

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

**SECTION A: THEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The Board requires substantive answers to the questions -- **a brief paragraph is not sufficient**. Answers should be **600 – 1000 words** in length per answer in essay format, double-spaced with 1 inch margins using 12 point font. The essays should demonstrate a basic understanding of the theological concept(s) the question addresses and should lead to further discussion and clarification in the interview group. Where appropriate use examples from your ministry, life experience, or work settings to illustrate how your theology is integrated into your work.
2. Include each question above your answer. Be sure your name is on all material.
3. **Save this section as: last name, first initial, td [for Theology and Doctrine] example: PatsiosCtd – Do not save each question as a separate document.**

**QUESTIONS**

1. Give examples of how the practice of ministry affected your experience and understanding of God?
2. Give examples of how the practice of ministry has affected your understanding of humanity and the need for divine grace?
3. Give examples of what changes the practice of ministry has had on your understanding of (a) the incarnation of Christ (b) the Lordship of Jesus Christ and (c) the work of the Holy Spirit?
4. The United Methodist Church holds that scripture, tradition, experience, and reason are sources and norms for belief and practice, but that the Bible is primary among them. What is your understanding of this theological position of the Church, and how has your practice of ministry been affected by this understanding?
5. How has the practice of ministry affected your understanding of the following traditional evangelical doctrines: (a) repentance; (b) justification; (c) regeneration; (d) sanctification? What are the marks of the Christian life?
6. 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 Associate Member, are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the 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, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God? What is your understanding of this?
7. How do you understand the theological tasks of an Associate Member United Methodist Minister with special reference to Part II of The Book of Discipline?
  8. Give examples of how the practice of ministry has affected your understanding of the role, meaning and significance of the Sacraments in the United Methodist church, including attention to infant baptism.
  9. Summarize **your** understanding of Wesleyan Theology.
  10. Describe the nature and mission of the Church. What are its primary tasks today?
  11. Give examples of how the practice of ministry has affected your experience and understanding of (a) the Kingdom of God; (b) the resurrection; and (c) eternal life?
  12. Describe your understanding of an inclusive Church and ministry.
  13. What is your understanding of evil as it exists in the world?
  14. What is your understanding of the teaching office of the full-time professional ministry, particularly the teaching of the Bible: