



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?