

*Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Archives*  
*Oral History Project*

## **Sample Interview Questions**

Here are some suggested questions to use in your interview. Depending on whom you are interviewing and the topic of your particular project, you will need to prepare some other, more specific questions. Notice that most of them are open-ended questions that invite the narrator to talk.

1. Tell me about your personal background, where were you born, your family background and so forth.
2. What was your occupation?
3. How did you become a believer?
4. How did you get connected with Pentecostalism?
5. How did you receive the Pentecostal experience?
6. Tell me about what it was like in your church in the early days. What were the services like, the preaching, the ministries of the church and so forth?
7. What sorts of things did the preacher talk about in his sermons?
8. What methods of evangelism were used?
9. Do you recall any outstanding miracles?
10. What were the expectations placed upon believers regarding living a holy life?
11. What aspect of church life was the greatest blessing to you personally?
12. Were there any problems that came up in the church? How were they dealt with?
13. Did you have any ministry involvement? Tell me about it.
14. What was the most important spiritual milestone in your life?
15. What was the greatest challenge you faced and overcame with God's help?

For Credential Holders:

1. Start with numbers 1-6 above.
2. How did you receive your call to ministry?
3. What training were you able to get for ministry?
4. How well did it prepare you for your ministry?
5. How did you find your first place of ministry?
6. What lessons did God teach you there that you did not learn in Bible School?
7. Describe a typical week's activities.
8. What struggles did you experience?
9. How well did you survive financially?
10. What was your spouse's involvement in your ministry?
11. Did you participate in any revivals, new church plants, church splits, or doctrinal controversies? Tell me about it.