

Moravian Church (British Province)

Pre-interview reflection guide

Now that you have applied for consideration for ordained ministry in the Moravian Church, part of the process of selection will involve you being interviewed by the Provincial Board and the Church Service Committee, to ascertain your readiness to embark on this journey towards ordination. Prior to those interviews, it would be good for you to spend some time reflecting on the areas of your journey highlighted below. *Please note that these do not form the basis of the questions that you will be asked at interview.* Please do not see these as things which you must be able to provide a specific answer to. They are there simply to aid reflection, and the answer to each will be very individual.

If asked to say something about your journey that brought you to this point of putting yourself forward to be considered for selection for training for ordination, what would you be able to say about:

- Your Christian journey;
- Your devotional life;
- Your sense of call to the ministry of Word and Sacraments;
- How your understanding of the Bible and the Christian faith is developing;
- Your awareness of your own doctrinal position;
- Your acceptance of the diversity of theological positions held within the Moravian Church;
- Your acceptance of the importance of worship, including all-age worship, preaching and the sacraments;
- Your understanding of ministry and of the promises to be made at ordination;
- Your awareness of the variety of ministerial situations and your willingness to serve in any of these;
- Your understanding of, and response to, the expectations placed on ministers;
- Your awareness of the attitudes and skills needed in pastoral care;
- Your concern for all creation;
- Your sense of the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ and your experience of the Spirit's enabling and sanctifying power;

- How you reflect on the implications of ministry in the context of all your significant relationships;
- Your personal history and your ability to reflect on the way your experiences have influenced them;
- Your response to any situation in which you have faced risk or difficulty;
- How you handle conflict;
- Your level of self-awareness, desire to grow towards human wholeness and your ability to learn from your own and others' beliefs and experience;
- How you value people, including those whom you perceive as different;
- Your potential to become competent in written and spoken communication;
- Your awareness of your own training and development needs;
- Your ability and willingness to respond positively to ministerial education and training;
- How you organise and prioritise your present work and leisure time and your ability to relax;
- Your understanding of different styles of leadership and where each is most suitable;
- Your reflective account of the Church, and Synod meetings you have attended;
- Your understanding and knowledge of the wider Moravian tradition;
- Your awareness of local ecumenical relationships and regional/national ecumenical initiatives;
- Your understanding of the ministry and mission of the whole people of God, with particular reference to your present church community;
- Your understanding of the mission of the Church and how your ministry could contribute to it;
- Your understanding of issues in society and how the Church might respond to them; Your understanding of the relationship between Church, local and wider, and society.

We are grateful to the United Reformed Church's (2007) selection criteria for ordained ministry in framing these areas for reflection.