

APPLICATION FOR ELDERS COMMISSIONED FOR PASTORAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM: MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Occupation/Place of Employment: _____

References

Please list three individuals who will serve as references. One should be a Teaching Elder within MVP (or your home presbytery if other than MVP). Ideally, all references (no relatives) will have known you for at least five years.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Please ask your references to answer the following questions and send their responses directly to: **The Dean of Students, Maumee Valley Presbytery, 700 East Melrose, Findlay, Ohio 45839-0853**

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 Ruling Elder Commissioned for Pastoral Service?
4. What is the most recent example of the applicant's service to the church?

5. If the applicant were your Commissioned Ruling Elder, what specific areas would you wish him/her to improve?
6. If you are a Minister of the Word and Sacrament and a member of MVP (or home presbytery), would you be willing to serve as the applicant's mentor, if asked?

Academic Background

List the academic institutions you have attended, beginning with high school and complete the information requested:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Program or Major</u>	<u>Diploma or Degree</u>
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Describe any previous experience in Lay Preaching or Ruling Elder Commissioned for Pastoral Service Training: _____

Occupational History

List the three most recent full-time or part-time positions in which you have been employed and also provide the following information: job title, dates of employment, aspect most enjoyed, aspect most disliked.

1. Current Employment: _____

2. Next most recent: _____

3. Second most recent: _____

Church History

Date and Place of Baptism: _____

Date and Place of Profession of Faith: _____

Church Membership: _____

Date joined: _____

Date ordained an Elder: _____

Date ordained a Deacon: _____

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, and 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 Ruling Elder Commissioned for Pastoral Service.

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 Lay Pastor? 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 _____ Date: _____

Please send this application, with attachments and a \$25 application fee (payable to the Presbytery of Maumee Valley) to the Dean of Students, Maumee Valley Presbytery, 700 East Melrose, Findlay, Ohio 45839-0853