

The purpose of these questions is to provide an opportunity for you to articulate your understanding of some of the basic tenets of Wesleyan theology and their implications for ministry.

When completed, please submit your responses to your Mentor and **TRC's MEG Coordinator**.

- 1) List 7-10 significant Old Testament events, in chronological order, and briefly explain why each is important.
- 2) List 7-10 significant New Testament events and briefly explain why each is important.
- 3) In 100-200 words, explain what Christians mean when they describe the Bible as "God's inspired Word."
- 4) What genres, or types of literature, do we find in Scripture? Why does knowing this matter?
- 5) Below are statements future congregants might say to you. Please write a 100-200 word response to each.
 - a) Jews, Muslims, and Christians all serve the same God.
 - b) If someone isn't healed, it's because they lack faith.
 - c) Although the Old Testament provides useful background for the New Testament, it isn't relevant today.
 - d) Since Jesus said the poor will always be with us and most of them are poor because of bad choices they've made, I shouldn't bother with them.
 - e) Jesus was a really good person, or maybe a prophet, but he wasn't the Son of God.
 - f) Scripture forbids baptizing infants.
 - g) The Bible prohibits women from leading in the Church unless they have the covering of a man.
 - h) Speaking in tongues is proof that someone has received the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - i) The King James Version is the only accurate version of the Bible.
 - j) If I make a decision to accept Christ, I am certain to go to heaven regardless of how I live my life.
 - k) If my good works outweigh my sins, God will accept me into heaven.
- 6) In 100-200 words, how would you explain salvation to someone who asked about it?
- 7) In 100-200 words, how would you explain the role of the Holy Spirit to someone who asked?
- 8) In 100 words or less (each), explain why the following groups/people are important to our history as Free Methodists:
 - a) The Early Church
 - b) Martin Luther
 - c) John Wesley
 - d) B.T. Roberts

- 9) In addition to those listed in #5, what are some other common false beliefs you have heard, inside or outside of the Church? How would you respond to them?
- 10) What two sacraments does the Free Methodist Church recognize?
- 11) How would you explain the following theological terms to your (future) congregation? If you quote another source, please cite it.
- a) Salvation
 - b) Justification
 - c) Regeneration
 - d) Sanctification
 - e) Glorification
- 12) Why does it matter to know what these terms mean?