

STATEMENT OF FAITH GUIDELINES

Your statement of faith needs to demonstrate a balance of a statement that is personal to you but also a statement that articulates a comprehensive understanding of the Reformed Tradition that is expected of the office of a Teaching Elder (W-4.4003). You will also be examined on your ability to defend and articulate your statement of faith by members of the CPM and on the floor of the presbytery of call.

- It is a personal statement:
 - It should be written in your own words.
 - It should reflect a personal integration of the Christian faith and the Reformed Tradition.

- It is a Presbyterian statement. Does your statement reflect your rootedness in the Christian, Reformed, and Presbyterian traditions?

- It must be a single page with numbered lines on the left margin.

- It is suggested that your statement address the following points (if it does not, be prepared to address them during examination):
 - The doctrine of the Trinity.
 - Who is God the Father?
 - Who is Jesus Christ?
 - Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - How do these three persons interact?
 - The person and work of Christ.
 - What is the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection?
 - What is the nature of grace?
 - How are we saved, or justified?
 - The nature and role of Holy Scripture.
 - The nature and role of the Church.
 - The nature and role of the sacraments.

- Some additional suggestions:
 - Be familiar with the *Book of Confessions*.
 - If any part of your statement is provocative, be ready to explain and calmly defend your position based on your understanding of Scripture and the Confessions.