

Westminster Confession Assignment: Pastoral Questions

You have the opportunity to get feedback from six pastors on the topic of your choosing! Here's how it will work:

- Each of you come up with one question
- We will combine your six questions to form the bulk of the interview questions you will *each* ask of your own pastor or the pastor of your choosing
- You will *each* present your findings to the group in a few weeks
- Note: the complete assignment, with your questions incorporated, will be available to you on Monday, Sept 14th
- Email your questions to Mrs. Boyum *before* class on Thursday, Sept 10th ; if this absolutely doesn't work, please talk to her on Thursday and then submit by Thursday evening

Guidance for your questions:

- Please reference a specific chapter and section from the WCF so that the pastors can look up what you are talking about if they need to!
- Please write as clearly as possible so that your classmates and the pastors understand exactly what you are asking (it would be helpful for you to run your question by your mom or dad before you send it to Mrs. Boyum)
- Please reference pertinent scriptures and terminology, being careful to be charitable (for example, don't slam Roman Catholics for holding to transubstantiation).

Examples of questions from previous years:

- The WCF does not support in the transubstantiation of the elements of communion (Ch 29, Section 6) but Jesus says, "This is my body" in Matthew 26:26 when he institutes the sacrament of communion. How would you address this apparent contradiction?
- The WCF states it is possible for believers to have an infallible assurance of their salvation (CH 18, section 2). What do you think about this? Is this possible?
- The WCF (CH 21, article 8) says we are supposed to put our "works, words, and thoughts about worldly employment and recreations" aside in order to keep the Sabbath. How does our church define 'keeping the Sabbath'?
- Infant baptism – WCF (CH 28 section 4) says, " Not only those that do actually profess faith in and obedience unto Christ, but also the infants of one, or both, believing parents, are to be baptized." What is our church's position on infant baptism vs believer's baptism? What are the key scriptures upon which we base our position?