



Final Year Integrative Advising Conversation Personal Statement

EMORY

**CANDLER
SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY**

The completed Personal Statement should be submitted to the faculty advisor together with the rest of the portfolio as described in the MDiv section of the *Candler Catalog and Handbook* and on the FYIAC Student Summary Form.

LAST NAME OF STUDENT

FIRST

EMORY ID#

Please complete all sections. To prepare writing these questions, review the autobiographical statement submitted as part of your application for admission (available from the Candler Registrar's Office), and reflect on your experiences and growth since writing it.

1a. After reviewing the courses that you have taken so far, list the experiences in your coursework at Candler (other than Contextual Education) that have been most significant in shaping your religious identity, spiritual formation, or vocational discernment.

1b. Pick one item from the list in 1a and explain its significance. (Write at least 100 words.)

2a. List the experiences in your work in Contextual Education (either at the site or in the classroom) that have been most significant in shaping your religious identity, spiritual formation, or vocational discernment.

2b. Pick one item from the list in 2a and explain its significance. (Write at least 100 words.)

3a. List the experiences at Candler not related to coursework or Con Ed that have been most significant in shaping your religious identity and spiritual formation, including but not limited to corporate worship at Candler; spiritual life opportunities offered through the Office of Student Programming; activities related to certificate programs; activities sponsored by the university Office of Spiritual and Religious Life.

3b. Pick one item from the list in 3a and explain its significance. (Write at least 100 words.)

4. Discuss the most substantive ways in which your understanding of Christian theology has developed during your time at Candler. (Write at least 100 words.)

5. Discuss the most substantive ways in which your understanding of the church and its ministry has developed during your time at Candler. (Write at least 100 words.)

6. Discuss the most substantive ways in which your religious identity and spiritual life have developed during your time at Candler. (Write at least 100 words.)

7. Discuss your process of vocational discernment while at Candler, including clarification regarding the nature and setting of your ministry, as well as your current vocational plans. (Write at least 100 words.)

8. Discuss the plans you have made for post-MDiv habits of life-long learning, e.g., informal or formal continuing education. (Write at least 100 words.)