

Possible Questions for Meeting with Pastor Search Committee

1. What is your average Sunday School attendance? What was it a year ago? Five years ago?
2. What was the average worship attendance for each of the past five years?
3. How long did your previous pastor serve the church? The one before him?
4. How much land do you own?
5. What issues or questions are facing this congregation? Can I get a paragraph each from the chairman of deacons and members of the church council on the most urgent issues facing the congregation? (ASAP)
6. What do you, as a congregation, do best in ministry?
7. In two or three sentences, describe the most important event that has happened in or to this congregation since 1975. When did it happen?
8. How many members were added by baptism for each of the past five years?
9. What were the total receipts of this congregation for each of the past five years?
10. Names and dates of pastors and other staff who have served this congregation since 1975.
11. Does this congregation have (a) any indebtedness, (b) an endowment, (c) significant cash surplus? If yes, how much?

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