

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS AND THEOLOGICAL OPINIONS (DSTO)

### VOLUME 1

#### D. MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

## Standard procedures and questions in colloquizing prospective church servants

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1. In accordance with the By-laws of the LCA (V.A. 'Reception into the Ministry and Assignment')
  - (1) the committee of colloquy appointed by the President of the Church shall consist of not less than three pastors, and
  - (2) the person colloquized shall before entering the ministry of the Church be required to sign a declaration in which he accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of the Church.
2. It is recommended that, prior to the colloquy, prospective Church servants be asked:
  - (1) to familiarize themselves with the background of the LCA, at least in broad outline, and with the present structure of the Church;
  - (2) to acquaint themselves with the Theses of Agreement, and any subsequent statements adopted by the Church;

and that the relevant literature and/or literature references be supplied for the above purposes where requested.
3. In conducting the colloquy itself it is recommended that at least the following areas of doctrine be covered, or at least touched on:
  - (1) the person and work of Christ;
  - (2) justification and its relationship to sanctification;
  - (3) the inspiration and authority of Scripture;
  - (4) the status and the content of the historic Lutheran Confessions;
  - (5) the ministry of the Church;
  - (6) the mission of the Church – the 'Two Kingdoms' doctrine;

- (7) the Sacraments;
- (8) the worship of the Church and its liturgy.

**Note:** These principles may also be applied as guidelines for the colloquizing of those whose service in the Church directly involves the public teaching of the Church.