

Questions covered in the pre-profession class at Ebenezer CRC in Jarvis, Ontario. Council members choose from these questions in the profession of faith “interview.”

1. How do we come to know God?
2. Explain the Trinity.
3. What do you personally value about God the Father? God the Son? God the Holy Spirit?
4. What are some of the big themes of the Bible? (ie. Kingdom, covenant, God’s grace)
5. What is sin and how did it begin?
6. Are you a sinner or a saint?
7. If God is so loving why couldn’t he just ignore sin?
8. Who is Jesus to you?
9. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is both your Savior and your Lord?
10. What is the gospel?
11. What is faith?
12. What are some examples of covenants in the Bible?
13. What is biblical inspiration and why is it important?
14. What does it mean to say we believe in the authority of Scripture ahead of the creeds, confessions and tradition?
15. How does that answer differ from the Roman Catholic Church?
16. How can you explain differences in the Gospel events written in the first four NT books?
17. Identify the 3 Creeds and say a little bit about each one.
18. Where in the Bible would we go to find God’s will for how we are to live?
19. What is prayer?
20. What are the Three Forms of Unity?
21. Can you recite Q &A 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism?
22. How is the Catechism divided and why is its order important?
23. What are the sacraments and how many do we have?
24. What does baptism remind us of and how?
25. Why infant baptism?
26. What is the difference between baptism and dedication?
27. If you moved and found a good church but they ask you to be rebaptized, what would you do?
28. How is profession of faith connected to your baptism?
29. What does the Lord’s Supper teach us and how?
30. Would you be comfortable taking communion in a Roman Catholic Church?
31. What are the ‘marks of the church’?
32. In your own words, describe what it means to have a Reformed identity – why is it unique?
33. What are the five ‘alone’s (or in Latin, ‘sola’s) of the Reformed tradition?

34. Can you explain the acronym 'TULIP'? (from the Canons of Dort)
35. What is the church and how do we become part of it?
36. What is the difference between the visible and the invisible church?
37. What does it mean when we say we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church?
38. What does it mean for you to be a member of the church (Lord's Day 21)?
39. Identify the offices of the church.
40. In our church order what are the assemblies of the church?
41. How many churches are there in Classis Hamilton and the Jarvis Ministerial?
42. If you want to see something change in church who should you talk to first?
43. What would you do if you began to weaken in your faith or have serious doubts?
44. What are the 'church visitors'?
45. What are ministry shares and what are they used for?
46. Name some of the ministries in the Christian Reformed Church.