

APPLYING FOR PASTORAL CANDIDACY

Please answer the following questions, and e-mail the completed document to board@aemmc.ca.

- Life Story: Provide a sketch of your life story, including particulars that you feel would be important for our church to know about you.
- 2. Personal Christian Experience: Identify and discuss those experiences that you view as having been especially important in the development of your own Christian faith and life.
- 3. Christian Service: Discuss your previous pastoral or Christian service experience. For each experience, discuss what your responsibilities were, how long you served, the most important contributions you believe you made, and your reasons for leaving. If you have had a long pastoral career, focus on your last two or three pastorates.

- 4. Philosophy of Leadership: Discuss your personal philosophy of leadership. What do you see as the role of a pastor in a local church, especially as it relates to other leadership persons in the congregation?
- 5. Strengths and Weaknesses: Identify areas of what you consider to be personal strengths that facilitate your pastoral ministry and weaknesses that tend to hinder your effectiveness as a minister.
- 6. Describe your sense of God's "call" on your life for pastoral ministry.
- 7. How do you attend to your own spiritual growth and health apart from your responsibilities as a pastor (preaching/teaching preparation)?
- 8. Describe your computer skills, and the programs you use frequently. What web sites do you frequent that are most helpful in ministry?
- 9. What media/technology do you currently use as part of the life of the church? In worship?
- 10. Describe your philosophy of ministry.
- 11. Describe yourself as a preacher.
- 12. Provide a brief statement of your "philosophy" of worship. Describe your "approach" to worship, including a description of your preferred "style" of worship.
- 13. Regarding ordination, comment on either a. or b.:
 - a) If you are ordained by another denomination, and in general agreement with the EMMC Confession of Faith, are you willing to submit the proper documentation for consideration in transferring this ordination to EMMC?
 - b) If you are not already ordained, and upon assuming pastoral duties, would you be willing to work with the church and EMMC conference in beginning the process of applying for ordination?
- 14. Describe your activities in the area of discipling believers.

- 15. Describe your activities in your development of prayer ministry.
- 16. What is the most significant trend you see in our society today?
- 17. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the evangelical church in Canada today?
- 18. Have you been involved with "small groups" as part of the church's ministry? If so, briefly describe the experience.
- 19. Have you ever had to manage other staff in pastoral or other employment?
- 20. Describe your leadership style.
- 21. What has been most fulfilling for you in your pastoral ministry so far?
- 22. What do you most love to do in the pastoral role?
- 23. What do you least like to do in the pastoral role?
- 24. How do you keep a local church focused on missions?
- 25. Describe your conflict management style.