

Appendix 9
Letter: Candidate's References

*Send this to the references noted on the resume.
Enclose a self-addressed, pre-stamped envelope for return on church letterhead*

Dear Mr. Reference:

The Pastor Search Committee of _____ Baptist Church has been given your name as a reference for Rev. _____ who is a candidate for Pastor of this church.

Our committee is particularly interested in your evaluation of this candidate and will be awaiting your earliest reply before proceeding with further consideration of this candidate.

We would greatly appreciate your forthright and honest opinion of his current and past ministry, as you know it. Please rest assured we would handle your comments with the utmost care since we recognize the importance of so doing. Any narrative or additional information you might give us beyond the questions asked here as to his pastoral skills, given both positive and negative factors, would be very insightful and useful to this church.

The committee would appreciate it if we could have this vital information in the next 15 days.

Thank you for your help and please join our church in prayer that the church and the man will know God's will when He calls.

Yours in His service,

*Chairman, Pastor Search Committee
_____ Baptist Church*