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COMMISSION ON MINISTRY  
QUESTIONS FOR PASTORAL INTERVIEW

Be sure that each question appears as a heading with your response.  
Please limit your responses to **2 SINGLE SPACED PAGES**.

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**Name & Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of COM Interview** \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions 1-4 for all Ministers**

1. Provide a brief statement of your theological viewpoints, with special attention to those items/themes which are directive for your ministry.
2. State your view of the Sacraments and how you consider them as significant in your understanding of the service of worship.
3. Please describe your involvement in the life and work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) aside from the specific tasks of your vocational position.
4. What would you isolate as the most significant elements in Presbyterian polity as they impact your work as a minister and presbyter?

**Additional question for Validated Ministers & Members-at-Large only**

**What WWVP congregation will you affiliate with?** \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you anticipate fulfilling the requirements of the *Book of Order* G-2.0503/a.b. as regards to serving others, aiding others, enabling the ministries of others, participation in deliberations and work of the Presbytery and in the worship and service of a local congregation?  
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G.2.0503

*Categories of Membership*

*A teaching elder is a member of a presbytery and shall be engaged in a ministry validated by that presbytery, a member-at-large as determined by the presbytery, or honorably retired.*

**a. Engaged in a Validated Ministry**

*A validated ministry shall:*

- (1) demonstrate conformity with the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, The Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order of this church;*
- (2) serve and aid others, and enable the ministry of others;*
- (3) give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word;*
- (4) be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery in addition to any organizations, agencies, and institutions served; and*
- (5) include responsible participation in the deliberations, worship, and work of the presbytery and in the life of a congregation of this church or a church in correspondence with the PC(USA) (G-5.0201).*

*When teaching elders are called to validated ministry beyond the jurisdiction of the church, they shall give evidence of a quality of life that helps to share the ministry of the good news. They shall participate in a congregation, in their presbytery, and in ecumenical relationships and shall be eligible for election to the higher councils of the church and to the boards and agencies of those councils. The presbytery shall review annually the work of all teaching elders engaged in validated ministries outside the congregation.*

**b. Member-at-large**

*A member-at-large is a teaching elder who has previously been engaged in a validated ministry, and who now, without intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a ministry that complies with all the criteria in G-2.0503a. A teaching elder may be designated a member-at-large because he or she is limited in his or her ability to engage in a ministry fulfilling all of the criteria for a validated ministry due to family responsibilities or other individual circumstances recognized by the presbytery. A member-at-large shall comply with as many of the criteria in G-2.0503a as possible and shall actively participate in the life of a congregation. A member-at-large is entitled to take part in the meetings of the presbytery and to speak, vote, and hold office. The status of member-at-large shall be reviewed annually.*