

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Form 5A

## *Application to be Enrolled by Presbytery as a Candidate*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(family) (first) (middle/natal)

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (h/o/m) Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (h/o/m)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if same, write 'same') (street) (city) (state) (zip)

Current church membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of church)

Church address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Date enrolled as an inquirer: \_\_\_\_\_

In what church occupation are you interested in at this time? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. pastor, youth minister, mission worker, educator)

Present or most recent school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Inquirer's Statement*

I hereby apply to be enrolled by \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate.  
(presbytery name)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

I certify that the above statement and other information in this application are true and correct. If recommended to be a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, I promise in reliance upon the grace of God to participate diligently and wholeheartedly with the session and presbytery's committee/commission in matters which concern my preparation.

Inquirer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*References for Outcomes of Inquiry*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(title) (family) (first) (middle/natal)*

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(street) (city) (state) (zip)*

Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)* Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you worked with this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(title) (family) (first) (middle/natal)*

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(street) (city) (state) (zip)*

Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)* Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you worked with this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(title) (family) (first) (middle/natal)*

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(street) (city) (state) (zip)*

Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)* Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you worked with this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Review and prepare any specific materials your presbytery may require as “outcomes of inquiry,” and submit them along with this application.

If the presbytery requires a formal endorsement from the session for advancement to candidacy, have the clerk submit a Form 5B.

*Session Evaluation and Recommendation  
Regarding Enrollment as a Candidate*

The session of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of church)* *(city)* *(state)*

met with \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of applicant)* *(date)*

The session endorses \_\_\_\_\_ / does not endorse \_\_\_\_\_ this applicant's request to be enrolled as a candidate.

*Attach a letter explaining rationale for the session's action in light of the inquirer's  
"suitability for ordered ministry" (G-2.0603).*

*Liaison*

The session has appointed the following ruler elder to act as a liaison with this individual and with the presbytery's committee, and to participate with the individual and the presbytery as they explore and evaluate his or her progress.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(title)* *(family)* *(first)* *(middle/natal)*

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(street)* *(city)* *(state)* *(zip)*

Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)* Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This report was prepared for the session by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(title)* *(family)* *(first)* *(middle/natal)*

Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)* Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(h/o/m)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Report of Consultation Regarding Application to become a Candidate*

The committee/commission of \_\_\_\_\_ met with \_\_\_\_\_  
(presbytery)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of applicant) (date)  
 submits the following report.

The committee/commission recommends \_\_\_\_ /does not recommend \_\_\_\_ the applicant to be enrolled by the presbytery as a candidate.

*Liaison*

The presbytery’s committee has appointed the following person to act as a liaison with the candidate and with the committee and participate with the inquirer and the committee as they explore and evaluate his or her progress.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(title) (family) (first) (middle/natal)  
 Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
 Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Agreement on Further Growth Areas*

We have reviewed and jointly agree to the growth objectives for the next year, as reported below.

Signature of inquirer: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
 Signature of committee liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
 Signature of committee moderator: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Indicate the appropriate stage of theological education for which this report applies: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Growth Objectives*

A. In the area of education for ministry

B. In the area of spiritual development

C. In the area of interpersonal relations

D. In the area of personal growth

E. In the area of professional development

*Covenant Agreement and Candidate Release*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both candidates and the presbytery’s committee/commission on preparation for ministry. I do hereby wish to be enrolled in the preparation for ministry process of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereinafter “Church”) as a candidate with the understanding that I subject myself to the guidance, counsel and disciplines of the Church as represented by the presbytery and it’s committee/commission overseeing preparation for ministry. I fully agree and understand that the decision of the presbytery’s committee/commission regarding my fitness and readiness for ministry may involve questions and/or inquiries that are both personal and private and 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’s committee/commission to contact any person listed by me as a reference or any other person not listed to discuss my “fitness and readiness for a call to ministry requiring ordination” (G-2.0604).

I covenant with God, the session, and the presbytery to rely upon the grace of God; to maintain a Christian character and conduct; and 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 candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Signature of witness: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

The session covenants to be a faithful partner with you in this relationship, and to support, to care and to nurture you with love as you continue your preparation for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the moderator of the session: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Signature of witness: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

The presbytery covenants to be a faithful and just partner with you in this relationship, and to support, to guide, to nurture and to evaluate you with an understanding and sympathetic interest as you continue your preparation for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the moderator of the presbytery’s committee/commission: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Signature of witness: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

*Moderator of the presbytery’s committee/commission will copy and mail copies of this page to all parties signing document and the Stated Clerk of the presbytery.*