

**EXAMINATION FOR FULL CONNECTION  
NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**SECTION C: THE CALLED AND DISCIPLINED LIFE**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answers to each question should be **600 - 1000**, 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 no save each question as a separate document.**
3. Include each question above your answer.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. How has the experience of ministry shaped your understanding of your vocation as an ordained deacon or elder? Be as specific as possible.
2. 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?
3. What in your understanding, are the marks/signs/qualities/character traits of being a disciple of Jesus Christ? How do you make disciples?
4. 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?
5. 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?
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 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?
7. Provide evidence of your experiences in peace and justice ministries.

**(Questions 7 and 8 are for elder candidates only)**

8. How has the practice of ministry affected your understanding of the expectations and obligations of the itinerant system?
9. Do you offer yourself without reserve to be appointed and to serve as the appointive authority may determine? Share your understanding of how this will affect your life and the life of your family and how you feel about it.

**(Question 9 is for deacon candidates only)**

10. Do you offer yourself to be appointed by the bishop to a service ministry?