Rate yourself: 1 = poor/ 5 = exceptionally good on each question. N/A is not applicable. Circle appropriate number. Use N/A when appropriate.

It is vitally important that you answer this questionnaire honestly. We have learned that if the marital relationship is not satisfying, pastors do not survive the ministry. We desire to help you develop a program to strengthen your marriage if necessary. It is important to us to protect and encourage vital marriage relationships within the members of Evangel Presbytery.

HUSBAND SELF-RATING SCALE

1. I include her in visioning our future (share my dreams with her).

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am willing to say, “I was wrong, would you please forgive me.”

1 2 3 4 5

1. I accept and exercise spiritual responsibility for her and the children.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

4. I evaluate the functional requirements of our family life with her and gladly

 shoulder my fair share.

 1 2 3 4 5

5. I seek her input in all major money decisions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am dependable. I can be counted on to keep commitments.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I frequently compliment her regarding the various dimensions of her life.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I adequately provide for our family’s basic financial requirements.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I adequately guard time and energy to talk with her and with the children.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am confident that I regularly pray for her.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I have taken the lead in developing family traditions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I honor her– (do not speak down to her, call her derogatory names or yell at her).

1 2 3 4 5

1. I plan fun and romantic times for us.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I keep her well informed of my schedule.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I work hard to keep us out of debt.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I commend her in public.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I encourage her to pursue a reasonable schedule of personal interests, hobbies, etc.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I remember her birthday and other important dates with a card or a special activity.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I do not indulge myself for extensive periods of TV or sports on any given day.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I would say that my sports activities and/or personal interests are within acceptable tolerances.

1 2 3 **4** 5

1. I regularly carry out spiritual disciplines.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I discuss child discipline with her and am willing to incorporate her input.

 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

1. I treat her with dignity in our intimate relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I work at keeping my mind and heart pure.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I am patient with the children.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

1. I have a good relationship with her parents.

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

1. I get along well with my working peers.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She affirms that she is fed when sitting under my teaching.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I would say that others would say that I am a man of good reputation.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My wife looks forward to my coming home at the end of the day.

1 2 3 4 5

WIFE RATING SCALE

**By Husband**

Rate your wife: 1 = poor/ 5 = exceptionally good on each question. Circle appropriate number. Mark statement N/A if it does not apply to your situation.

1. She includes me in visioning our future (tells me her dreams).

1 2 3 4 5

1. She says, “I was wrong, would you please forgive me.”

1 2 3 4 5

1. She accepts and responds to the spiritual responsibility that I exercise.

1 2 3 4 5

4. She evaluates the functional requirements of our family life with me and gladly

 shoulders her fair share.

 1 2 3 4 5

5. She seeks to provide input for all major money decisions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She is dependable. I can count on her to keep commitments.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She frequently compliments me regarding the various dimensions of my life.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She adequately provides for our family’s needs both emotionally and functionally.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She adequately guards time and energy to talk with me and children.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She regularly prays for and with me (this does not necessarily mean set time.)

1 2 3 4 5

1. She has responded to my leadership in developing family traditions.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She honors me – (She does not speak down to me, call me derogatory names, or yell at me).

1 2 3 4 5

1. She plans fun and romantic times for us.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She keeps me well informed of her schedule.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She works hard to keep us out of debt.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She commends me in public.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She encourages me to pursue a reasonable schedule of personal interests, hobbies, etc.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She remembers my birthday and other important dates with a card or a special activity.

1 2 3 4 5

1. She does not indulge herself for extensive periods with TV.

 1 2 3 4 5

1. I would say that her sports activities and/or personal interest are within acceptable tolerances.

1 2 3 4 5

**Taking the Pulse of My Marriage**

***DIRECTIONS: Circle the number that best represents your response.***

***One is never***

***Two is seldom***

***Three is occasional***

***Four is frequent***

***Five is characteristic.***

***Husband and wife are each to complete this form without discussion or comparison of answers.***

1. Little arguments escalate into ugly fights with accusations, criticisms, name-calling, or bringing up past hurts.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My partner criticizes or belittles my opinions, feelings, or desires.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My partner seems to view my words or actions more negatively than I intend.

1 2 3**3** 4 5

1. When we have a problem to solve, it is like we are on opposite teams.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I hold back from telling my partner what I really think and feel.

1 2 3**3** 4 5

1. I think seriously about what it would be like to date or marry someone else.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I feel lonely in this relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. When we argue, one of us withdraws, that is, does not want to talk about it anymore or leaves the scene without the promise to finish the discussion later.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I long for my partner to pray regularly with me since we seldom pray together.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I often feel my partner finds more satisfaction and pleasure in co-workers, friends or activities even ministry than in me.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I often feel neglected in this relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. My partner does not seem to need me sexually.

