

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

Form 1A

## *Application to be Enrolled by Presbytery as an Inquirer*

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

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

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

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

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

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Date received as a member: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to a presbytery to be enrolled as an inquirer or candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, was enrolled as: \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ presbytery

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Applicant's Statement*

I hereby apply to be enrolled by \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery as an inquirer.  
(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. I promise to participate diligently and wholeheartedly with the session and the presbytery in exploring my vocation.

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

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### *Family Situation*

Current marital status: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of any children in the home: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you and your household members open to the possibility of relocation in conjunction with theological studies and/or accepting a ministry position? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are limited in your ability to relocate, please describe on the following lines:

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### *Church Background*

Year of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of your confirmation/profession of faith: \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent church affiliations (include up to three):

Dates of participation:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you been ordained as a ruling elder in the PC(U.S.A.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you been ordained as a deacon in the PC(U.S.A.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you been ordained in another denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If so, name of denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

List up to five areas of involvement in the life and mission of the church, either as a participant or leader, that are most significant in your sense of call to the role of teaching elder. Mark current involvements with an asterisk.

Area of involvement:

Role:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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### *Academic Information*

List the academic institutions you have attended, beginning with college, and supply the information requested in each column. If you are currently pursuing an educational program, indicate your academic classification in the final column.

Institution	Dates attended	Program/major	GPA	Diploma/degree
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Briefly describe your academic interests/gifts by completing the following table:

	Subjects in which you did your best academic work:	Subjects in which you did less well:
College:	_____	_____
Graduate school:	_____	_____
Professional school:	_____	_____
Other training:	_____	_____

Have you ever had an individualized educational program (IEP)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what accommodations did the IEP include?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

On the space provided, list your academic honors, awards, special recognitions, sports, organizations and extracurricular activities that have been most meaningful:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### *Occupational History*

Beginning with your current or most recent position, list all full time or part time jobs in which you have been employed. Include the five most, recent up to the past 20 years. Place a PT beside the title of part time jobs.

Job title	Dates	What did you enjoy most?	What did you enjoy least?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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## References

References should include at least two of the following: someone from your church; a former employer; a peer; or a former professor or school administrator.

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

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

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

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

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## *Questions for Reflection*

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

Reflect on the following questions and then write responses in the space provided (limited to about 275 words).

1. Describe yourself as a person.

2. Describe briefly your understanding of what it means to you to be an inquirer. Please include the most important events, experiences and persons that have prompted you to apply to become an inquirer.

3. Write a brief statement of your personal faith describing what you believe about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and your relationship to them.

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4. What does it mean to you to be Presbyterian?

5. Describe your current spiritual practices and disciplines.

6. Who/what is your ideal/role model for ministry? What do you expect in your ministry? What aspect of ministry do you find least interesting?

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7. What are you doing to maintain your physical and emotional health?

8. Comment on what have been/are some of your more meaningful interests and hobbies.

9. After completing and reviewing Form 1C of this application to be received as an inquirer, briefly discuss how you plan to finance your theological education.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(date)

**FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

On the following pages, enter descriptions in underlined fields and whole dollar amounts in shaded fields as needed. Other fields will automatically tabulate.

**ESTIMATED FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

	Monthly Total	Annual Total	Overall Totals	Projected Need
<b>Income</b>				
Student earnings				
Spouse earnings				
Guaranteed income (Social Security, VA, etc.)				
Child Support payments received				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
<b>Total Income:</b>				
<b>Other Assistance</b>				
Home Church/Congregational support				
Family/Friends support				
Presbytery support				
PCUSA scholarships/loans				
Foundations or Corporations grants				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
<b>Total Other Assistance:</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and savings				
Investments (CDs, stocks, etc.)				
Retirement savings (IRAs, 401Ks, etc.)				
Real Estate				
Automobiles (value over any amount owed)				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
<b>Total Current Assets:</b>				
<b>Total Estimated Financial Resources:</b>				

