

**Reception of Elders, Annual Conference  
Questions for Elders**

**Questions in the Annual Conference Business Session**

Have you faith in Christ?

Have you present assurance that your sins are forgiven?

Do you believe that purity of heart and life and empowerment for service, through the fullness of the Spirit, is a privilege and responsibility to be experienced by every Christian?

Do you now possess that cleansing of heart and empowerment for service which accompany the fullness of the Holy Spirit? (If the candidate should answer "no," then ask: Will you through study, counsel, and prayer seek this experience until you obtain it?)

Are you resolved to devote yourself to God and the work to which He calls you?

Do you partake of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper when it is offered?

Since you have studied our Book of Discipline, will you abide by its instructions?

Will you endeavor to effectively communicate the message God lays upon your heart?

Will you see that the children and youth are properly instructed and cared for?

Will you visit, ministering to those within and without the church?

Will you recommend fasting and prayer, both by teaching and example?

Will you promote the Free Methodist Church and its ministries in building the kingdom of God?

**Questions in the Annual Conference Worship Service**

1. Do you confidently believe that you are called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to serve His church as an elder?

**Answer: I so believe.**

2. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all doctrine necessary for eternal salvation; and out of these Scriptures are you determined to instruct the people committed to your care, teaching nothing as necessary to salvation except what can be concluded from or proved by the Scriptures?

**Answer: I am.**

3. Will you then faithfully give diligence always so to minister the doctrines and sacraments and discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded?

**Answer: I will do so by the help of the Lord.**

4. Will you be ready with faithful diligence, to banish all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and will you use both public and private warnings and exhortations both to the converted and unconverted as need shall require and occasion be given?

**Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.**

5. Will you be diligent in prayers, the reading of the Holy Scriptures and whatever study shall enrich your knowledge of the same?

***Answer: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.***

6. Will you diligently regulate and pattern your life (and that of your family) according to the doctrine of Christ so as to make (both) yourself (and them), as far as you are able, wholesome example(s) and pattern(s) for the flock of Christ?

***Answer: I will be diligent to do so, the Lord being my helper.***

7. Will you practice and encourage, so far as you are able, quietness, peace and love among all Christian people and especially among those who are committed to your care?

***Answer: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.***

8. As an elder of the Free Methodist Church, and in keeping with the Holy Scriptures, will you respect and be guided by those in authority over you?

***Answer: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.***