1 2 3 4 5

1. Affection by touch or words has faded in our relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. Sometimes it seems that there is more negative than positive in our relationship.

1 2 3 4 5

1. I feel like my partner is so connected to the past (family relationships, painful events or past sins) that he/she cannot connect with me.

1 2 3 4 5

Personal and Pastoral Theology Questions

DIRECTIONS: Use a separate sheet of paper for each of three categories as needed to provide a complete answer (finance life, spiritual life, and sexual life).

Financial life:

1. Do you tithe?
2. Is there joy in your giving?
3. Does your personal budget control spending?
4. Have you ever had a large debt since you have been married? (over $2000.00)
5. Did you bring debt into your marriage? Was your spouse aware of it?
6. Do you think that God is pleased with your personal spending?
7. Do you think that your financial situation is glorifying to God?

Spiritual Life:

1. Do you see your quiet time as a “chore”?
2. Do you look forward to having a quiet time?
3. Do you consider a quiet time as something to check off your daily list?
4. Do you find your quiet time a little too quiet? (you go to sleep)
5. Do you have a structured quiet time? (5 minutes for prayer, 10 minutes scripture reading, etc.) Or, how do you conduct your relationship with the Lord?
6. Do you experience your time with God as a relationship? Explain:

Sexual Life:

1. Do you have pornographic scene that you can not get out of your head?
2. Do you have movie channels on your TV? If so, how do you monitor them?
3. Do you feel safe browsing on a computer by yourself?
4. Do you have a screening program like Safe Eyes on your computer?
5. Do you feel cheated because your sex life is not like the ones in the movies?
6. How do you view sex? Check the following, left side for you and right side for the way you believe your wife would respond:
	1. \_\_\_\_Strictly for procreation a. \_\_\_\_Strictly for procreation
	2. \_\_\_\_Recreational b. \_\_\_\_Recreational
	3. \_\_\_\_Love making c. \_\_\_\_Love making
	4. \_\_\_\_A God-given appetite d. \_\_\_\_A God-given appetite
7. Have there been times when either you or your wife has used sex as a bartering tool to get something you wanted?
8. Are you satisfied with the frequency of your relationship? Is your wife?

DIRECTIONS: Here are two pastoral theology situations that could impact your ministry life. Only you need to respond to Scenario I. Please also ask your wife to respond to Scenario II.

**Scenario I**

You are the pastor

You are the pastor of a small town Presbyterian Church. You have about 70 people on the church role but only about 35 to 40 members show up for Sunday Worship. You cannot get any interest in having a Sunday Evening service. You are the only teaching elder and you have 3 ruling elders that form your session. All of the elders are 65 years old or older.

After your first Sunday service you are asked by one of the elders to see him alone in your office. He says he will get right to the point. He explains that your sermon was very good, but too long. He says that the clock on the back wall of the church is there for a reason. He tells you that the congregation is use to starting the service at 11:00AM and being out the door by 11:50AM. “You see, he continues, almost everyone in town eats Sunday lunch at Bills Steakhouse. The doors open at 12:00 Noon. The lines are long and if you are not there by 12:00 you will have at least a 45 minute wait. If you get there by 12:10 after the Baptist Church lets out and you may as well go home and have a sandwich.” (He is dead serious)

**What do you do? How would you react?**

**Scenario II**

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You are the pastor of a small town Presbyterian Church. You have about 70 people on the church role but only about 35 to 40 members show up for Sunday Worship, and you cannot get any interest in having a Sunday Evening service. You are the only teaching elder and you have 3 ruling elders that form your session. All of the elders are 65 years old or older.

You and your wife have been going out nights for about the last two weeks visiting your congregation to get to know them better. During that time one of the young couples in your church is in an automobile wreck and the husband is killed. You perform the funeral and help the young (attractive) widow to get her home.

About a week goes by and it is your wife’s birthday. Tonight you are taking her to her favorite play, in a city about 40 miles away. You spent a lot of money for front row seats and your wife is very excited about going. You have almost finished dressing and the phone rings. It is the young widow and she is crying uncontrollable. She says that she needs to see you tonight, because she just doesn’t think she is going to make it. She says that all she is thinking about is her husband and how much she wants her husband back. She feels like her life is over and she is afraid that she is going to do something to herself if she doesn’t get help right away.

**As her pastor, what do you do?**

**How do you as the pastor’s wife react to this?**