

**Credo Guidelines**

1. Suggested Length: approximately 20-35 pages
2. Your *Credo* should reflect the following:
   * A commitment to Christ and His church
   * An understanding of the Christian life
   * Biblical knowledge
   * Your theological convictions
   * Service to Christ in your life
   * Application of your faith in the reality of life as you know it
3. In language understandable to an educated church layperson, your *Credo* should reveal your academic and experiential learning, priorities, and a window to who you are as a Christian and a pastor.
4. Your *Credo* should give evidence of your call to ordained ministry and your human struggle to be faithful to your call.

**Questions to Consider**

1. Who, in your understanding, is God?
2. What is the place of Christ in history and at present?
3. What do you understand yourself to be?
4. What are the conditions upon which God grants you forgiveness in this life and the next (after death)?
5. How is the Bible authoritative for your life and faith?
6. What is your relationship to other Christians and the world?
7. What is your evidence that God dwells with you?
8. What is the role of the church in your life?
9. What specific actions of a church are necessary to fulfill the Great Commission?
10. What is your life's purpose, and how have you chosen to live it out?
11. What legacy, upon death, do you hope to leave?
12. What are your expectancies at death?
13. What convictions and assurance do you have of all the above?



*Your Credo will provide an opportunity for you to express your commitment to Jesus Christ in a creative summary and apology for what you are as a Christian and a person called to the ministry. It will become the best expression of your faith and practice to date.*