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REFERENCE FROM A CRITICAL FRIEND C.6

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| **Guidance** |

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| Thank you for agreeing to write this reference, which will become a significant part of the body of evidence available to the Methodist Church’s discernment processes.  Please write it according to these guidelines and submit it to [*candidates@methodistchurch.org.uk*](mailto:candidates@methodistchurch.org.uk)before the deadline date stated in document G.9.  This and other guidance documents can be found here : [Guidance for candidating (2024-2025) (methodist.org.uk)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/candidating-for-ministry/candidating-process/guidance-for-candidating-2024-2025/)  It is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure their references are submitted so please inform them when you have done so. |
| It is important that this gives as objective and independent a view of the candidate as possible, so referees should not be related to the candidate and nor should they have written any other report during their candidating processes. The candidates’ accompanist may not write this reference. |
| The evidence within your reference should draw upon your own knowledge and experience of the candidate, and might also incorporate insights and/or observation of the candidate's vocational exploration. |
| Please refer to document G.6 Criteria for candidates. The committees will be looking for evidence in relation to the nine criteria so please use these headings. The sub-criteria points are intended for guidance. Please answer as fully as you can in each of the nine areas, but please do not feel you need to comment on every sub-criteria. |
| The committees will be particularly interested to hear how the candidate has developed their understanding of, and capacity for, ministry through the process of vocational exploration, how and what they have learned from different situations and how that has been reflected upon in terms of calling. |
| In line with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations (2018) we may make this reference available to the candidate if a subject access request is made. |
| Please type the report in not less than 11-point font using no more than two A4 pages (excluding this guidance box). Please sign and date the report. |
| Please indicate areas which you feel could be explored further and any skills/gifts/interests that could be developed or concerns that could be addressed in training. |
| Thank you for your assistance. |

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| **Information** | |
| Name of the candidate |  |
| Order of Ministry |  |
| Name of the Referee |  |
| Telephone number and email address of Referee |  |
| How do you know the candidate? |  |
| How long have you known the candidate? |  |

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| 1. **Vocation (call and commitment)** |
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| 1. **Vocation (ministry in the Methodist Church in Great Britain)** |
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| 1. **Relationship with God** |
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| 1. **Personality and character** |
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| 1. **Being in relationship with others** |
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| 1. **The Church’s ministry in God’s world** |
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| 1. **Leadership and collaboration** |
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| 1. **Learning and understanding** |
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| 1. **Communication** |
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| **Any other comments or suggestions for areas to be explored further** |
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| **Signature of referee** | **Name of referee** | **Date** |
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| *When signing please scan in (or add a photograph of) your actual signature. We cannot accept a typed name in place of a signature.* | | |