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Ordained Ministers

1. Ordained ministers shall maintain sound doctrine and good moral character, both in their public and private lives.
2. Any ordained minister being absent from the conference for two (2) sessions in succession, without explanation, shall stand charged as Out of Fellowship
3. Any ordained minister providentially hindered from attending a session of the conference must report by letter to the clerk within ten (10) days.
4. Ministers who cannot be accounted for, who have moved and left no forwarding address, Or who does not respond to normal inquiry, shall be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers after a period of one (1) year.
5. Any ordained minister who divorced his wife, whose wife divorces him, who marries a divorced woman after the death of his wife, or who is involved in sexually immorality shall be considered to have seriously compromised himself as a minister and shall be asked to surrender his credentials.
6. Persons bringing charges against a minister should do so in writing. Such charges should be as detailed as possible, signed by the individual(s) bringing the charges, and presented to the Ordaining Council.
7. All ~~pastors~~ of member churches are expected to affiliate with this conference.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists

Full Name: _____
(First) (M) (Last)

Wife's Name _____
(First) (M) (Last)

Complete Address: _____
(If you have a P.O. Box, please include the address of your residence)

Phone Number(s): _____

Church Membership: _____
Name of church where you are a member

Pastor's name and address: _____

Date of Salvation: _____

Preliminary Questions:

1. Have you ever been married before? _____

2. If so, is your first wife still living? _____

3. Have you ever been affiliated with another denomination? To what extent? How were you dismissed? _____

4. What conference or church are you licensed under? _____

5. If you are a pastor, please give the name of your church. _____

Please answer the following questions on separate paper. Take all the time you need, be deliberate and thorough. Give scriptural references to back up your answers where applicable.

Part I- Personal Life:

- 1. Are you willing to serve God in any place he might lead you?**
- 2. Do you believe in and practice tithing?**

Part II-Denominational Relationship

- 1. If at some time later date you should find that you have been convinced or find doctrines contrary to those believed by Free Will Baptists, what would you do?**

Part III-Bible Knowledge:

- 1. What do you believe about the inspiration of the scriptures? Define verbal inspiration and tell what you believe about it.**
- 2. Do you think in the light of scriptures we should readily excommunicate from our midst, either a layman or preacher who should deny the deity or humanity of Christ?**
- 3. What do we mean by depravity? Do you believe infants who die are saved?**
- 4. What do you believe about freedom of the will?**
- 5. When does the Holy Spirit begin to indwell the believer?**
- 6. What is the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the believer?**
- 7. What is meant by justification?**
- 8. What is meant by sanctification? When does it take place?**
- 9. Can a man be lost after he is saved? Define "eternal security" and state what you believe in regard to this doctrine?**
- 10. In the light of Hebrews 6:4-6, 10: 26-29, and II Peter 2:21; can a person be saved twice? Explain:**
- 11. Do you believe in a literal hell? Give biblical support.**
- 12. What qualifies a person for membership in the church? Should a person be admitted to the church if he is not saved? Why?**

- 13. Explain the relationship of baptism to salvation. Is it essential?**
- 14. Should feet washing be observed as a church ordinance? Explain.**
- 15. Why do we keep the first day of the week instead of the seventh?**

I declare the answers to the above questions as submitted are my own beliefs and convictions.

Date _____ **Signed** _____
Applicant