

## **RED FLAGS TO WATCH FOR WHEN CONSIDERING A PROSPECTIVE PASTOR**

1. Prospect not presently serving in a ministry position or there are gaps between positions.
2. Prospect has charismatic or independent leanings and a “Lone Ranger” approach to ministry.
3. Prospect has a history of financial problems.
4. Prospect has extreme views:
  - a. dictatorship
  - b. deacons
  - c. isolationism
  - d. Fundamentalism
5. Prospect seems overanxious
  - a. personal inquiries
  - b. pressure by friends
6. Prospect has unusual work habits
  - a. workaholic
  - b. lazy
7. Prospect is a loner
8. Prospect’s training is from non-accredited institutions.
9. Prospect’s wife is not supportive of his ministry.
10. Contemporary issues which may be divisive
  - a. Many paths to God
  - b. Doctrine of Predestination (Calvinism)
  - c. Open Theism
  - d. Worship Style
  - e. Bible Translations
  - f. Women in Ministry