

**EXAMINATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

SECTION C: CALLED AND DISCIPLINED LIFE

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answers should be **600 to 1000 words**, double-spaced with one inch margins using 12 point font.
2. **Save this section as follows: last name, first initial, cdl [for Called and Discipline Life]. Example: PatsiosCcdl** - Do not save each question as a separate document.
3. Include each question above your answer.

QUESTIONS

1. What is your understanding of the expectations and obligations of the itinerant system?
2. Are you presently convinced that the Associate Membership is the best way to respond to God's call and claim upon your life? Why do you feel this way?
3. Describe how your close personal relationships affect your ministry.
4. Management of personal finances is important, not only for personal and family reasons, but also for Christian witness. How skilled or disciplined are you in this area of your life? Are you presently in debt so as to interfere with your work and make it difficult for you to live on the salary you may receive?
5. Have you ever applied for or held membership in another Annual Conference? If so, give clear information about this relationship.
6. Describe and give examples of how do you deal with stress?
7. What habits do you practice to keep yourself healthy: Physically, mentally, and spiritually?
8. Describe and evaluate your personal gifts for ministry and how they have resulted in fruitful ministry. What are your areas of strength, and what are the areas in which you need to grow in order to be more fruitful in ministry?
9. What in your understanding, are the marks/signs/qualities/character traits of being a disciple of Jesus Christ? How do you make disciples?
10. Provide evidence of your willingness to relate yourself in ministry to all persons without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, social status, gender, sexual orientation,

age, economic condition or disability. What examples can you share of how you have done or might do this?

11. What is your understanding of the provisions in the *Book of Discipline* regarding confidentiality and conversations of a confessional nature? Will you honor those provisions?
12. For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of your influence as an ordained minister, are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of Christian Life; and to this end will you agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to physical health, intentional intellectual development, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, integrity in all personal relationships, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God? How do you understand this commitment and how are you practicing it in your life?