

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR/AUTHORIZED PREACHER TRAINING PROGRAM
TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone (If you can receive calls) _____

Occupation/Place of Employment _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Formal Education: List academic institutions attended and degrees obtained, beginning with High School

School/Location	Years Attended/Degree Date	Diploma or Degree	Area of Study or Major/Minor

CHURCH BACKGROUND

Year of Baptism _____ Year of Confirmation/Public Profession of Faith _____

Name of Church where you are an active member _____

Date you were received as active member in current local congregation _____

Are you an Elder No Yes -- Date of Ordination to Office _____

Are you a Deacon No Yes -- Date of Ordination to Office _____

Other churches where you have been a member _____

List below your areas of involvement in the life and mission of the church, both as a participant and as a leader.

Area of Involvement	✓ Here if currently involved	Participant	Leader

Please answer the following questions. Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

What informal learning experiences will help you in this program? (Travel, conferences, seminars, etc.)?

Why are you interested in this program? What motivates you to apply?

What aspects of your present church life do you enjoy the most?

What aspects are the most frustrating?

What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?

What gifts and skills do you bring to this program?

In what areas of your life would you like to grow?

What are your current spiritual practices and disciplines?

What are some of your interests/hobbies?

In what community or volunteer service have you been involved?

FAITH STATEMENT

Please attach a brief statement of your personal faith. Describe what you believe about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and your relationship to them. Include a brief summary of your understanding of the role of Scripture, the Church, and the Sacraments in your life. (Suggested length: one-half to one page -- single-spaced typed)

PASTOR/MODERATOR’S ENDORSEMENT

You should take your completed form and your faith statement to your pastor, or, if your church is without a pastor, to the moderator of your church’s Session. The minister will talk with you about your interest in the Authorized Preacher/Commissioned Lay Pastor program. Your minister will take your application to the Session, along with a reference which she or he will complete. No application may be considered without the pastor/moderator’s and the Session’s endorsement.

SESSION ENDORSEMENT

After you have met with the pastor/moderator, request a meeting with the Session of your particular church. They will review your application with you before filling out their endorsement form.

REFERENCES

In addition to the minister and the Session, please list 3 additional persons who know you well in a variety of relationships (e.g. another church member, a colleague at work, a teacher, a friend) who will serve as Individual References. Duplicate and pass along an Individual Reference Form to each, asking that the form be completed and mailed directly to the Presbytery Office by {date}. Please list below the persons who will be your Individual References.

Name	Address	City/State	Phone

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I am applying for admission to the Authorized Preacher/Commissioned Lay Pastor Program of the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas. If accepted, I hereby commit myself to participate fully in the scheduled activities and assignments to the best of my ability. I understand that successful completion of the Authorized Preacher phase of the training course is necessary before I may serve as an Authorized Preacher for the presbytery, or be considered for continuing in the Commissioned Lay Pastor portion of the Training Program.

Signature _____ Date _____

- _____ I am applying for Authorized Preacher only
- _____ If I successfully complete the Authorized Preacher Training Program, I anticipate continuing training as a Commissioned Lay Pastor
- _____ I want to start with the Authorized Preacher Program, and am not sure yet about whether I might wish to go on to Commissioned Lay Pastor Program