

**PASTORAL CANDIDATE REFERENCE CHECK**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known the candidate? (Member/officer in church he pastors; professional colleague in ministry; co-ministry role in church; business associate; etc.):

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Are you aware that he is a potential candidate for our church? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the major reasons he might be open to a new call? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any information which would give you any reservations about this candidate's appropriateness for pastoral ministry?

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Are you aware of any disciplinary proceedings involving charges against this candidate by his ordaining church, any other church body, or other professional agency or body?

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Have you had any personal experience or heard from others who have questioned this candidate's integrity, honesty, ethics or conduct?

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Do you know if this person has ever left a job or a ministry position because of charges or accusations related to his conduct or beliefs? What do you know of the circumstances?

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Would you positively recommend this person for ministry at our church? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you heard any reports of sexual misconduct? What were in those reports? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have any questions been raised regarding his personal finances or his handling of church funds?

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What is his reputation among his professional colleagues? \_\_\_\_\_

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Based on your knowledge and his reputation, is his marriage healthy and stable? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you know of any conduct of the candidate's family members which would raise any serious questions about our church's consideration of him for a ministry here?

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Do you have any confidential information you are not free to reveal to us concerning his fitness for ministry? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

Can you provide the name(s) of other persons who worked closely with the candidate or otherwise are well acquainted who would be helpful reference to our church in assessing the candidate?

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