

**Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Elder Ministries Training Program**  
**Application Form for CRE Candidates**

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.*)

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**Describe Your Service and Experience as an Ordained Elder:**

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**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.*)

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**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.*)

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**Educational Background:**

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

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**References:**

List the name, address, telephone and occupation of three 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

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship to you  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s) Email

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

## Session Endorsement

**NOTE:** You should take this completed form, together with your "Statement" (previous page) to the moderator of your session. The minister and session will talk with you about your interest in the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program. The clerk of session will then forward your application form and statement, to the Presbytery's Commissioned Ruling Elder 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?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the person an active and effective member of the Congregation?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the person relate helpfully and positively to others?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the person loyal to and enthusiastic about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the person have strong leadership qualities?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Does the person have good communication skills?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Also, in considering your recommendation, are the Session and the Congregation willing to affirm and support this person in ministry?  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATION

The Session of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Church)

in \_\_\_\_\_, North Carolina has met with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(city) (name)

who is a Ruling Elder in this congregation 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk of Session)