**Ordination Council Meeting (Sample)** Date and Time: October 27, 2016 at 4pm

Presider: Dr. Mike Stewart, Director of Missions

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions Dr. Stewart
2. Opening Prayer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Election of Council Secretary Dr. Stewart

* Keeps a record of those attending the council
* Records the official vote of the council
* Ensures that the Ordination Certificate is signed and prepared for the ceremony on Nov.6.

1. Candidate Invited in and Prayer for him Committee Chair
2. Examination Questions Ordination Council

Candidate should be given the questions below two weeks before the interview and encouraged him to review the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. He should be prepared to give a biblical position, with references to support his position.

Questionnaire for the Interview:

1. Tell of your conversion experience and your call to the ministry

2. What do you believe about the Bible?

3. What is unique about Jesus Christ?

4. Who is the Holy Spirit and how does He operate in the life of a believer?

5. What is a New Testament Church and what is its mission?

6. What are the ordinances of the church? And what is their significance?

7. Share how and when you personally shared Christ with someone.

8. What do you believe about sin and it effects upon humanity?

9. Tell of your involvement in Christian ministry through the local church?

10. What is your belief about and the practice of Christian Stewardship?

11. What do you believe about Heaven?

12. What do you believe about Hell?

13. What do you believe about the second coming of Christ?

14. How do you personally practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting and bible study?

15. How would you handle criticism and conflict in your ministry?

16. How is a Southern Baptist church different than the Catholic or a non-denominational church?

17. How does your wife and family feel about your calling to the ministry?

18. Other questions by the council will be entertained as led by the Holy Spirit.

The Council may desire to speak with his wife directly on the state of their household. Candidate will be dismissed after the council’s questions are answered. The council will then confer and determine if the candidate is qualified to be ordained, potentially qualified but not ready at this time or unqualified.