

Date: _____ Name: _____

PMT Candidate Application 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: _____ 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)

Church address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Have you applied to a presbytery to be enrolled as an inquirer or candidate? _____

If yes, was enrolled as _____ in _____ on _____
(inquirer/candidate) (Presbytery) (date)

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: _____

Former/Current Occupation: _____

Inquirer's Statement

I hereby apply to be enrolled by the **Presbytery of Middle Tennessee** candidate.

_____ 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.

I have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both candidates and the presbytery's Committee 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 its Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). I fully agree and understand that the decision of the presbytery's CPM's 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

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said inquiries and answers received to such inquiries or any uses made of such answers. Further, I grant permission to the presbytery's CPM 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 agreement and release is fully understood by me and I sign it understanding that I will be bound by its terms.

Inquirer's signature: _____ (date)

References

Please identify three persons who could speak to your progress in ministry over the past year of inquiry. Reference could be a pastor, elder, seminary staff, or mentor.

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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)

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Evaluation

Please attach the following statements and return with the application:

- a. a statement of your understanding of Christian vocation in the reformed tradition and how it relates to your sense of call;
- b. a statement of personal faith which incorporates an understanding of the reformed tradition;
- c. an analysis of at least one concept from the personal faith statement regarding what it suggests about God, humanity, and their interrelationships;
- d. a statement of what it means to be Presbyterian, indicating how that awareness grows out of participation in the life of a particular church;
- e. a statement of self-understanding which reflects your personal and cultural background and includes a concern for maintaining spiritual, physical, and mental health;
- f. a statement of your understanding of the task teaching elders perform, including an awareness of your specific gifts for ministry and of areas in which growth is needed.

Candidate Growth Objectives

Please describe your personal growth goals for the first year of Candidacy should you be accepted. Should the Candidacy period extend beyond one year, the form may be used for future growth goals.

A. In the area of education for ministry

B. In the area of spiritual development

C. In the area of interpersonal relations

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D. In the area of personal growth

E. In the area of professional development