

REFLECTION TOOL #6

ISSUES OF IDENTITY

1. Briefly describe an event in your ministry in which an identity issue surfaced for you. Give enough details, including critical verbal and non-verbal communication, to set the context for your comments.
2. In relation to the incident described above, comment on each of the following areas:
 - a. Christian identity:

How has your identity as a Christian been shaped by this event? Are there particular issues arising from this incident which have confirmed or challenged your Christian views? Do you see any changes in your own behavior as a Christian as a result of this situation?
 - b. Professional identity:

How has your commitment to professional ministry been shaped by this event? In light of this experience, what characteristics or skills do you desire to develop as you pursue ministry? How has this experience affected your feelings about the institution where you minister?
3. Write your comments on your theological reflections from this incident. What theological issues arose for you in this event? How are you handling them? How has your theology of ministry been affected by this experience?

Suggested length, 2-3 pages
Please attach to completed Reflection Tool Cover Sheet