

Tool for Evaluating Mentoring Relationships

The MCEC Mentoring Guidelines suggest that mentoring relationships will last for two years, and normally upon ordination the mentoring relationship ends. If credentialing extends beyond two years, mentoring relationships should be evaluated to see if they are still serving a purpose. The following questions are offered as a tool for discussion and evaluation by mentors and pastors, and to encourage intentional closure of relationships unless there is mutual agreement to continue. The Mentoring Guideline states that “*although a friendship between the pastor and mentor may well continue, it is important to plan a specific time for mutual review, celebration, and closure of the formal relationship.*” Please evaluate the relationship and discuss the following questions.

1. Is the relationship active? Comment on the signs of growth, support and challenge that have happened throughout the relationship.

2. Is the mentoring relationship still serving a purpose? (*Please refer to mentoring guidelines.*) Have circumstances changed, suggesting that a re-negotiation or a new match should be made?

3. If the relationship is no longer active, how did you bring closure?

4. (For mentors). If you are bringing closure to the relationship, do you have enough information at this point upon which to make a recommendation towards ordination? _____ (Note that the MC Canada credentialing process for Ordination, and the Mentoring Guidelines require a written report and statement of support from pastoral mentor.) Please forward your Letter of Recommendation to Marilyn Rudy-Froese (mrudyfroese@mcec.ca).

Name(s) _____
(You may submit separate or combined comments.)