

SERMON EVALUATION TOOL

As members of the search committee, listen to or watch the candidate's sermons and report back to the committee with your prevailing impression regarding the following questions.

Candidate's Name _____ Video or Audio _____

Message Title _____ Date of Message _____

Style of Message: (check one)

_____ ☐ Expository (explaining the biblical context, meaning, and application of the passage)

_____ ☐ Topical (on a topic supported by various Scriptures)

Was the sermon primarily based on: (circle one)

Scripture

Enthusiastic passion

Storytelling

Personal experiences

For the next questions, use the following scale, then compute the average at the bottom.

Exceptional - 5

Average - 3

Serious Deficiency - 1

Above Average - 4

Below Average - 2

CRITERIA	RATING
Introduction: captures my attention and interest, makes me want to hear the rest of the sermon.	
Use of Scripture: uses scripture to make, clarify and illuminate points, seem to be used in context. The message is scripturally sound.	
Logical continuity: points of the sermon build logically and follow one another. The message was easy to follow.	
Clarity: the points of the sermon are clear.	
Theme: were you able to identify one "big idea" of the message?	
Use of illustrations: illustrations are captivating and used to clarify or deepen the impact of a point.	
Use of humor: humor, if used, is appropriate to the setting and points of the sermon.	
Use of self-disclosure: if speaker uses him or herself as an illustration, it helps make the sermon more meaningful.	
Use of vocal inflection: adds appropriate emphasis and interest to the sermon, does not scream or scold audience.	
Mannerisms: (If video) mannerisms/gestures enhanced presentation, not distracting.	
Length: was the message too short, too long, or just right?	
Relevance: the theme and message were relevant to real life.	
Our Church: would our church like, understand, and support this type of preaching?	
Interest level: I want to hear more from this candidate.	
TOTAL	
AVERAGE (TOTAL DIVIDED BY 14)	