

## References Form

In order to ensure that our next pastor meets the qualifications described in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9, we ask that candidates provide a **minimum of seven references**. They should have knowledge of the candidate's:

### **Character** (1 Timothy 3:1-3)

- Marital faithfulness (*Husband of one wife*)
- Thought patterns (*Sober-minded*)
- Lifestyle, habits, routines, etc. (*Self-controlled, respectable*)
- Demeanor toward others (*Hospitable*)
- Sobriety (*Not a drunkard*)
- Approach to conflict (*Not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome*)

### **Household** (1 Timothy 3:4-5)

- Parenting and children (*Must manage his own household well, with all dignity, keeping his children submissive*)

### **Maturity** (1 Timothy 3:6)

- *Must not be a recent convert*

### **Reputation** (1 Timothy 3:7)

- *Must be well thought of by outsiders*

### **Ability to Teach** (1 Timothy 3:2b; Titus 1:9)

- Ability to teach
- Ability to hold firm to the word
- Ability to give instruction in sound doctrine
- Ability to rebuke those who contradict sound doctrine

**Contact Information**

Name  
Relationship  
Contact Info  
Notes

Name  
Relationship  
Contact Info  
Notes

Name  
Relationship  
Contact Info  
Notes

Name  
Relationship  
Contact Info  
Notes

Name  
Relationship  
Contact Info  
Notes

Name  
Relationship  
Contact Info  
Notes

Name  
Relationship  
Contact Info  
Notes