

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR/ AUTHORIZED PREACHER TRAINING PROGRAM
PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant _____

Your Name _____ Phone _____ / _____

Your Address _____ City/Zip _____

Your Relationship to Applicant:

Family Member Friend Colleague Teacher/Professor Member of Church Other

Please answer the following questions. The back of this sheet or another piece of paper may be used as needed.

1. What are the greatest strengths of the applicant?

2. Please describe specific ways in which the applicant demonstrates capacity for leadership.

3. Service as a Commissioned Lay Pastor/ Authorized Preacher requires maturity of character, self-discipline, emotional stability, reliability, and commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Please comment upon the applicant's attributes in these areas.

4. Everyone has ways in which they need to grow personally and professionally. Please comment on the applicant's growth areas.

5. Service as a Commissioned Lay Pastor/ Authorized Preacher often involves preaching 2 Services of Worship on Sunday mornings, with travel over country roads. Are there any factors which would affect the applicant's ability to fulfill these requirements?

6. The following personal and professional characteristics are important for Commissioned Lay Pastors/ Authorized Preachers. Please check all those which you believe apply to the applicant.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to speak publicly, with a clear voice and in good English		
<input type="checkbox"/> A demonstrated basic knowledge of the content of Scripture		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Compassion
<input type="checkbox"/> Skills in personal relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Well-developed listening skills	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to relate to various age groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Able to keep confidentiality	

7. Describe any reservations you might have in endorsing this candidate. (Note: reservations do *not* disqualify an individual or indicate they are unsuitable for service. We must, however, rely upon your honest and candid evaluation.)

Signature _____

Date _____