

APPLICATION TO BE ENROLLED BY PRESBYTERY AS A CANDIDATE

PRESBYTERY _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE/MAIDEN)

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ / _____ / _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: _____
(STREET OR PO BOX)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

CELL #: _____ FAX#: _____ E-MAIL: _____

GENDER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ ETHNIC ORIGIN: _____

CHURCH OF MEMBERSHIP: _____
(NAME OF CHURCH)

(ADDRESS) (CITY/STATE) (ZIP CODE)

DATE ENROLLED AS AN INQUIRER: _____

IN WHAT CHURCH OCCUPATION ARE YOU INTERESTED AT THIS TIME? *(e.g., PASTOR, YOUTH MINISTER, MISSION WORKER, ETC.)* _____

PRESENT SCHOOL: _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

FORMER/CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

INQUIRER'S STATEMENT

IF RECOMMENDED TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT, I PROMISE IN RELIANCE UPON THE GRACE OF GOD TO PARTICIPATE DILIGENTLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THE SESSION AND THE PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY IN MATTERS WHICH CONCERN MY PREPARATION.

INQUIRER'S SIGNATURE: _____
(DATE)

REFERENCES

PLEASE IDENTIFY THREE PERSONS WHO COULD SPEAK TO YOUR PROGRESS IN MINISTRY OVER THE PAST YEAR. REFERENCE COULD BE A PASTOR, ELDER, SEMINARY STAFF, OR MENTOR.

NAME: _____
(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE #: _____ CELL#: _____ FAX#: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____ E-MAIL : _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON: _____

NAME: _____
(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE#: _____ CELL#: _____ FAX#: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____ E-MAIL: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON: _____

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(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE#: _____ CELL#: _____ FAX#: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____ E-MAIL: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON: _____

SESSION EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION

BY THE END OF THE INQUIRY PHASE EACH INQUIRER SHALL DEMONSTRATE ADEQUATE PROMISE FOR MINISTRY BY PRESENTING:

- 1) A STATEMENT OF HIS OR HER UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION IN THE REFORMED TRADITION AND HOW IT RELATES TO HIS OR HER SENSE OF CALL;
- 2) A STATEMENT OF PERSONAL FAITH WHICH INCORPORATES AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE REFORMED TRADITION;
- 3) AN ANALYSIS OF AT LEAST ONE CONCEPT FROM THE PERSONAL FAITH STATEMENT REGARDING WHAT IT SUGGESTS ABOUT GOD, HUMANITY, AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIPS;
- 4) A STATEMENT OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PRESBYTERIAN, INDICATING HOW THAT AWARENESS GROWS OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF A PARTICULAR CHURCH;
- 5) A STATEMENT OF SELF-UNDERSTANDING WHICH REFLECTS THE INQUIRER'S PERSONAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND AND INCLUDES A CONCERN FOR MAINTAINING SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH;
- 6) A STATEMENT OF HIS OR HER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TASK MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT PERFORM, INCLUDING AN AWARENESS OF HIS OR HER SPECIFIC GIFTS FOR MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT AND OF AREAS IN WHICH GROWTH IS NEEDED. (G-14.0303g)

THE SESSION OF _____ MET WITH _____
(NAME OF CHURCH) (CITY, STATE OF CHURCH)

_____ ON _____ AND SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT:
(NAME OF INQUIRER) (DATE)

_____ ENDORSES
THE SESSION HIS/HER REQUEST TO BE ENROLLED BY PRESBYTERY AS A CANDIDATE.
 _____ DOES NOT ENDORSE

LIAISON

THE SESSION HAS APPOINTED (RE-APPOINTED) THE FOLLOWING ELDER TO ACT AS LIAISON WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WITH THE PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY, AND TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMITTEE AS THEY EXPLORE AND EVALUATE HIS OR HER PROGRESS. (G-14.0306b)

NAME: _____ PHONE#: _____
(FIRST) (LAST)

CELL#: _____ FAX#: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED FOR THE SESSION BY: _____
(NAME)

_____ (POSITION) _____ (PHONE #)

CELL#: _____ FAX#: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Session will copy and mail pages 27-29 to Presbytery CPM and Stated Clerk
REPORT OF ENROLLMENT AS A CANDIDATE BY PRESBYTERY

_____ WAS ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE BY
(NAME OF INQUIRER)

_____ ON _____
(NAME OF PRESBYTERY) (DATE)

SIGNATURE OF STATED CLERK: _____

Presbytery Stated Clerk will copy pages 26-28 and mail to: Office of Resourcing Committees on Preparation for Ministry, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 100 Witherspoon Street - Room M004, Louisville, KY 40202-1396 AND The Candidate

(This page to be detached and retained by applicant)

GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CANDIDATES

- 1) Continue active participation in the life and mission of the Church. (G-14.0303b,g {4}), (G-14.0306a (2))
- 2) Participate responsibly with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in the goal setting, evaluation and decision making processes related to preparation for the ministry as carried out in preliminary interview(s), annual consultations, and other occasions requested by the committee. (G-14.0309)
- 3) Give diligent attention to educational and developmental tasks involved in preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament as prescribed by the Constitution, and to such additional requirements as are determined in consultation with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. (G-14.0303), (G-14.0304), (G-14.0305), (G-14.0310)
- 4) Fulfill the schedules and time requirements prescribed by the Constitution and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. (G-14.0303), (G-14.0313c), (G-14.0401)
- 5) Take initiative in maintaining regular and open communication with the Committee regarding experiences, progress in preparation for ministry, and other issues pertaining to educational, spiritual, and personal development.
- 6) Respond promptly and responsibly to all communications, correspondence, requests for reports and information by the Committee, including pre-interview annual consultation reports, together with transcripts and signed field education/internship evaluations.
- 7) Participate responsibly in annual consultations. (G-14.0309)
- 8) Attend to constitutionally prescribed procedures for transferring to another presbytery, if such transfer is anticipated. (G-14.0311)
- 9) Participate in a final assessment regarding readiness to be examined for ordination.
- 10) Secure permission of CPM to submit the Personal Information Form to the Church Leadership Connection for circulation before entering negotiations with churches for ministerial service. (G-14.0309d)
- 11) Participate responsibly in the call and examination for ordination process as prescribed by the Constitution. (G-14.0314), (G-14.0401), (G-14.0402)

congregation. (G-14.0305h)

- 13) Providing continued support and pastoral care to the Candidate and his/her family, maintaining the liaison relationship with both the Candidate and the Presbytery committee and considering the provision of financial support for the Candidate. (G-14.0306b)
- 14) Receiving and reviewing reports of each annual consultation. (G-14.0309b)
- 15) Removing the Candidate's name from the church roll when notice is received of his/her ordination.

Note: *It is important to remember that the Session acts as an advocate for both Inquirers and Candidates and, through its moderator and Presbytery commissioner(s), can call the Presbytery's Committee of Preparation for Ministry to accountability in fulfilling its responsibilities.*