

QUESTIONNAIRE "A"

Divorcee seeking ministry in the Free Methodist Church

As orientation, please read Paragraph 3311 of the *Book of Discipline*.

The MEG Board needs the following information before considering for clearance any person currently in relationship to a conference, seeking ministerial candidacy, transfer of ordination, or ministry appointment in the Free Methodist Church who has experienced divorce (see *Book of Discipline* ¶5340.C, ¶5650).

The Ministerial Education and Guidance Board is responsible for seeing that the following form is completed in the process of clearing the divorced person for ministry in the conference and church. In cases of multiple divorces, complete information is required for each divorcee.

Name _____ Phone: () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Date of conversion _____

Date of first marriage _____

First spouse's full name _____

Date of separation _____

Date and place of divorce _____

Plaintiff in divorce _____

If children in first marriage, who has custody? _____

Legal reason for divorce in the decree _____

Copy of divorce decree is attached: _____ Yes _____ No

Present address of former spouse _____

Is former spouse remarried? _____ If yes, give date _____

Date and place of your present marriage _____

Full name of present spouse _____

Has present spouse been divorced? _____

(If yes, separate Questionnaire "B" must be completed by present spouse)

The MEG may request references. If so, you shall secure a minimum of two letters of character reference by persons, preferably non-related, who knew you at the time of divorce. Letters should include an account of your marriage and subsequent divorce. If the divorce took place prior to conversion, include the writer's view of how your conversion is making a difference in your life. If the divorce took place after conversion, include the writer's view of the role of your faith through the divorce. Also include the writer's view of the health of your present marriage.

On separate sheets, please submit the following:

1. A narrative account of your marital history, including dates of marriage and divorce giving relevant information bearing on the divorce, and your present viewpoint on the whole issue.
2. A testimony of your conversion and call to ministry. Reason for desiring ministry in the Free Methodist Church.
3. Your present view on marriage and divorce as you would offer them in preaching, and in potential future counseling situations with persons in a troubled or broken marriage.

The Ministerial Education and Guidance Board will examine your case and make a recommendation regarding divorce clearance for ministry to the bishop assigned to your conference.

Signed _____ Date _____

Annual Conference _____