## Marital Status Issues

While history with divorce and remarriage is not an automatic disqualifier from credentialing, it can be in certain cases.

We believe it is possible to maintain biblical standards for ministry and marriage, while at the same time offering a compassionate response to those who are called into ministry yet have a divorce and remarriage in their personal history. Perhaps these circumstances occurred before you came to Christ. Perhaps you entered into a marriage based upon fraudulent or deceptive circumstances, or a divorce occurred due to infidelity or abandonment by your former spouse. In any case, these are painful circumstances that should not necessarily disqualify you from fulfilling God's call upon your life.

We welcome the opportunity to help you explore the possibilities of pursuing God's call. We will treat your application with the utmost respect and confidentiality. We will afford you the dignity of listening to your story and will serve you gladly in the process. If your situation qualifies for General Council Recognition, we will move forward to facilitate your credentialing process.