

APPLICATION TO BE ENROLLED BY PRESBYTERY AS AN INQUIRER

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ / _____ / _____ (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)
FORMER/CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #:(_____)
(STREET OR PO BOX)

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #:(_____)
(IF SAME, WRITE IN "SAME") (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)
(STREET OR PO BOX)

GENDER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ ETHNIC ORIGIN: _____
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

CHURCH OF MEMBERSHIP: _____
(NAME OF CHURCH) (CITY AND STATE OF CHURCH)

DATE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP: _____ APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED TO A PRESBYTERY TO BE ENROLLED AS AN INQUIRER OR CANDIDATE?

_____ NO
_____ YES IF YES, WAS ENROLLED AS _____
(INQUIRER OR CANDIDATE)
IN _____ PRESBYTERY FROM _____ TO _____

IN WHAT CHURCH OCCUPATION IS APPLICANT INTERESTED AT THIS TIME? (e.g., PASTOR, YOUTH LEADER,
MISSION WORKER, ETC.) _____

PRESENT SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

EXPECTED YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I HEREBY APPLY TO BE ENROLLED BY THIS PRESBYTERY AS AN INQUIRER FOR (CHECK ONE)

_____ MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT
_____ OTHER _____
(SPECIFY)

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 EXPLORING MY VOCATION.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

CPM EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION

THE CPM OF _____ PRESBYTERY OF _____
(City) (STATE)

MET WITH _____ ON _____
(NAME OF APPLICANT) (DATE)

AND SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

THE CPM _____ ENDORSES
_____ DOES NOT ENDORSE

THE APPLICANT TO BE ENROLLED BY THE PRESBYTERY
AS AN INQUIRER.

LIAISON

THE CPM HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ACT AS LIAISON WITH THE INQUIRER AND WITH THE PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY, AND TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE INQUIRER AND THE COMMITTEE AS THEY EXPLORE AND EVALUATE HIS OR HER PROGRESS. (G-14.0306b)

NAME: _____
(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: (_____) _____
(STREET OR PO BOX)

(City) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT AS AN INQUIRER BY PRESBYTERY

_____ WAS ENROLLED AS AN INQUIRER BY
(NAME OF APPLICANT)

_____ ON _____
(NAME OF PRESBYTERY) (DATE)

SIGNATURE OF STATED CLERK: _____

*Stated Clerk of presbytery will copy and mail pages 1-2 to:
Office of Resourcing Committees on Preparation for Ministry
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
100 Witherspoon Street - Room M041
Louisville, KY 40202-1396
and
Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry
and
the Inquirer
and
Clerk of Session of Inquirer's Church*

(This page to be detached and retained by Inquirer.)

GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INQUIRERS

- 1) Continuing active participation in the life and mission of the Church.
(G-14.0303b,g {4}), (G-14.0306a)
- 2) Participating responsibly with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in the goal setting, evaluation and decision making processes related to preparation for the ministry as carried out in preliminary interview(s), annual consultations, and other occasions requested by the committee.
(G-14.0309)
- 3) Giving diligent attention to educational and developmental tasks involved in preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament as prescribed by the Constitution, and to such additional requirements as are determined in consultation with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. (G-14.0303), (G-14.0304), (G-14.0305), (G-14.0310)
- 4) Fulfilling the schedules and time requirements prescribed by the Constitution and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. (G-14.0303), (G-14.0313c) (G-14.0401).
- 5) Taking initiative in maintaining regular and open communication with the Committee regarding experiences, progress in preparation for ministry, and other issues pertaining to educational, spiritual, and personal development.
- 6) Responding promptly and responsibly to all communications, correspondence, requests for reports and information by the Committee, including pre-interview annual consultation reports, together with transcripts, and signed field education/internship evaluations.
- 7) Participating responsibly in annual consultations. (G-14.0309)
- 8) Attending to constitutionally prescribed procedures for transferring to another presbytery, if such transfer is anticipated. (G-14.0311)
- 9) When appropriate, applying to become a Candidate through the session of one's church.(G-14.0305a)
- 10) Meeting with the session and present statements (G-14.0303g {1-6}) required at the conclusion of the Inquiry Phase.
- 11) Meeting with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry regarding application for Candidacy.
(G-14.0305d)

***GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY***

- 1) Providing for session orientation to the preparation for ministry process used in the presbytery. (G-14.0303c)
- 2) Supporting and guiding the Inquirer with understanding and sympathetic interest. (G-14.0306a(2))
- 3) Providing regular, open, candid, and sensitive communication and evaluation of Inquirer's progress in preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament, and expecting same from the Inquirer.
- 4) Providing specific written descriptions of requirements and time line for meeting Inquirer's responsibilities to this particular presbytery. (please attach a copy)
- 5) Giving guidance to the Inquirer regarding: course of study, familiarity with the Bible and with the confessions, practical training and plans for education including the choice of institutions, the Inquirer's financial needs, and service to the church. Giving guidance and instruction in the faith and polity of the church. (G-14.0308), (G-14.0306a)
- 6) Receiving from the Inquirer the annual written report concerning progress in studies and service to the church, including a report from the Inquirer's institution of learning. (G-14.0308)
- 7) Checking with the Inquirer in advance when scheduling annual consultations and other meetings with the committee, with appropriate consideration of the person's schedule and responsibilities and adequate lead time to effectively complete and return preliminary reports.
- 8) Conducting annual consultations and preparing jointly with the Inquirer a written report of each consultation, submitting copies to the individual, the sponsoring session, and to the theological institution (G-14.0309). Maintaining an accurate and appropriately comprehensive file of the Inquirer's records and information regarding progress in preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament.
- 9) Processing requests promptly for exceptions, transfers, and transfers of credentials as agreed to by the Committee and the Inquirer.
- 10) Meeting with the Inquirer, upon recommendation by the session, to review evidence indicating his/her readiness to proceed to Candidacy. This evidence includes: personal interview with the Inquirer; all consultation reports; and the Inquirer's demonstration of adequate promise for ministry according to the expected outcomes of Inquiry Phase as set for in G-14.0305b and G-14.0303g {1-6}.
- 11) Making a decision regarding whether to recommend to presbytery that the Inquirer proceed to Candidacy Phase. (G-14.0305c)



***COVENANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE
BETWEEN INQUIRER, CPM, AND SESSION; AND
INQUIRER RELEASE FORM***

After discussion of each of the Goals and Responsibilities of Inquirers, and each of the Goals and Responsibilities of the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the following Covenant Agreement and Release should be completed.

Copies of page 17 should be given to the Inquirer, the Session, Stated Clerk of presbytery and the original retained in the Inquirer's File Folder (Form 8).

COVENANT AGREEMENT AND INQUIRER RELEASE

I, _____ have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both Inquirers and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry with the Presbytery Committee. I do hereby wish to be enrolled in the preparation for ministry process of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereinafter "**Church**") with the understanding that I subject myself to the guidance, counsel and disciplines of the Church as represented by the Presbytery and its Committee on Preparation for Ministry. I fully agree and understand that the decision of the Presbytery Committee regarding my suitability and readiness for ministry may involve questions and/or inquiries that are both personal and private and I hereby release the Church and its committees, agents and representatives from any claims, causes, or actions, which may arise from said inquiries and answers received to such inquiries or any uses made of such answers. Further, I grant permission to the Presbytery Committee to contact any person listed by me as a reference or any other person not so listed to discuss my suitability and readiness.

I covenant with God, the Session, and the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, to rely upon the grace of God, to maintain a Christian character and conduct; to be diligent and faithful in pursuing my call and in preparing for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

By my signature, I hereby certify that this Covenant Agreement and Release is fully understood by me and I sign it understanding that I will be bound by its terms.

Signature of Inquirer: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry covenants to be a faithful and just partner with you in this relationship; to support, to guide, to nurture and to evaluate you with an understanding and sympathetic interest as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the Moderator,
Committee on Preparation for Ministry: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

The Session covenants to be a faithful partner with you in this relationship; to support, to care and to nurture you with love as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the
Moderator of Session: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

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All parties signing document
and
Stated Clerk of Presbytery***