

## ORAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ORDINATION

*It is suggested that the candidate study for this test using the attached book list, or any other suitable reading they may be able to use, and have their answers written out. These answers may be then referred to in the oral examination and expanded upon.*

### SECTION 1

1. Define the Trinity
2. Explain the four-fold Gospel
3. What is the Canon of Scripture?
4. Explain:
  - a) Historic pre-millennialism
  - b) Dispensational pre-millennialism
  - c) Amillennialism
  - d) Post-millennialism
5. What is “The Blessed Hope”? (Titus 2:13)
6. List your Spiritual Gifts and your Natural Gifts
7. Briefly explain:
  - a. What and who is the Christian & Missionary Alliance?
  - b. Who was its earthly founder and when did it begin?
  - c. What were its original Purpose and Vision?
  - d. Do you think they are relevant for today?
8. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
9. What is the instruction in Ephesians 5, re. The Holy Spirit
10. Who is the Holy Spirit?
11. What is your view on Mission?
12. What were some of the mistakes early missionaries made in lands like China and India? (Refer book “From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya” by Ruth Tucker)
13. What are the five essential elements of the New Testament Church, and where are they mentioned in the Bible?

14. Do you think that these five elements are essential today?
15. What did Jesus mean by the Children's Bread? (Refer book "The Children's Bread." by KM Bailey)
16. What is the difference between Faith Healing and Divine Healing?
17. List the major divisions of the Old Testament and the New Testament?
18. What is Justification?
19. What is Sanctification?
20. What does the word atonement mean?
21. Describe in theological terms the doctrine of the Trinity.
22. Do you believe in hell and if so why?
23. Comment on the following views of hell
  - a) The literal view
  - b) The metaphorical view
  - c) The conditional view
  - d) The purgatorial view
25. What is:
  - a) The Kingdom of God?
  - b) Is it the same or different from the Kingdom of Heaven?
26. What are the key verses in the following:
  - a. Mark's Gospel
  - b. John's Gospel
  - c. Romans
  - d. 1 Corinthians

27. In Jesus model of prayer – Matthew 6:9ff – what did Jesus say about forgiveness?
28. If God knows what we need before we ask, why pray?
29. What is your personal habit in regard to your prayer life and what is its importance?
30. Explain what you would say to a person who has genuinely and sincerely prayed to God and the prayer seemed not to be answered?

### **Books to study for Ordination**

#### 1. Category of Alliance History and Thought.

- *Wingspread* by A.W. Tozer.
- *All for Jesus* by R.L. Niklaus, J.S. Sawin, S.J. Stoesz.
- *Understanding My Church* by S.J. Stoesz.

#### 2. Category on the Spirit-filled Life.

- *The Tozer Pulpit -Volume 11* by A.W. Tozer.
- *The Holy Spirit or Power From On High (Two Volumes)* by A. B. Simpson.

And either of the following:

- *The Spirit of Christ* by A. Murray.
- *Joy Unspeakable* by D. Martin Lloyd-Jones.

#### 3. Category on Divine Healing.

- *The Lord for the Body* by A.B. Simpson.
- *The Children's Bread* by K.M. Bailey.

And either of the following:

- *The Ministry of Healing* by A.J. Gordon.
- *Christ the Healer* by F.F. Bosworth.

#### 4. Category on Eschatology.

- *The Blessed Hope* by G.E. Ladd.
- *The Meaning of the Millennium* by Robert G. Clouse.

And either of the following:

- *Lectures on the Apocalypse* by J.A. Seiss.
- *Things to Come* by J.W. Pentecost.

#### 5. Category on Missions and Pastoral Theology.

- *Missionary Methods, St. Paul or Ours* by R. Allen.
- *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya* by Ruth Tucker.



And either of the following:

- *The Preacher, His life and Work* by J.H. Jowett.
- *Pastoring the Smaller Church* by J.C. Thiesen.

## **SECTION 2**

*In order that a positive relationship might exist between a Christian worker and the Alliance, agreement on doctrinal positions, goals and practices, is important. The following questions are asked with regard to this matter.*

### **The Missionary Witness of the Church**

1. What is your opinion of the necessity of the local church's missionary outreach with regard to the nature of the Church and the condition and fate of sinful people?
2. Will you participate in the Alliance missions activities through sending, praying, teaching, promoting and giving? YES/NO Explain
3. What is your attitude towards vigorously promoting evangelism and discipleship within the local church?

### **Denominational Loyalty**

1. What is your understanding of the term the "fourfold gospel" as used by the Alliance?
2. Are you in agreement with the Alliance Constitution & Constitutional Guidelines for Churches YES/NO. State those with which you might disagree and tell why.
3. Are you willing to accept constituted authority vested in the General Council, National Leadership Team and any elected or appointed official under whom you may serve? YES/NO If no explain.
4. If at any time you change your doctrinal beliefs and/or find disagreement with the official programs and policies of the Alliance you must notify the Chairperson of the L&O immediately.
5. Are you personally committed to the Statement Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance? YES/NO. If no explain.
6. Will you faithfully preach all the doctrine contained therein? YES/NO. If no explain.
7. If you have reservations, what are they?

### **Section 3**

#### **PASTORAL ISSUES**

*The following topics are some of the common Pastoral issues and the candidate must demonstrate that they have given responsible consideration to them.*

Give your views on the following issues. We want you to be open and honest.

- a) Divorce and remarriage and the place of divorced people in ministry
- b) Homosexuality and dealing with homosexuals in the church.
- c) Sexual purity
- d) Abortion
- e) De-facto relationships
- f) Membership in "Freemasonry"
- g) Gambling
- h) Smoking
- i) Social drinking
- j) Women in Leadership Ministry