

**Questions for Candidates and Transfers
Presbytery of the Coastal MidAtlantic**

Name: _____ Circle One: TE CP

(circle one) ORDINAND TRANSFER

If you are a Transfer, please circle one and fill in the blank:

EPC (Presbytery of _____) Other Denomination (_____)

NOTE: The Ministerial Committee will use this file as an introductory communication from you. Also, it will be made available to the Presbytery prior to your Examination on the Floor. We do not want detailed, wordy responses, but concise and accurate answers. Our purpose is not to find areas of weakness, but rather to help the Committee and Presbytery become familiar with the applicant's views so as to make the oral examination more fruitful and time effective.

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 Missional Director or Chairman of the Ministerial Committee. Please use separate pages for your answers. Be brief; be clear; be truthful; be not afraid!

FROM PIF: Please copy and paste the following answers from your PIF into this document:

Part 3:1- Life Story

Part 3:3- Your Views as Related to:

- a. Spiritual Giftedness
- b. Charismatic Expression in Worship
- c. Women in Ordained Office
- d. Presbyterian Connectional System

Part 4: Agreement with the Presbyterian System of Government

Part 6: Exceptions to the Westminster Standards

Part 7: On *willingly* offering the sacrament of infant baptism to Christian parents

Theology and Ministry

1. What is your view of Scripture? (Please include your views on infallibility and inerrancy.)
2. Please answer the following questions regarding your understanding of the Reformed Faith:

- a. What do you see as the essential tenets of the Reformed Faith?
 - b. How do you understand Covenant Theology, especially as it contrasts with Dispensationalism?
 - c. Why is infant baptism important for the life of the Christian and the Church? How is it different from “infant dedication”?
3. What does it mean to be “evangelical” in our culture today?
 4. What does it mean to be “missional” in our current cultural context?

EPC Polity and Life

5. In light of the polity of the EPC, which requires every presbytery to submit to their fellow presbyters, how would you submit to the authority of your fellow presbyters who differ theologically with you (e.g., “Egalitarian” vs. “Complementarian”, “Cessationist vs. “Charismatic”), and how would you display “charity in all things”?
6. Why do you want to be a part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Personal Growth

7. What cultural topics are you most interested in at this time in your life? Explain how you are processing such issues theologically.
8. What theological topics are you most interested in at present?
9. What Christian authors/theologians have had a significant influence on you? Which ones are you currently reading?
10. The overall health of the following areas of your personal life:
 - a) If married, describe the quality of your marriage:
 - b) Financial stability:
 - c) Physical, emotional well-being:

For those seeking to labor “outside the bounds”:

11. Describe the nature of your ministry—what it is, where you expect to minister, whom you will serve, how supported, and your oversight/accountability.