and feet of Christ. In the depths of a national forest, I experienced a "Here I Am, Send Me" moment. This path soon led me to Grace Baptist Church through doors that opened with miraculous ease. As I became involved in the life of this unique, social justice focused church, person after person kept asking if I had considered going into ministry. I found spiritual fulfillment through service and saw the face of Christ in the underserved and homeless who are part of the church family at Grace. While leading a vibrant and diverse discussion group, I grew even more into my vocational call; I discovered a gift for facilitating a mature discussion of scripture, faith, and contemporary spiritual issues.

The question of considering ministry was answered. I was leading worship, organizing a weekly Bible Study, and asked to serve on the Leadership Council of my beloved church. Since then, I have been licensed by our congregation and called as Associate Pastor for Grace Baptist Church. This journey leads me to seminary; I am excited and challenged to formalize my Christian ministry by achieving the necessary education of a Master of Divinity.

Statement of Purpose *(if typed into the form)*

A Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary is a nationally recognized degree that indicates a breadth of Christian education and commands respect across denominations. A degree from Fuller is well established across the theological spectrum as a solid education.

The church I have been involved with for the past seven years is focused on spiritual matters of social justice with an emphasis on homeless ministry and issues of class, race and equality. My call into ministry has been unique; I worked as a minister before I began my seminary training. I became involved with my church as a member, and as time went on, began taking on various responsibilities, including leading Sunday worship, bible studies, and occasionally preaching. I was called to be an

Associate Pastor in January of 2014 and licensed as a minister of the Gospel of Christ by my local congregation.

To pursue ordination, my denomination, American Baptist Churches USA, requires a Master of Divinity or equivalent. While there is an American Baptist seminary at the Graduate Theological Seminary in Berkeley, I am interested in attending a more evangelical-focused school to round out the experience I already received with social justice theology. Fuller has a fine reputation as a complete academic experience, with exposure to traditionally conservative theologians as well as progressive evangelical thinkers. My personal and professional acquaintances that attended Fuller say only good things about their seminary training. Knowing the diverse nature of this group of alumni, I feel confident that Fuller can offer me the solid education and academic freedom to successfully complete my spiritual training.

I feel confident that a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller will equip me for my future ministry endeavors and this education will be well recognized by congregations or organizations in my future.



Statement of Calling *(if typed into the form)*

One of the defining principles of ancient Hebrew culture was the missive to be hospitable to the stranger, the foreigner, the other. In our modern culture the need for hospitality and civility is at an all time high, while the practice of both have fallen shamefully out of fashion. The plight of the refugee, both foreign and domestic, is by far the most critical issue we face as a country and as the Church.

As our world becomes more crowded and as political and social unrest becomes far too familiar, the number of displaced people will continue to increase. The current debate about refugees and undocumented workers will be looked back upon as a watershed moment for the Church. Will we follow the teachings of Christ and welcome the stranger or will we bow to pragmatic concerns of economics and security?

While the American church has been infiltrated by a confluence of capitalism and nationalism, the Jesus of the New Testament is nearly unrecognizable to many who claim to follow him. With blinders on, too many of today's congregants have become immune to the suffering of our neighbors-both in our backyards and on the other side of the world. "When did we see you, Jesus, homeless and hungry?" The answer is before us in the faces of millions of displaced people. It is vital that we begin leading our congregations to a basic understanding of what Christ's call actually means: our moral responsibility to care for the refugee, the immigrant, the homeless.

My conviction is that the Church has been led astray by political positions of powerful partners. My call, as I understand it today, is to shine a light on these areas of injustice, to bring attention to the forgotten, and to expose the inconsistencies in evangelical political positions that incorrectly claim a Christian ethos.

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

Nathan T Brittsan