

LAY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

*Presbytery of Northern Waters, Attn: Lay Pastors and Their Work Committee
5203 East Second St., Superior, WI 54880*

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ email _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Church membership information:

Church name & location _____

Year joined _____

Are you an elder? Y N Year ordained _____

Are you a deacon? Y N Year ordained _____

Educational background :

School	Location	Year Graduated	Degree	Major/Minor
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please respond to the following questions; use the back or additional sheets if necessary.

List your service to the local church and other governing bodies.

Why are you interested in entering the Commissioned Lay Leadership Program?

What informal learning experiences have you had which will assist you in effectively using this program in the church?

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

What aspects of your present church life are the most frustrating?

What gifts and talents do you have which will contribute to your ministry?

What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?

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

Please attach to this application a 300-600 word story of your faith journey. It should include how your faith has influenced your life, what gifts and talents you bring into this training program and how you see yourself as being called to participate in this program.

References:

You will need to have three references from persons who know you well in a variety of relationships (for example, another church member, a colleague at work or school, and a person such as a teacher or friend). You will also need a recommendation from your pastor and one from your session (they are attached).

	Name	Address	City, State, Zip
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I hereby apply for admission to the Lay Leadership Program of the Presbytery of Northern Waters. If accepted, I commit myself to participate fully in the scheduled activities and assignments to the best of my ability. I understand that successful completion of this training course (which may lead to being certified as a lay pastor) is necessary before I can be considered for commissioning as a Lay Pastor in the Presbytery of Northern Waters. I also understand that acceptance into this program does not guarantee certification, and that certification does not guarantee commissioning.

Signature _____ Date _____

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SESSION RECOMMENDATION

We, the Session of _____ Presbyterian Church of
_____ certify that the above-named person is a
member in good standing. Further, we have examined her/him and we endorse him/her for
enrollment in the Lay Leadership Program.

Please add any additional comments you wish to make concerning this person:

Clerk of Session

Date of Session action

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PASTOR ENDORSEMENT FORM

*(To be completed by the applicant's pastor,
or by the Presbytery-appointed Moderator of Session if the applicant's church is without a pastor)*

Please provide your comments, concerning your knowledge of the above-named person in the following areas. Be specific and provide examples when possible; if necessary, attach additional pages or use the back of this page. Your responses will be confidential and will be used only by the Presbytery's Committee as it considers this person for enrollment in the Lay Leadership training program.

Christian commitment and maturity:

Leadership ability:

Openness to ideas and learning:

Your assessment of this person's suitability to serve in this way:

Other comments you wish to add:

Pastor/Moderator _____ Date _____

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