

Essay Questions for Pastoral Candidates

1. **In two pages or less, write your spiritual autobiography.** Include the people, influences, and circumstances that led you to follow Christ. Describe how God has guided your spiritual journey, significant events in your spiritual life, and how God is currently working in your life.
2. **Explain your basis for affirming Stumptown Mennonite Church's Core Values and Confession of Faith.** What draws you to these beliefs, and how do they align with your own theological convictions?
3. **Describe a ministry initiative you have led or played a significant role in developing.** Include your specific responsibilities, the challenges you encountered, how you addressed those challenges, and the final outcomes or results.
4. **Why are you drawn to pastoral ministry, and specifically to serving at Stumptown Mennonite Church?** What do you sense God calling you to accomplish in this season of your life and ministry?