

Module B, Verbatim/Case Study Process

You are required to submit two verbatim/case study documents. You may intermix verbatim and case study notes to best capture the situation.

The **first** verbatim/case study should be one that warms your heart and gives you a sense of great Christian Service. The **second** should be one that leaves you wishing you could have done things differently. The interview team will refrain from criticism; rather, the team will look for ways to affirm your self-awareness.

Please follow the following guidelines.

- I. Give a brief sketch of the circumstances such as time, place, purpose of the encounter, who are present, what previous contact/knowledge you have of the situation. You may use “fake” names for privacy purposes.
- II. If you choose **verbatim**, record your conversation as fully as you can in dialogue form. You may use summary at times, but the bulk is to be dialogue. If you choose **case study**, give a narrative of important exchanges and responses for those involved. Be descriptive enough so the team can feel present in the room with you. Indicate why you chose either verbatim or case study.
- III. Supply a reflection using the following discussion points:
 - A. How was I present as a child of God, honoring my baptismal covenant? What feelings did I experience? What experiences of thinking and emoting were difficult for me as a child of God?
 - B. How was I present as a “set apart” or ordained individual? How did my language and body language enter the situation? What did I do/say that was helpful? What practice of ministry was dominant? Could I have done anything differently? What? How?
 - C. What was God wanting to do in this situation? What circumstances present were thwarting God’s ultimate will for this person/situation?
 - D. How have you connected this needy situation with people in the congregation so they can minister? What has been their response?
- IV. Why is this verbatim/case study the one I am proud of? Or the one I would have done very differently? Explain your response.