Appendix C: ThM Thesis Registration Form

Calvin Theological Seminary
ThM Thesis Proposal and Registration Form
(Course number 898T)

Submit this form to the ThM Program Adviser & Registrar by January 20 if you intend to graduate in May or by April 15 if you intend to graduate in December.

In order to have time to defend the thesis and make corrections before the end of the semester, the thesis is due to your supervisor by April 20 in order to graduate in May and by November 15 in order to graduate in December.

Name of student: _______________________________ Term registered: __________

Thesis title (maximum 45 characters; to appear on your transcript): ________________
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Supervising professor __________________________________________

Second reader (to be determined by the supervising professor) __________________________

Student’s signature __________________________________________ Date: ___________

Supervising professor’s signature ________________________________ Date: ___________

Date of submission to the ThM Program Adviser: _________________

Attach the completed “ThM Thesis Proposal” to this form.
Appendix D: Format for ThM Thesis Proposal

THM THESIS PROPOSAL
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TITLE (of the proposed thesis; maximum 45 characters, including spaces)

Student’s Name

Date (month and year)

Include the following elements:

I. **Question**
   What is the main question you will be addressing in your thesis?

II. **The Present State of the Question**
   Provide a brief survey of the pertinent literature in the area and state why it does not answer the question you have identified.

III. **Tentative Thesis and Outline**
   A. State briefly, in the form of a thesis statement, what your thesis proposes to demonstrate.
   B. Give an outline of the thesis, by sections, with a short statement about how each section will contribute to developing and defending the major thesis of your study.

IV. **Preliminary Bibliography**
   Provide a select bibliography of primary and secondary sources to be used in your thesis. This bibliography should reflect the latest scholarship.

The thesis proposal should be approximately 2-3 double-spaced pages (plus a preliminary bibliography), with footnotes in the correct format (Turabian/SBL Handbook).