

**Church Certification**  
of a Candidate to the Presbytery

**Brethren:**

**Realizing that both the local Church and the Presbytery share in the responsibilities of licensing and ordaining individuals for God's service and further that the General Baptist Doctrine and Usages Manual states that "the Church should send only candidates who meet the standards of the Presbytery" – we certify that**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ )** \_\_\_\_\_

**is a candidate for the office of (select one) Deacon  - License Minister  - Ordained Minister  and has been carefully examined by the Church as to his qualifications for the office.**

**We certify further that, along with other matters, the candidate has been specifically asked the questions that follow, and that the Church has given its approval of the candidate knowing his answers to be fully in agreement with the standards of the Presbytery.**

**1. If married, does the candidate have only one living wife and does his wife have only one living husband? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, were the reasons for divorce in full agreement with the guidelines contained in Article VIII of the Constitution of Union Association Presbytery? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**2. Does the candidate agree fully with General Baptist Doctrine? \_\_\_\_\_ Does the candidate hold any other doctrinal views which might become an are of controversy in a General Baptist Church? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**3. Does the candidate use alcohol or any other substances? \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Are there any other habits or practices which might cause problems for him**  
**in his office or hinder him in his work? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**4. Does the candidate have a good reputation in the community as to his conduct?**

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**We have questioned the candidate specifically regarding the matters**  
**mentioned above and find his answers to be in agreement with the standards of the**  
**Presbytery. Therefore, we approve him for examination by the Union Presbytery.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Church**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pastor**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Church Clerk**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

**Note: This certification must accompany the letter of request sent to the Presbytery**  
**by the Church, or the candidate cannot be examined. It is also understood that if**  
**the candidate cannot give satisfactory answers to the questions contained herein**  
**neither he nor his Church should expect his approval by the Union Presbytery.**