

CREC Minister's Data Sheet

Please answer all questions; do not delete or change questions.

Personal & Family Information

Date of MDS:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Blog and/or Website:

Date and Place of Birth:

Wife's Name:

Wife's Date of Birth:

Date of Marriage:

Children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
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Are your wife and children faithful at worship?

If your church has Sunday evening services, does your family attend regularly?

Are your children being educated in a Christian school or Christian home school?

Have you or your wife ever been divorced?

Please describe your relationship with your wife.

How do you view her involvement in your ministry?

What do you do to enhance your own spiritual life and that of your family?

Do you faithfully give God a tithe of your income?

Should a minister tithe to the church he is serving?

Health Information

What is the state of your health?

What is the state of your wife's health?

Describe any limiting factors regarding your family's health.

Professional Development

1. What are some of your immediate goals?

a. Personal

b. Ministry

2. What are some of your long-range goals?

a. Personal

b. Ministry

Describe your recent reading (last two years). Which recently read books would you list as having affected you the most?

Theology

History

Personal Development

Fiction

Magazines/News

Education

College:

Seminary:

Do you have any additional training or experience which might be helpful for the Session to know about?

Ministry Experience

List the places and dates of your service in the Gospel ministry:

Worship

How would you describe your view of proper Reformed, Lord's Day worship?

Do you have particular views of liturgy (elements, order, etc.)?

Do you favor high liturgy, low liturgy, somewhere in between?

What is your belief concerning ministerial attire?

Clerical collars:

Are robes appropriate in worship? (What kind? Who should wear them?):

Are set prayers appropriate?

What is your view of lay participation in the liturgy?

Do you think innovations are necessary or beneficial in order to make the worship service attractive?

Do you think it is appropriate to have a separate children's sermon or separate children's services?

When do you believe it is appropriate for the children of believers to be baptized?

When do you believe children of church members should participate in the Lord's Table?

What do you believe concerning songs sung during Lord's Day worship?

What is your position on exclusive psalmody?

What is your position regarding the use of choirs or special music in worship?

How frequently should the Lord's Supper be celebrated?

Do you believe a special sermon or homily is necessary or desirable before the celebration of the Lord's Supper? Please explain.

Do you believe the Ten Commandments must be read every Sunday? Why or why not?

What is the purpose of reading the Law of God in the context of corporate worship?

Pastoral Ministry

What do you think it means to be a pastor?

What do you think your strengths and your weaknesses are relative to pastoral work and your personality?

What methods should a pastor employ to get to know and continue to relate to the members of his congregation?

What is your practice regarding visitation of church families?

How important do you consider counseling to be in a pastor's ministry?

How much of your time do you expect to spend counseling church members?

Do you subscribe to a particular school of counseling (if so, what is it)?

How would you describe the proper relationship between the minister/pastor and the elders?

What role do the elders play in the pastoral ministry of the church?

How would you go about training new elders?

What are your views on divorce and remarriage?

In what specific circumstances do you think remarriage is allowable?

Can a divorced man serve as an elder, deacon or pastor?

Would you be willing to love and shepherd the same flock for the rest of your ministerial career?

Preaching

What do you desire to accomplish with the sermon?

Describe your style of preaching.

How would you rate the priority of preaching in relation to other aspects of the ministry?

What is your view of Heidelberg Catechism preaching as a practice in the church?

What is your view of redemptive-historical preaching as a practice in the church?

What is your view of expository preaching as a practice in the church?

Teaching/Education

How would you rate your ability to teach effectively?

What approach do you use when teaching the following age groups:

Adults

Youth

Children

What age group of people (elderly, adults, youth, children) are you most comfortable working with and teaching?

What age group of people (elderly, adults, youth, children) are you least comfortable working with and teaching?

What is your position on education (Christian day school, home school, public school)?

Evangelism/Missions

How would you encourage the congregation to be mission-minded?

How much emphasis do you place on community outreach?

What methods do you particularly favor for community outreach?

Should lay members be involved in evangelistic efforts? If so, how should they do this?

What is your belief concerning the work of church planting?

Personal Life

What particular non-ministerial talents and interests do you have (hobbies, sports, etc.?)

Additional comments that will be helpful to the Session of a prospective calling church: