

Date: _____

TO: The Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

FROM: The Session of _____ Presbyterian Church of
_____, Indiana

RE: Approval of Presbyterian Elder as a Seeker in the Lay Pastor Program

This Session has discussed with Elder _____ about his/her seeking to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) at its meeting on _____. This Session endorses and will support Elder _____ as he/she moves through the training process toward commissioning as a Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Clerk of Session: _____ (signature)

Moderator of Session: _____ (signature)

THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO VALLEY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

LAY PASTOR ACADEMY APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ WORK: _____

E-MAIL: _____

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO PROVIDE THE SESSION AND THE LAY PASTOR COMMITTEE WITH INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP THEM GET TO KNOW YOU. IT WILL BE USED AS A BASIS FOR OUR DISCUSSION TOGETHER.

BECAUSE THERE IS A GREAT VARIETY IN AGE AND EXPERIENCE OF PERSONS APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM, THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS PURPOSELY BROAD IN SCOPE. PLEASE BE AS COMPLETE AS YOU CAN IN YOUR ANSWERS AND FEEL FREE TO ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US. WE WANT TO HAVE THE FAIREST AND MOST COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF YOU POSSIBLE. DO NOT FEEL CONSTRAINED BY THE SPACE PROVIDED OR QUESTIONS ASKED.

PLEASE BE AS ACCURATE AND CANDID AS YOU CAN.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE RETURN A COPY TO YOUR PASTOR, YOUR CLERK OF SESSION, AND TO EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR COMMITTEE.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

PLEASE LIST THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS YOU HAVE ATTENDED, BEGINNING WITH HIGH SCHOOL, AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION FOR EACH COLUMN. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY PURSUING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, INDICATE YOUR ACADEMIC CLASSIFICATION.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECTS?

WHAT ARE YOUR LEAST FAVORITE SUBJECTS?

PLEASE LIST ANY ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION, ORGANIZATIONS, SPORTS, AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. ASTERISK (*) THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN MOST MEANINGFUL.

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY

LIST ALL THE FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME JOBS OR OCCUPATIONS IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, AND PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE APPROPRIATE COLUMNS. INDICATE PART-TIME BY PUTTING A PT NEXT TO THE JOB TITLE. FEEL FREE TO GO BACK MORE THAN TEN YEARS FOR ANY OCCUPATIONS THAT WERE PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL FOR YOU.

OCCUPATION	LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT	ASPECTS YOU ENJOYED MOST	ASPECTS YOU ENJOYED LEAST
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CHURCH INFORMATION

DATE OF YOUR BAPTISM: _____

DATE OF YOUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: _____

ARE YOU AN ORDAINED DEACON? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES, WHERE _____ WHEN _____

ARE YOU AN ORDAINED ELDER? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES, WHERE _____ WHEN _____

LIST THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CHURCH WHERE YOU ARE PRESENTLY A MEMBER AND THE DATE YOU JOINED. LIST THE NAMES OF ANY OTHER CHURCHES WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER AND THE DATES OF MEMBERSHIP IN EACH.

CURRENT CHURCH _____ DATE JOINED: _____

OTHER CHURCHES: _____ DATES OF MEMBERSHIP: _____

LIST YOUR AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PRESBYTERY, BOTH AS A PARTICIPANT AND AS A LEADER. INDICATE CURRENT AREAS WITH AN ASTERISK (*).

AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT: PARTICIPANT: LEADER:

LIST ANY EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE HAD IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AS A LITURGIST AND/OR PREACHER.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LIST VOLUNTARY SERVICES, CIVIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR HAVE BEEN A MEMBER AND INDICATE YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ROLE.

LIST ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED FOR BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP, ETC.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

PLEASE REFLECT ON AND RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER.

1. DESCRIBE BRIEFLY THE MORE IMPORTANT EVENTS, EXPERIENCES, AND PERSONS THAT HAVE PROMPTED YOU TO EXPLORE YOUR DESIRE OR CALL TO BECOME A COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR.
2. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH?
3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE A CHRISTIAN?
4. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN?