Faith Wesleyan Church

Pastoral Application

Application Date:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

 Name: Spouse’s Name:

Children:

Address:

City: ST Zip

Phone: e-mail:

CREDENTIAL STATUS

 [ ]  Student [ ]  Licensed Minister [ ]  Ordained Minister:

 [ ]  Wesleyan (Year: District: )

 [ ]  Other Denomination: (Year: )

 Please explain if your credentials have ever been suspended or restored:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

 [ ]  Correspondence [ ]  College [ ]  Seminary [ ]  Graduate School

 Explain any special circumstances:

SPIRITUAL HISTORY:

1. Briefly tell about your conversion.
2. Briefly tell about your personal experience of sanctification.
3. Describe your current devotional life and spiritual disciplines.
4. Describe your call into vocational Christian ministry.

MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP STYLE:

1. What is your personal approach to helping a local church proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers?
2. Fellowship (Christians loving and building closer relationships with one another) is an important priority of local churches. How would you encourage and strengthen this aspect of congregational life?
3. What did you do in your last church to contribute toward a teamwork environment be specific.
4. What do you regard as your strongest leadership skills?
5. What do you regard as present leadership weaknesses?
6. How would you describe your administrative style and gifts?
7. Every church has persons in need. What is your approach to providing pastoral care for hospital patients, shut-ins, troubled people, etc.?
8. What are the characteristics/traits of a good church pastor, and how do you rate yourself?
9. What is your philosophy regarding balancing the need for pastoral visitation of church members with the need to visit unchurched persons and church prospects?
10. How do you involve church members in ministering to one another?
11. Recently, many churches have been involved in “worship wars,” disagreeing over whether their corporate worship style should be charismatic, contemporary, traditional, blended, or high church. Which style of worship do you prefer and why?
12. In which setting are you most comfortable and effective as a minister and why – city, small town, rural?
13. Why will the church you pastor grow?
14. What role does your spouse play in your ministry?

DOCTRINE:

1. Do you have any problems with the doctrinal statements (Articles of Religion) of The Wesleyan Church? If so, what are they?
2. Do you have difficulty supporting any of the lifestyle requirements (Membership Commitments) of The Wesleyan Church? If so, which ones?
3. What would you change about The Wesleyan Church if you could?
4. Briefly describe how someone becomes a Christian.

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES:

1. Have you ever been accused or found guilty of any criminal activity? If yes, explain.
2. Have you ever participated in any sexual misconduct that would include child sexual abuse, the sexual abuse of adolescent minors, or homosexuality? If yes, explain.
3. Are there any pending legal actions that might incriminate you in the future? If yes, explain.
4. Are you a U.S. citizen? [ ]  Yes [x]  No If no, what is your current visa or immigration status?
5. Will personal indebtedness affect your ability to serve a local church? Please explain.
6. What level of financial support from the church do you need/expect?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

1. What are your hobbies and other interests?
2. If you had only five minutes for an interview, what three things would you want us to know?