

## 10 Questions for Candidates

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NOTE: The Ministerial Committee (MC) will use this file as an introductory communication from you. Our purpose is not to find areas of weakness, but rather to help the MC become familiar with the applicant's views on what it means to be Reformed, Evangelical, and Missional, and thus to make the oral examination more fruitful and time effective.

Be brief; be clear; be truthful; be not afraid!

*(Please use separate pages for your answers or feel free to edit in this document)*

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 (adopted by the EPC).

If you have any questions regarding this document, please feel free to contact the Presbytery Administrative Director or Chairman of the Ministerial Committee.

### ***Theology and Ministry:***

1. What is your view of Scripture? *(Please include your views on inerrancy & infallibility)*
2. What are the essential tenets of the Reformed faith? What does it mean to be 'reformed'?
3. What does it mean to be evangelical in our culture today? Explain your answer in light of the tenants of historical evangelicalism.
4. What does it mean to be 'missional' in our current cultural context?
5. What is your view on the difference between infant dedication and infant baptism?

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### ***EPC Polity:***

6. What is your view of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms? What portion of the Confession or set of questions/answers resonates with you the most?
7. In light of EPC polity, which commits that every Elder vows to submit to their fellow presbyters, how would you submit to the authority of your fellow presbyters who differ in theological conscience (Ex. Egalitarian vs Complementarian, Cessationist vs. Charismatics), and how would you display “charity in all things”?
8. Why do you want to be a part of the EPC?

### ***Personal Growth:***

9. What cultural topics are you most interested in at this time in your life? Explain how you are processing this issue theologically, Biblically, and missionally.
10. What Christian authors are you currently reading, or who have influenced you the most?