

## **New Hope Faith Questionnaire**

The following questionnaire is intended to give the New Hope Search Team a snapshot of the ways in which you, the applicant, process the world through a theological lens. We do not ask that you solve great theological divides. Rather, this questionnaire will help us determine whether your theological positions align with ours before we approach more relational material (Pastoral Care & Missiology) at the interview stage. As noted in our Church Profile and the introduction to the Job Posting, our positions are diverse, so please don't censor yourself.

### **About You**

1. Please share a brief elevator pitch version of your testimony and calling.
2. If there were five books, other than the Bible, on your bookshelf, what would they be?
3. What popular preachers/teachers/authors inspire you and why?
4. What biblical passages or stories mean the most to you in your life experience?
5. How are you a spiritual leader in your most intimate circles?

### **Orthodoxy**

6. Can you affirm that you are able to publicly teach and uphold the doctrines, beliefs and teachings of the Christian Reformed Church?
7. What, if any, theology is core to Christianity?
8. Tell us what you know is significant about CRC doctrine and one thing that you struggle with in regard to that doctrine?

### **Bibliology**

9. Finish the sentences
  - a. The Bible is...  
and
  - b. The Bible is used in one's life for...

### **Theology**

10. Who/what is God?

### **Soteriology**

11. Tell us about salvation.
12. Tell us about the Kingdom of God
13. What is the work of Christ in his death, burial and resurrection? What did he accomplish?

### **Ecclesiology**

14. What is the church and what role does it play in the world?

## Scenarios and Cultural Issues

15. Describe your current understanding and approach to **any three** of these topics in culture and the church today.
- a. Euthanasia
  - b. Sexuality (LGBTQ+, polygamy/polyamory, open relationships etc...)
  - c. Abortion
  - d. Creation Care
  - e. Aboriginal engagement
  - f. Gender and ministry
  - g. Alcohol/Cannabis
16. At New Hope, our Christian Reformed roots affirm infant baptism. However, we have diverse perspectives on this particular issue at the congregational level and seek leadership and wisdom on ways to move forward in unity on this matter. (We have welcomed children without performing baptisms.) If a family in our church asked to have their child dedicated, how might you counsel them? In the future, how would you advise faith formation practices within the church leading towards adult baptisms *and* professions of faith?
17. Tell us about a scenario in which you encountered someone who struggled with significant mental health issues and how you pastored them.