

Appendix 1 - Application Materials

Application for Enrollment

Presbytery of Detroit
Commissioned Ruling Elder Program
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Note to Applicant

The purpose of the questions in this application is to provide the Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) with background information that will help them to get to know you. Because there is great variety in age and experience of persons making application, this questionnaire is purposely broad in scope. Be as accurate and candid as you can. Please type or write legibly, using extra paper as needed to provide information you feel will give the fairest representation of yourself. This information will be used as a basis for mutual discussion.

After completing the application, make a copy for yourself and submit the original to the Clerk or Moderator of the Session of your home church. **Additionally, forward a copy of the reference questions to each of your references asking them to attach their responses (using more paper as needed) and submit to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.**

Once the Session endorses the Elder, the original copy of all paperwork must be forwarded to:

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Presbytery of Detroit
17575 Hubbell
Detroit, MI 48235

Applicant Name:					
Phone:		E-Mail:			
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	

Church History

Date and place of baptism:					
Date and place of profession of faith:					
Church Membership:		Date joined:			
Date ordained as elder:		Date ordained as deacon (if applicable):			

List other churches where you have been a member.

List areas of involvement in your local church both as a participant and leader. Indicate areas of leadership.

List areas of involvement in Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly.

List voluntary services, civic or social organizations of which you are or have been a member. Indicate your extent of participation and your role.

List any factors that may place limits on your ability to receive training or to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

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References

Please list three people who will serve as references. One should be your pastor or a pastor within the Presbytery of Detroit.

1.	Name:			
	Address:			
	Phone:		E-Mail:	
	Relationship:			
2.	Name:			
	Address:			
	Phone:		E-Mail:	
	Relationship:			
3.	Name:			
	Address:			
	Phone:		E-Mail:	
	Relationship:			

Please ask your references to answer the following questions and to send their responses (including a copy of the CRE Reference Form found in Appendix 1-B) under separate cover directly to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry at the following address:

**The Presbytery of Detroit,
Attn: CPM,
17575 Hubbell Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48235**

1. To what extent does the applicant adhere to Christ's teachings?
2. What is your experience of the applicant's commitment to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
3. What special gifts, talents and skills does the applicant exhibit for service as a Commissioned Ruling Elder?
4. What is the most recent example of the applicant's service to the church?
5. If the applicant were your Commissioned Ruling Elder Pastor, what specific areas would you wish him or her to improve upon?
6. If you are a Teaching Elder/Minister of the Word and Sacrament and a member of the Presbytery of Detroit, would you be willing to serve as the applicant's mentor if asked?

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Questions for Reflection

Write a response to each of the following. These responses should be attached to this application.

1. In one or two paragraphs, describe yourself as a person.
2. Describe briefly what it means to you to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder? What has motivated you to consider this program?
3. Write a brief statement of your personal faith (approximately 300-500 words). Your statement should describe (at minimum) what you believe about God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and your relationship to them.
4. What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?
5. Describe your current spiritual journey, spiritual practices, prayer life, and disciplines.
6. Comment on your interests, hobbies and stress-relieving activities.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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