

**Transylvania Presbytery  
Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program**

**Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone: Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Church) (City/State)

**Describe Your Activities in the Life and Mission of the Church:**

(List churches to which you have belonged; dates of active membership; church activities you participated in; positions of responsibility you have held, etc. Use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.)

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**Describe Your Service and Experience as an Ordained Elder:**

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**Describe Your Community Activities:**

(List organizations to which you have belonged; dates of active membership; activities you participated in; positions of responsibility you have held, etc. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

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**Employment:**

(List all significant jobs you have held; dates of active employment; job or duty, and specifically, positions of responsibility you have held, etc. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

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**Educational Background:**

School & Location

Year Graduated:

Diploma/Degree:

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**Family Situation:**

(This information will help the Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee in program planning.)

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

**Limitations:**

(What factors may place limits on your ability to receive training, and to serve as a Commissioned Lay Pastor? Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

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**References:**

List the name, address, telephone and occupation of five people (no relatives) who have known you for at least five years. One of these references should be a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Name:	Address:	Telephone:	Occupation:
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**Statement:**

Please read the description of the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program enclosed with this application, and attach to this form, your statement on the subject:

**“Why I would like to be involved in the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program.”**

In your statement, please describe which phases of service as a Commissioned Lay Pastor you believe will be most difficult for you and which will be easiest for you. Also, please describe your most meaningful religious experience and why it was most meaningful to you.

**NOTE:** You should take this completed form, together with your “Statement” (attached to this form) to your minister; or, if your church is without a minister, to the minister appointed by the Presbytery to moderate your church’s session. The minister will talk with you about your interest in the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program. The minister will then forward your application form and statement, to the Presbytery’s Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee.

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE SESSION

As the Session considers recommending a person to be enrolled in the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program, the following are among the criteria that should be considered:

- Is the person a committed Christian?
- Is the person an active and effective member of the Congregation?
- Does the person relate helpfully and positively to others?
- Is the person loyal to and enthusiastic about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
- Does the person have strong leadership qualities?
- Does the person have good communication skills?

Also, in considering your recommendation, are the Session and the Congregation willing to affirm and support this person in ministry?

### RECOMMENDATION

The Session of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church)

in \_\_\_\_\_, Kentucky has met with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(city) (name)

and after due deliberation recommends this person for the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program and pledges its affirmation and support as this person embarks upon and continues in this ministry.

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(date) Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Moderator or Clerk of Session)