



**The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada**

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Conference Interview Board Personal Information Form

For Inquirers applying for Candidacy for Ordered Ministry

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Are you also applying for the Shorter Course? Yes No

Have you been interviewed before by an Interview Board?

Yes Which one? _____ When? _____

No

Please respond to the following questions on a separate sheet and attach to this page:

1. Personal Information and Background

- a. Describe yourself. Comment on your personal growth. What are some of your strengths and weaknesses? What do you value most about yourself?
- b. Describe your family background and how that has shaped your growth and development.
- c. Describe the communities in which you have lived and your role/involvement in them.

2. Relationships with Others

- a. Describe your relationships with the significant people in your life (family, friends, elders, teachers). To whom do you reach out for support?
- b. With what age ranges and groups do you feel most comfortable (children, youth, adults, senior adults)?

3. Working Style

- a. Describe your work habits. Include comments on your leadership style, initiative, communication skills, organizational skills, ability to set priorities, ability to follow through on work undertaken, and how you relate to people. In addition, please comment on your understanding of conflict and your response to it.
- b. What kinds of situations cause you stress? How do you cope with your stress?

- 4. Your Understanding of Ministry (call, spirituality, theological development, your relationship to and your experience with The United Church of Canada)**
- a. Provide some reflection on the development of your faith and your call to ministry. Please include a description of your current faith stance and comment on the experiences and people that have influenced this journey.
 - b. What is your understanding of ministry? Please offer an image of ministry that will help to illustrate this.
 - c. What type of minister do you think you will be? What do you hope to bring to various roles in ministry (e.g., pastor, priest, prophet, teacher)?
 - d. Why are you seeking to enter ordered ministry in The United Church of Canada and, in particular, ordained or diaconal ministry?
 - e. What is the cornerstone of your theology as you understand it now? Who is God for you? Who is Jesus Christ for you? How has the Holy Spirit been active in your life?
 - f. Talk about your spiritual life and spirituality. What feeds and nourishes your spiritual life? What drains it?
 - g. Describe your relationship with The United Church of Canada (past and present) and your sense of call to ministry in the United Church.
 - h. Write a brief statement on what you believe to be one or two of the most important issues facing the church today.

References

Please provide the names, relationship (e.g., minister, teacher, colleague, boss, friend), addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers of **three** references according to the following categories. Ensure that they are aware that the Conference will contact them for a reference.

1. someone known to you through church-related involvement
2. someone known to you through work/study/volunteer experience
3. someone who knows you as a ministering person

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