

# Questionnaire for Clergyman Petitioning for A Ministerial Affiliation

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

Please respond to the following questions as concisely as possible. Questions and answers should be typed on separate sheets of paper for easy referral.

1. Describe your understanding of the episcopate and the authority which it represents.
2. Describe your understanding of the diaconate and its relationship to both the episcopate and the presbyterate/priesthood.
3. Are you willing to humbly submit to those placed in authority over you?
4. Are there any problems or challenges in your personal life, marriage or family that could hinder your pursuit of Holy Orders and/or ordination in the CEC (divorce, financial problems, lack of spouse or family support, etc.? If so, please elaborate.
5. Have you ever been arrested? Yes/No? If so, please explain. Are you now or have you ever been under discipline by any ecclesiastical jurisdiction or body? If so, please explain.
6. Do you believe that God is calling you to the as an ordained minister in the CEC? What ministries are you currently involved in which support and confirm this call?
7. To what particular ministry do you see yourself functioning initially? In the long term?
8. Why do you believe the ICCEC is the place to fulfill your ministry call? How do you see your calling fitting into the greater vision of the ICCEC?
9. Describe your belief and understanding of the authority of Holy Scripture.

10. Describe your understanding of the Holy Eucharist and water Baptism, including infant baptism, and the role of the deacon/priest in these Sacraments.
11. Describe your understanding of Confirmation, Holy Orders, Unction (anointing with oil), Penance.
12. Describe your understanding of the tithe as the biblical standard for giving. Do you tithe to your local church?
13. Describe your understanding of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, including the gifts of the Spirit, and the role of the Spirit in the Church today. What is the role of the Holy in your own personal life and ministry? Explain your personal understanding and experience with the gift of speaking in tongues or prayer language.
14. Explain your personal position on homosexuality, sex outside marriage and adultery.
15. Explain your personal position on the life issues, especially abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.
16. Explain your understanding of church government as practiced in the ICCEC.
17. Explain your understanding of the ministry of women in the church, including the ordained ministry.
18. Do you agree with the tenants expressed in the Nicene Creed? Please explain.
19. Have you read the canons of the ICCEC? Do you agree with these canons?