**FORM FOR REFEREES**

# Name of referee:

# Name of Candidate:

# 1: What is your relationship to the candidate?

# 2: How long have you known the candidate?

# 3: DO YOU CONSIDER THE candidate A SUITABLE PERSON TO BE ACCREDITED BY OPEN BAPTISTS AND TO EXERCISE PASTORAL MINISTRY?

# 4: DO YOU AFFIRM THE candidate’s VOCATION FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY? ON WHAT BASIS?

# 5: PLEASE COMMENT ON THE candidate, and provide some examples, in relation to:

Committed to and growing in:

* Love of God and others
* A commitment to the gospel and following Christ
* Honesty and integrity
* A commitment to ongoing personal spiritual development and practices, and openness to new ideas
* Compliance with the Open Baptists Code of Conduct
* Self-awareness and openness to constructive criticism

# 6: PLEASE COMMENT ON THE candidate, and provide some examples, in relation to THEIR MIX OF ministry skills, which should include some of all of:

* Pastoral: the ability to provide pastoral support to people in a broad range of circumstances. The ability to recognise when other professional expertise is required.
* Leadership: the ability to exercise leadership within the structures of congregational government. The ability to identify, support and develop other people exercising ministry.
* Teaching and communication: the ability to develop and deliver sermons and other forms of teaching that nurture faith and are suitable for the intended audience.
* Liturgical: including the ability to lead public worship and ceremonies such as funerals and (blessings of) marriages.
* Mission, evangelism and church planting.
* Ability to work as part of a team: including appointing, forming, participating in, and leading diverse teams.

# 7: PLEASE COMMENT, Providing some examples, on the candidate’s commitment to the values of the Open Baptists AssociatioN?

# 8: Would you like to make any other comments about the candidate’s suitability for accreditation?