

**Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Elder Ministries Training Program**

Application Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: Home _____ **Work** _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Church Membership: _____

(Name of Church) (City/State)

Describe Your Activities in the Life and Mission of the Church:

(List churches to which you have belonged; dates of active membership; church activities you participated in; positions of responsibility you have held, etc. *Use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.*)

Describe Your Service and Experience as an Ordained Elder:

Describe Your Community Activities:

(List organizations to which you have belonged; dates of active membership; activities you participated in; positions of responsibility you have held, etc. *Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.*)

Employment:

(List all significant jobs you have held; dates of active employment; job or duty, and specifically, positions of responsibility you have held, etc. *Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.*)

Educational Background:

School & Location Year Graduated: Diploma/Degree: (*start with High School*)

Limitations:

(What factors may place limits on your ability to receive training, and to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder? *Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.*)

References:

List the name, address, telephone and occupation of five people (no relatives) who have known you for at least five years. One of these references should be a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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 Name Relationship to you

Mailing Address

Phone(s) Email

_____ I hereby authorize those inquiring into my suitability to contact my references.
 (Initial)

Statement:

“Why I would like to be involved in the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program.”

In your statement, please describe which phases of service as a Commissioned Ruling Elder you believe will be most difficult for you and which will be easiest for you. Also, please describe your most meaningful religious experience and why it was most meaningful to you.

NOTE: You should take this completed form, together with your “Statement” (attached to this form) to your minister; or, if your church is without a minister, to the minister appointed by the Presbytery to moderate your church’s session. The minister will talk with you about your interest in the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program. The minister will then forward your application form and statement, to the Presbytery’s Elder Training Committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SESSION

As the Session considers recommending a person to be enrolled in the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program, the following are among the criteria that should be considered:

- Is the person a committed Christian?
- Is the person an active and effective member of the Congregation?
- Does the person relate helpfully and positively to others?
- Is the person loyal to and enthusiastic about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
- Does the person have strong leadership qualities?
- Does the person have good communication skills?

Also, in considering your recommendation, are the Session and the Congregation willing to affirm and support this person in ministry?

RECOMMENDATION

The Session of the _____ (Church)

in _____, North Carolina has met with _____,
(city) (name)

and after due deliberation recommends this person for the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program and pledges its affirmation and support as this person embarks upon and continues in this ministry.

(date) Signed: _____
(Moderator or Clerk of Session)