

Evaluation by the Local Church or Institution Leadership in preparation for Ordination/Commissioning/Transfer of Ordination in The Evangelical Covenant Church

Name of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

The candidate named above is applying for ordination or commissioning in the Evangelical Covenant Church. As part of this process, the candidate is asked to demonstrate a multi-voiced call to the ministry – a call from within the candidate, a call from the candidate’s local ministry setting, and a call from the broader church. This evaluation form is an essential part of the process of confirming the candidate’s call. Please complete it with honesty and care.

Instructions: Please reflect on the following questions, writing at least one paragraph for each question. Please type each question first, then your answer. Use as many sheets as necessary. Although the evaluation may be completed by one person, the Board of the Ordered Ministry’s preference is that it represent the perspective of the leadership of the church/ministry setting (for example, the church council, executive board, or pastoral relations committee). If the candidate is serving in an institution under a direct supervisor, the supervisor may complete this evaluation.

Please Note: Portions of this review may be shared with the candidate. If you have concerns that you wish to remain confidential, please send them in a letter addressed to the Executive Minister of the Ordered Ministry, 8303 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL, 60631.

1. Please describe your impressions about the candidate’s personal integrity in the areas of confidentiality, sexual morality, financial responsibility, and honesty.
2. What are your impressions of the candidate’s pattern of self-control in the areas of time management, personal physical care, and leisure time? Are any a concern for those in leadership within your ministry setting?
3. Describe briefly how the candidate has modeled a healthy spiritual life (i.e.; prayer life, spiritual insight, personal witness, servanthood.)
4. How would you assess the candidate’s interpersonal (relational) skills as these surface in his/her personal life and vocation? (i.e. with family, staff, community, church leadership, congregation). How does he/she handle conflict?
5. Please describe your impressions of the candidate’s current ministry. You may wish to address areas such as preaching, teaching, leadership (vision-casting), administration, evangelism, pastoral care, and worship leading/planning. Note areas of outstanding ministry and/or areas of particular deficit.
6. Does the candidate demonstrate attitudes and skills that foster unity, cooperation, and good problem solving within your church, within your Conference, and between churches in your community? If not, why not?

Please return this form along with your responses to your Conference office by August 15.

This evaluation was completed by:

Name: _____

Role within the church or institution: _____

Name of Church or Institution: _____

Address: _____

Best telephone contact number: _____