

# Free Methodist Church usa New South Conference Spouse Questionnaire

Vocational ministry affects the entire family. Because of this, the Ministerial Education and Guidance Board would like for you to respond to the following items so we can get to know you better and understand your perspective on both your spouse and his/her ministry calling.

Name of Ministerial Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you and your spouse meet? How long have you been together?
  2. What are a few things you admire about your spouse? What are a few things that you think s/he admires about you?
  3. How do you and your spouse protect your marriage? (Be specific)
  4. Describe a recent struggle you experienced as a couple. What happened? What did you learn from it?
  5. On a 1-10 scale (with 10 being high), how satisfied are you with your marriage? Why?
  6. How did you come to faith? How have you seen God at work in your life recently?
  7. In what ways have you served in ministry, whether individually or as a couple? What are your passions?
  8. Describe your support system. How might these relationships be impacted if your spouse were to be credentialed?

9. Explain your spouse's call to ministry in your own words.
10. What do you see as your spouse's gifts and skills? How do these play out in ministry?
11. In what types of ministry have you seen your spouse serving effectively? In what other positions/settings do you think s/he would thrive? What positions/settings would not be a good fit for him/her?
12. What do you see as two or three growth areas for your spouse? How have you seen these growth areas impacting his/her ministry? How might the MEG Board help him/her in these areas?
13. How do you and your spouse balance ministry, work, and family life? Be specific.
14. In the Free Methodist Church, ordained elders accept what is known as itineracy. This means that if they are asked, they will relocate to fill an open pastoral position. These ministry appointments are made prayerfully and in conversation with the local church and leader—please don't think that your spouse is going to get a call out of the blue telling him/her to pack up and move! What are your thoughts and feelings about itineracy?