

Candidacy Interview Questions

To: Potential candidates for ministry
From: District Committee on Ministry
Re: Candidacy interview questions

Candidates: The Division of Ordained Ministry has developed questions to be used in the certification interview. The District Committee must discern your gifts and evidence of God's grace, and usefulness (§ 301.2 & 665.9 – 2008 *Discipline*). The following questions seek to inquire how your experiences impact your inner being or spirit and how your inmost spirit transforms behavior patterns (I Cor. 13, Romans 12).

The following questions will be dealt with in your interview. To expedite the process, and allow adequate time for other portions of the interview we ask that you provide written answers on this form. Your written response should be mailed to the Registrar of the District Committee on Ministry.

I. Physical Health

Other than what you reported in form 103 do you have other obvious health concerns?

Yes

No

How do you evaluate your overall physical health?

How does your physical health impact your ability to be an effective minister?

II. Management of personal finances

Do you have any history of personal bankruptcy? If yes, please explain:

Any money judgments filed against you? Describe the sequence of your difficulties:

III. Mental Illness

Any diagnosis of bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or any other psychotic disorder?

Prescribed any psychiatric medications (including antidepressants and anxiolytics)?

Any suicide attempt?

IV. Alcohol Abuse/dependence

Any history of drinking to the point of intoxication, arrest for driving while intoxicated, or complaints by family or others regarding your use of alcohol?

V. Chemical Abuse/dependency

Any use of illegal or non-prescribed substances, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, hashish, hallucinogens, sedatives amphetamines or other stimulants?

Any misuse of prescribed pharmacological agents of any type?

VI. Legal (general)

More than three moving violations (traffic) within the preceding three years?

Any arrest or conviction for any misdemeanor?

An arrest for any felony?

VII. Family Violence

Any report or complaint (against you) of family violence?

Any history that a law enforcement unit has been called to your residence because of your behavior?

Any report or complaint (against you) to protective services for inappropriate treatment of children or adults?

Any history of protective orders against you?

VIII. Divorce or Infidelity

Have you been divorced in the past three years?

Have you been married more than twice?

Any history of infidelity?

IX. Sexual Misconduct

Any history of complaints or charges (either formal or informal) of sexual harassment?

Any history of improper sexual conduct?

X. Legal – Sex-related crimes

Have you received any treatment for any sex-related crime?

Have you ever been arrested, convicted or had a written accusation for any sex-related crime?

Written allegations of any sex-related crime?

Your Name (print)_____

Signature_____Date_____