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**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

	Monthly Total	Annual Total	Overall Totals	Projected Need
<b>Educational Expenses</b>				
Annual tuition				
Special academic programs (CPE, intern, etc.)				
Fees				
Books				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
<b>Total Educational Expenses:</b>				
<b>Living Expenses</b>				
Rent/mortgage payment				
Utilities				
Food & household supplies				
Automobile (payments, insurance, fuel, etc.)				
Telecommunications (phone, cell, online, etc.)				
Clothing				
Incidentals				
Health insurance (only "out of pocket" expense)				
Other medical/dental				
Transportation:				
Dependent allowance				
Child Care				
Child Support payments				
Life insurance premiums				
Charitable donations				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
<b>Total Living Expenses:</b>				
<b>Total Estimated Expenses:</b>			_____	
<b>Total Income less Expenses:</b>				_____

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Indebtedness** Applicant's (and spouse's or prospective spouse's) current indebtedness. Report principal amounts and related monthly payments.

Student Loans:	<i>Combine Undergrad/Grad</i>	Applicant		(Prospective) Spouse		Total Family Debt
		Balance of Principal	Monthly Payment	Balance of Principal	Monthly Payment	
	Fed. Subsidized Stafford					
	Fed. Unsubsidized Stafford					
	Federal Perkins Loans					
	PC(USA) Loans					
	Loans from parents/family					
	Other educational loans					
	Estimated future loans					
	<b>Totals:</b>					
Non-educational: <i>List mortgage, credit cards, etc</i>						
_____						
_____						
_____						
_____						
_____						
<b>Totals:</b>						
<b>Combined indebtedness totals:</b>						

**Assets** Non-seminary scholarships (grants) for which you have applied (mark with '\*') or have received.

<i>Source of Assistance</i>	Amount Fall Term	Amount Spring Term
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
<b>Totals:</b>		

I certify that the information contained on all sheets of this form is a true and accurate statement of my financial circumstances and is made in good faith.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## *Session Evaluation and Recommendation Regarding Enrollment as an Inquirer*

The session of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of church) (city) (state)  
 met with \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and submits its  
(name of applicant) (date)  
 report on the following pages.

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

### *Liaison*

The session has appointed the following ruling 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/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 on Session's Consultation with Applicant*

To assist the presbytery in reaching its decision regarding whether to enroll the applicant as an inquirer, please provide brief responses to the following issues for consideration when consulting with a prospective inquirer (see *Advisory Handbook*, pp. 68). Since this is the beginning of the process, primary attention should be given at this time to evaluating natural gifts, quality of commitment, strength of motivation, and potential for growth. Each of these issues should be pursued at greater depth during the period of inquiry.

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



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6. What is the evidence of his or her physical health and stamina?

7. What is this evidence of his or her emotional well-being?

8. What is the evidence of his or her self-discipline?

9. Does the individual have a reasonable plan to finance his or her theological education?

*Report of Consultation Regarding Application to become an Inquirer*

The committee/commission of \_\_\_\_\_ met with \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of 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 an inquirer.

*Liaison*

The presbytery’s committee has appointed the following person to act as a liaison with the inquirer 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)*

Main phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate 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 review period, as reported below.

Signature of inquirer: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(date)*

Signature of committee liaison: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(date)*

Signature of committee moderator: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(date)*

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

*Growth Objectives*

A. In the area of education for ministry

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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 Inquirer Release*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both inquirers and the presbytery with it's committee/commission. 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/commission overseeing preparation for ministry. I fully agree and understand that the decision of the presbytery's committee/commission regarding my suitability 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's committee/commission to contact any person listed by me as a reference or any other person not so listed to discuss my "suitability for ordered ministry" (G-2.0603).

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 inquirer: \_\_\_\_\_ (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 discern your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the moderator of 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 discern your call to 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 mail copies of this page to all parties signing document and the stated clerk of the presbytery.*