

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR/ AUTHORIZED PREACHER
SESSION ENDORSEMENT FORM

Primary attention should be given at this time to evaluating the applicant's natural gifts, quality of commitment, strength of motivation, and potential for growth. Each of these issues should be pursued at greater depth on a continuing basis. The Session should note the Committee on Preparation for Ministry must rely upon the Session, the Moderator, and the Applicant to exercise good judgment in discerning whether this individual seems to be called by God to consider service as an Authorized Preacher or Commissioned Lay Pastor.

Name of Applicant

Please respond candidly to the following questions. You may use the back of this sheet or additional paper.

1. What personal qualities are evidence of a vital faith in God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit?

2. How is that faith currently being expressed through the individual's participation in the worship, ministry and mission of this congregation?

3. What evidence do you see of a sense of call?

4. What actual and potential talents for ministry as a Authorized Preacher/Commissioned Lay Pastor are evident in this individual?

5. Describe a few situations in the life of your church in which the applicant has demonstrated leadership capacity.

6. How would you rate the applicant's physical health/stamina, emotional well-being, and maturity?

7. Service as an Authorized Preacher/CLP requires great maturity of character, self-discipline, reliability, and commitment to the polity of the PC(USA). Please comment upon the applicant's attributes in these areas.

8. Describe the applicant's capacities for effective public speaking and demonstration of pastoral care.

9. The following qualities are especially important in Authorized Preachers/CLPs. Please check all which you think are demonstrated by this applicant in the life of your church:

Ability to speak publicly, with a clear voice and in good English

A demonstrated basic knowledge of the content of Scripture

Reliability

Leader in the church

Compassion

Skills in personal relationships

Well-developed listening skills

Ability to relate to various age groups

Able to keep confidentiality

10. Describe any reservations the Session might have in endorsing this candidate. (Note: a reservation does *not* disqualify an individual or indicate they are unsuitable for service. The CPM, however, must rely upon your honest and candid evaluation.)

Check one:

The Session of the _____ Church

DOES endorse this application for admission to the Authorized Preacher/CLP Training Program.

DOES *NOT* endorse this application for admission to the Authorized Preacher/CLP Training Program.

DOES endorse, WITH RESERVATIONS, this application for admission to the Authorized Preacher/CLP Training Program (List specific qualifications here).

Signature of Clerk of Session _____ Date _____

Signature of Moderator of Session _____ Date _____