

**APPLICATION TO BE ENROLLED BY PRESBYTERY AS A CANDIDATE**

PRESBYTERY \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FAMILY) (FIRST) (MIDDLE/NATAL)

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (ST) (ZIP)

MAIN PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ ALT. PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(H/O/M) (H/O/M)

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF SAME, WRITE IN "SAME") (STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (ST) (ZIP)

GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ ETHNIC ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH OF MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CHURCH)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (ST) (ZIP)

DATE ENROLLED AS AN INQUIRER: \_\_\_\_\_

IN WHAT CHURCH OCCUPATION ARE YOU INTERESTED AT THIS TIME? (e.g., PASTOR, YOUTH MINISTER,  
MISSION WORKER, CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (ST)

FORMER/CURRENT OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**INQUIRER'S STATEMENT**

I HEREBY APPLY TO BE ENROLLED BY THIS PRESBYTERY AS A CANDIDATE.

\_\_\_\_ 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.

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 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) (FAMILY)  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (ST) (ZIP)  
**MAIN PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ALT. PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(H/O/M) (H/O/M)  
**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(TITLE) (FIRST) (FAMILY)  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(H/O/M) (H/O/M)  
**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 MINISTRIES 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. (ADVISORY HANDBOOK, PP. 8-9)

THE SESSION OF \_\_\_\_\_ MET WITH \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF CHURCH) (CITY) (ST)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ON \_\_\_\_\_ AND SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT:  
(NAME OF INQUIRER) (DATE)

THE SESSION ENDORSES \_\_\_\_\_ /DOES NOT ENDORSE \_\_\_\_\_ THIS INQUIRER'S REQUEST TO BE ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE.

**LIAISON**

THE SESSION HAS (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-14.0413)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (FAMILY)

MAIN PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ ALT. PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(H/O/M) (H/O/M)

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED FOR THE SESSION BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME) (POSITION)

MAIN PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ ALT. PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(H/O/M) (H/O/M)

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Session will copy & mail all pages of Form 5A to the Presbytery's CPM and Stated Clerk**

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT AS A CANDIDATE BY PRESBYTERY

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF INQUIRER) WAS ENROLLED AS A CANDIDATE BY

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF PRESBYTERY) ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

SIGNATURE OF STATED CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

*Presbytery Stated Clerk will copy all pages of this Form 5A and mail to: Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 100 Witherspoon Street – Room 4429, Louisville, KY 40202-1396 AND to the Candidate*