## 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)

\_\_\_\_\_ Expositional (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

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| **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****)*** |  |