

**EFCA Policy on Spiritual and Character Qualifications**  
***Follow-up Questions on Pre-Marital and Marital History***

In the questionnaire on the Policy on Spiritual and Character Qualifications for a ministerial credential, it was indicated that you have a divorce in your background. In order that your district superintendent (or district credentialing committee) might visit further with you about this and its bearing on your present qualifications, please address the following questions. Feel free to create a separate document or intersperse your answers within the questions below.

Your former marriage

1. Briefly describe your former marriage, its beginning, its general course, and its dissolution.
2. State the name of your former spouse, the date of your marriage, and the date of your divorce

Your contribution to the breakdown

3. What was your contribution to the difficulties in your marriage? How well do you think you have seen and repented of “the log in your own eye” (Matt. 7:4-5)?
4. Was it you or your spouse who initiated and/or pursued the divorce?
5. What efforts at reconciliation did you make?
6. Do you regard your divorce as biblically permissible? If so, on what basis? If not, how have you come to terms with that reality?

Your response to the divorce

7. What did God teach you through your divorce?
8. Is there further relational reconciliation that ought to take place?
9. How would you describe your overall repentance and recovery relative to your divorce?
10. How has your divorce affected your present marriage?

Your present outlook

11. Describe your commitment to your present spouse and marriage.
12. How has your divorce and remarriage influenced your views and practice in ministry?
13. List several people, especially spiritual leaders, who could attest to your present spiritual health and wisdom relative to your divorce.

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