



Candidate Questionnaire for Interview

CANDIDATE FOR LICENSING:

Instructions: This guide will help you to prepare for your credentialing interview and will also help the interviewing committee to prepare. Your Ministerial Leadership Information form (MLI) will serve as the foundation for your interview. Copies of your material will be distributed to each member of the interviewing committee before the meeting.

1. You will be asked about your **relationship with God**
 - a brief account of your walk with Christ and
 - an account of how you know yourself to be called to ministry.
2. You will be asked about your **understanding of theology**
 - a personal response (one to three sentences stating agreements or disagreements) to each of the 24 articles in the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* **OR**
 - a personal statement of your theology—"My Credo."
3. You will be asked about your **ability to do pastoral tasks**
 - a brief explanation of why you chose the five highest and five lowest rankings in the 20 pastoral tasks portion of the MLI.
4. You will be asked about your **person or self**
 - a description of your family of origin—your place in the family, relationship with parents and siblings, any unusual family circumstances, and
 - what aspects of being a minister will present some personal challenge for you.
5. You will be asked about your **compatibility with the Mennonite Church** and your regional church/area conference
 - things you need to learn during the duration of your licensing to understand the functions of various parts of the Mennonite Church and regional church/area conference, and
 - why you are a Mennonite or why you have chosen to become a Mennonite minister.
6. You will be asked about your sense of the **office of ministry**
 - your understanding of power and authority of the minister,
 - your understanding of ethics in ministry, and
 - your understanding of what licensing for ministry means.