



Application to become trained as a Commissioned Pastor

Date _____

Name of applicant: _____
(family) (first) (middle)

Current address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Main phone: _____ *(h/o/m)* Alt phone: _____ *(h/o/m)*

Email: _____

Permanent address: _____
(if same, write same) (street) (city) (state) (zip)

Gender: _____ Date of birth: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____

Current church membership: _____
(name of church)

Address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Date received as a member: _____ Number of members: _____

Present or most recent school attended: _____

Location: _____

Applicant's Statement

I hereby apply to _____ to become trained as a Commissioned Pastor.
(presbytery name)

_____ I certify no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained or is pending against me.

_____ I am unable to make the above certification, I offer instead on the attachment a description of the complaint and/or outcome of the situation with explanatory comments.

I certify that the above statement and other information in this application are true and correct.

Applicant's signature:

Date:

Family Situation

Current marital status: _____ Ages of children in the home: _____

Church Background

Year of baptism: _____ Year of your confirmation/profession of faith: _____

Most recent church affiliations (including up to three):

Dates of participation:

A CP is a ruling elder of a Presbyterian Church.

What is the date of your ordination as a ruling elder in the PC(USA)?

Date:

Have you been ordained as a deacon in the PC(U.S.A.)?

Date:

Have you been ordained in another denomination?

Date:

If so, name of denomination:

Office:

List up to five areas of involvement in the life and mission of the church, either as a participant or leader that are most significant in your sense of call to the role of Commissioned Pastor. Mark current involvements with an asterisk.

Area of involvement:	Role:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Academic Information

List the academic institutions you have attended, beginning with college, and supply the information requested in each column. If you are currently pursuing an educational program, indicate your academic classification in the final column.

Institution	Dates attended	Program/major	GPA	Diploma
_____	_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____	

Briefly describe your academic interests/gifts by completing the following table:

	Subject in which you did your best academic work:	Subjects in which you did less well:
College:	_____	_____
Graduate School:	_____	_____
Professional School:	_____	_____
Other training:	_____	_____

On the space provided, list your academic honors, awards, special recognitions, sports, organizations and extracurricular activities that have been most meaningful:

Occupational History

Beginning with your current or most recent position, list all full time or part time jobs in which you have been employed. Include the five most recent, up to the past 20 years. Place a PT beside the part time jobs.

References

References should include at least two of the following: someone from your church; a former employer; a peer; or a former professor or school administrator.

Name: _____
(title) (family) (first) (middle)

Current address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Main phone: _____ Alt phone: _____
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)

Email: _____

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? _____

Name: _____
(title) (family) (first) (middle)

Current address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Main phone: _____ Alt phone: _____
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)

Email: _____

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? _____

Name: _____
(title) (family) (first) (middle)

Current address: _____
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Main phone: _____ Alt phone: _____
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)

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How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? _____

SESSION RECOMMENDATION

The session of _____

met with _____
(Name of Church) (CITY) (ST)

_____ on _____ and submits the following report:
(NAME OF CP APPLICANT) (Date)

The session endorses ___ does not endorse ___ this applicant's request to be enrolled as a commissioned pastor.

PLEASE NOTE: An endorsement from the session in your home church is required in order to be admitted to the Commissioned Pastor program in Grace Presbytery.

This report was prepared for the session by:

(Name) (Position)

main phone #: _____
(h/o/m)

alt. phone #: _____
(h/o/m)

e-mail: _____

Signature of moderator/clerk of session: _____

Date of session action: _____

Questions for Reflection

1. What do you understand the role of a Commissioned Pastor to be?
2. What gifts and experiences do you have that you believe qualify you for the role of Commissioned Pastor?
3. How have you discerned a call to serve as a Commissioned Pastor?

7. Describe your leadership style and give an example of a time when you felt your leadership led to positive change.

8. What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?

9. What does it mean to you to be Presbyterian?

Credit/Criminal Background Check Personal Release

As part of the interviewing process and prior to a face-to-face visit, a credit and criminal background check is performed by Grace Presbytery. Please sign and complete this release of information. Thank you.

Full name, as well as any aliases

Any former last names

Date of Birth [DOB]

Social Security Number [SSN]

Preferred email address

Addresses for the past five years:

I grant permission for this background check to be performed [please sign]

You may return this form by mail to: Tammy Stepka
Grace Presbytery
6100 Colwell Blvd. Ste. 100
Irving, TX 75019

By email scan to: Tammy@gracepresbytery.org
By secure fax to: 214-637-6324

Please check if you would like a copy sent by Certified Mail. [Return Receipt Requested]. This release form will be held in a secure locked file in the offices of Grace Presbytery.