

# Questions to Ask

## FOR THE BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTER OR FOR SOMEONE CONSIDERING BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

- What preparation do you need to have to enter bi-vocational ministry?
- In what ways are you going to be “available” for both vocations?
- How does your theological and psychological awareness ground your work?
- In what ways are you clear about the need for money in your life?
- To what extent are you going to identify and use your gifts and the gifts of those in the church?

## FOR THE CONGREGANT WITH A BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTER

- In what ways are you identifying and claiming your gifts?
- What do you think about ministry as a team?
- To what extent are you holding the bi-vocational minister and yourself accountable to the gospel?
- To what extent do you think financial giving to your local church ought to be a priority?

## FOR THE DENOMINATIONS AND SEMINARIES IN THEIR SUPPORT OF BI-VOCATIONAL LIVING

- To what extent are bi-vocational ministers treated differently than full-time clergy?
- Have you researched how bi-vocational ministry is affecting your ministers and the congregations?
- Have you adjusted your expectations for ministers and congregations in light of your research on bi-vocational ministry?
- In what ways are you educating seminarians to the financial realities of the pastorate?
- To what extent are you re-evaluating, in the light of the bi-vocationalism, the process of ordination?

## FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH WITH A BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTER

- In what ways do you think shared leadership between the clergy and laity ought to occur?
- To what extent are you increasing lay involvement, including children?
- In what ways would you go about identifying gifts in the members of your church?
- To what extent are you thinking about new ways of doing church?