

NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY – 10 QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES & TRANSFERS

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NOTE: The Ministerial Committee (MC) will use these questions as an introductory communication from you. Our purpose is not to find areas of weakness, but rather to help the MC become familiar with your views on what it means to be Reformed, Evangelical, and Missional, and thus make for a more fruitful and time effective oral examination. Be brief; be clear; be truthful; and be not afraid!

In preparing for some of these questions and for the oral exam, it is *highly recommended* that you carefully read through the modern language edition of the Westminster Confession of Faith *and* the Larger & Shorter Catechisms (as adopted by the EPC).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Presbytery Missional Director or Chairman of the Ministerial Committee. Please use separate pages for your answers.

From the PIF— Please copy and paste the following answers from your PIF into this document.

Part 3:1 – Life Story

Part 3:3 – Your views as related to:

- a. Spiritual Giftedness
- b. Charismatic Expression in Worship
- c. Women in Ordained Office
- d. Presbyterian Connectional System

Part 4 – Agreement with the Presbyterian System of Government

Part 6 – Exceptions to the Westminster Standards

Part 7 – On *Willingly* Offering the Sacrament of Infant Baptism to Christian Parents

Theology and Ministry:

1. What is your view of Scripture? (Please include your views on inerrancy and infallibility.)

2. Questions to explore your understanding of the Reformed Faith:

- a. What do you understand to be the core beliefs of the Reformed Tradition?
- b. What is Covenant Theology, and how does it contrast with Dispensationalism?
- c. Why is infant baptism important for the life of the Christian and the Church?
How is it different from “infant dedication”?

3. Review the statements on being “evangelical” and “missional” from the EPC web page. (epc.org/about/values) How would you then apply that to your ministry?

4. What is the Gospel? (Concise and brief)

EPC Polity and Life:

5. Considering the polity of the EPC, which requires every Elder to submit to their fellow Elder, how would you submit to the authority of your fellow presbyters who differ theologically with you (addressing these issues, “Egalitarian” vs. “Complementarian”/ “Cessationist” vs. “Continualist”), and how would you display “charity in all things”?

6. What is your opinion of the EPC’s position on the parity of Ruling & Teaching Elders?

7. Why do you want to join the EPC?

8. Why is it important for you to be active and engaged in the work of the New River Presbytery? How would you like to be involved?

Personal Growth

9. What cultural topics are you most interested in at this time in your life? Explain how you are processing these issues theologically.

10. What Christian authors/ theologians have had a significant impact on you? Which ones are you currently reading?