

**Application for Candidacy  
Ruling Elder Commissioned to Pastoral Service  
Presbytery of Cincinnati**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Membership Information**

Name of current congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Date ordained as a ruling elder \_\_\_\_\_

Date first received into the PC(USA) \_\_\_\_\_

Date received into current congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you held membership in other congregations or denominations? Please list names and dates of membership:

List your service to the congregation/session, presbytery, synod and General Assembly.

**Educational Information**

Please provide the following information:

College Graduate: BA/BS\_\_\_\_\_ Institution Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation:\_\_\_\_\_

Masters Degree\_\_\_\_\_ Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation:\_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience**

Employer	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
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**Supplemental Questions**

Please write brief answers to the following questions and attach them to the application.

- 1) Tell us about your sense of call.
- 2) What life experiences have you had that will assist you in this ministry?
- 3) What aspects of church life do you enjoy most?
- 4) What aspects of church life do you find most frustrating?
- 5) What gifts do you bring to the tasks of ministry?
- 6) Tell us what it means to you to be a Presbyterian.
- 7) In what areas of your life do you hope to grow during this process?

**References**

Please provide name, address, telephone number and email of each person.

1) Pastor:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) A congregation member: \_\_\_\_\_

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3) A personal reference (friend, co-worker, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attestations**

If accepted, I understand I will be undertaking a commitment of both academic and practical learning. I am also willing to commit myself to continuing education after completing the program. I am committing to the process outlined by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Endorsement by Session of Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk of the Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Endorsement by Committee on Preparation for Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Moderator of Committee on Preparation:

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