Practical Theological Reflection Questions
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Descriptive Movement: What is happening?
1. The Contextual Question:
What was the context of this issue or event?

2. The Reflexive Question:
What baggage am I bringing to this issue or event?

3. The Perspective Question:
How would others see this issue or event?

Interpretive Movement: Why is it happening?
4. The Social Science Question:
What wisdom from social science can help explain what is going on?

5. The Elder Question:
What wisdom from elders can help explain what is going on?

Normative Movement: What ought to be going on?
6. The Theology Question:
How can theology inform what ought to be happening?

7. The Tradition/History Question:
How can church tradition/history inform what ought to be happening?

8. The Exemplar Question:
How do exemplars inform what ought to be happening?

Correlative Movement: Where is the common ground?
9. The Affirmative Question:
How do the movements affirm one another?

10. The Challenge Question:
How do the movements challenge one another?

11. The Synergy Question:
How do the movements build on one another?

Pragmatic Movement: How might we respond?
12. The Orthopraxy Question: What is orthopraxy relating to this ministry issue or event?

13. The Action Steps Question: What are two specific action steps that can be taken towards orthopraxy?

14. The Ethical Question:
What is professional, safe and ethical practice related to this issue or event?
15. The Formation Question:
How have I been formed into the image of Christ through this exercise in Practical Theology?