

Divorce Clearance for Ministry in the Free Methodist Church Checklist

Annual Conference _____

Name of Divorced Person _____

_____ The MEG board has approved the individual as suitable for ministry in the Free Methodist Church, considering gifts, doctrine and educational background and recommends divorce clearance.

_____ An assessment has been made of the impact of divorce, the emotional stability and state of healing, the status of present marriage, and viewpoint regarding marriage.

The following items are attached:

_____ Request for Clearance (based on formal MEG board action) including a copy of MEG Board Minutes with the action.

_____ Completed applicable questionnaire or questionnaires
Questionnaire A – *Divorcee Seeking Ministry in the Free Methodist Church*
Questionnaire B – *Candidate Seeking Ministry in the Free Methodist Church who has not Divorced but whose Spouse has been Divorced*
Questionnaire C – *Divorced Spouse of Candidate Seeking Ministry in the Free Methodist Church*

_____ Copy of the divorce decree

_____ Account by the divorced person of marital history, giving relevant information bearing on the divorce, and present viewpoint on the whole issue.

_____ Written testimony of candidate's conversion and call to ministry, including reasons for desiring ministry in the Free Methodist Church.

_____ The candidate's present view on marriage and divorce as he/she would offer them in preaching and in potential future counseling situations with persons in a troubled or broken marriage.

_____ Date of MEG board interview: _____

_____ Send copy of checklist to assigned bishop and to the Board of Bishops office in Indianapolis.

Comments:

MEG Board Chair _____ Date _____

Bishop's Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must normally be processed at least **30 days** in advance of the Annual Conference for the divorce clearance to be considered and acted on for that conference year.