

Application for the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program Presbytery of Prospect Hill

Please respond to the questions on a separate piece of paper using computer or typewriter

1. Name
2. Mailing Address Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone Email address
3. Member of what church (name and city) What year you joined this church
4. What year were you ordained as an Elder? _____ (ALL ALPS NEED TO BE ELDERS)
5. Are you a deacon _____NO _____ YES Year Ordained? _____
6. Describe your present activities in the life and mission of the church.
7. Present employment (title and nature of work)
8. Education Background (at least a two years of college is considered the norm, credit may be offered for life experience.)
 School and Location Graduation Year Degree Major/Minor
9. Limits: What factors may place limits on your ability to receive training, and to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor (such as physical disability, family situation, employment status, etc.?)

Part 2

Applicant's Statement

1. Why are you interested in this program? What motivates you to apply?
2. State the essential elements of your personal faith.
3. What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?
4. What gifts and skills do you bring to this program?
5. What help do you think you need to prepare to become a trained commissioned lay pastor in this Presbytery?
6. In what areas of your life do you want/need to grow?

Take your completed form and your responses to the above mentioned questions to your pastor, or, if your church is without a pastor, to the minister to whom Presbytery has appointed to moderate your church's session. The minister will talk with you about your interest in the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program. Your minister will forward your application form and statements, along with the reference form that he or she will complete, to the Director of the Lay Academy and Presbytery CPM Moderator.

Part 3

Request two non-family members to submit to Presbytery a recommendation for you. Request they forward the recommendation to the Director of the Lay Academy and CPM Moderator.

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Part 4

Session Recommendation

We, the session of the Presbyterian Church of _____(name and city) have examined and approved this applicant for the Lay Pastor Program of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill.

Clerk of Session’s signature:_____Date:_____

Signature of Applicant

I hereby apply for admission to the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill. I understand that successful completion of the program is a requirement for future commissioning as a Lay Pastor by the Presbytery of Prospect Hill.

Applicant’s signature:_____Date:_____

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Pastor's Statement

Please respond to the questions on a separate piece of paper using computer or typewriter.

(To be completed by the applicant's pastor, or by presbytery-appointed moderator of session if applicant's church is without a pastor.)

Please furnish your comments pertaining to the areas listed below. Your responses will be confidential and will be used only by the Presbytery in considering this person's application for enrollment in the Commissioned Lay Pastor training program. Please forward your responses to the Director of the Lay Academy and CPM Moderator.

1. Christian commitment and maturity.
2. Leadership ability.
3. Openness to ideas and to learning.
4. Your assessment of this person's suitability to serve in this way.
5. Other comments you wish to add.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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