

## EXAMINATION FOR FULL CONNECTION 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 to each question 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 has affected your experience and understanding of God.
2. Give examples of how the practice of ministry has affected your experience and understanding of humanity and the need for divine grace.
3. Give examples of what changes the practice of ministry has affected your experience and understanding of (a) the incarnation of Christ (b) the Lordship of Jesus Christ and (c) the work of the Holy Spirit.
4. Give examples of how the practice of ministry has affected your experience and understanding of the meaning and significance of the sacraments.
5. 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.
6. How do you understand the following traditional evangelical doctrines: (a) repentance; (b) justification; (c) regeneration; (d) sanctification? What are the marks of the Christian life?
7. How has the practice of ministry informed your understanding of the nature and mission of the Church? What are its primary challenges today?
8. 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?