

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATES TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY*Presbyterian Church in America***THE PRESBYTERY OF _____**

(please print or type your answers)

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

1. Name _____ Telephone _____

2. Present Address _____
(street)

_____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip)

3. Birth date ____ / ____ / ____ Place _____ Age _____

4. Your baptism: infant? ____ other? ____ by which church? _____

5. Where is your church membership? _____

6. Marital status _____ If married, supply the following:
date of marriage _____ number of children _____ dependents _____

7. Your present occupation (if student, give institution and class) _____

8. Formal education record (list last three institutions you attended)

Institution	Dates	Major	Grade Avg.	Degree
1.	from ____ / ____ to ____ / ____			
2.	from ____ / ____ to ____ / ____			
3.	from ____ / ____ to ____ / ____			

9. Employment record (list last two employers)

Employer	Address	Dates employed
1.		From ____ to ____
2.		From ____ to ____

10. Name below five references that know you well, including your pastor, a person your own age, and one of your professors or employers:

Name	Address
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

II. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

1. Describe your relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. When did you become a Christian?

2. At this point, what sense of call to the ministry do you have? What people and experiences have influenced you to make this application for candidacy?

3. What activities and organizations have you been involved in that have given you an opportunity for Christian service?

4. What are the attitudes of your parents (if living) and spouse (if married) toward your decision to make application for candidacy?

5. Describe your personal devotional life and other means by which you seek to grow as a Christian.

6. In what ways can the presbytery be helpful to you during a period of candidacy, should this application be accepted?

7. Have you ever applied to be received under care of any other presbytery or church body? If yes, give name of presbytery or church body and date of application.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

ENDORSEMENT OF PRESBYTERY (to be completed by the Candidates Committee)

This is to certify that _____ was received as a candidate

on _____, by the Presbytery of _____

Chairman's signature _____

**REFERENCE ON AN APPLICANT FOR CANDICACY
FOR THE ORDAINED MINISTRY**
Presbyterian Church in America
COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES

THE PRESBYTERY OF _____

Dear Friend:

_____ is applying to become a candidate for the ordained ministry in the Presbytery of _____ of the Presbyterian Church in America. Our committee has the responsibility of supporting and guiding those who sense that God is calling them to the ministry. We need your help in our consideration of this person's application for candidacy. Please answer as fully as you can, based on your knowledge of this person. Be assured that your comments will be kept in strict confidence. We thank you for your assistance.

1. Please comment on the applicant's character:

2. Please comment on the applicant's Christian commitment:

3. Please comment on the applicant's discipline and perseverance:

(over)

4. Please comment on the applicant's emotional stability:

5. Please comment on the applicant's capacity to relate to people:

6. Please comment on the applicant's level of maturity:

7. Would you have any reservations in recommending to our committee that they accept this applicant as a candidate?

Signature of Reference _____

Date _____

Please return this form to this address: _____

**SESSIONAL CERTIFICATION
OF AN APPLICANT FOR CANDIDACY
FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY**

Presbyterian Church in America

IN THE PRESBYTERY OF _____

The session should invite the applicant to meet with the session (or session's committee first, then with session). **IN NO CASE SHOULD THIS COMPLETED FORM BE SEEN BY THE APPLICANT.**

1. How does the session evaluate the applicant's Christian character?

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Other comments:

2. Does the session recommend this applicant for candidacy? Would this recommendation be with any qualifications? If so, what?

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: We, the session of _____ Presbyterian Church, certify that the above applicant has been a member of the church since _____ and we commend this member to the Committee on Candidates as an applicant for candidacy for the Gospel Ministry.

Signature of Moderator of the Session _____

Date _____

**DIARY OF A CANDIDATE
COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES**

Presbyterian Church in America

THE PRESBYTERY OF _____

(This form should be kept by the Chairman of the Committee on Candidates.)

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

HOME CHURCH _____

RECEIVED BY PRESBYTERY _____

TRANSFERRED / ORDAINED _____

(Various contacts by the Committee should be noted.)

Date	Diary

REPORT FOR MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

(To be filled out once a year by candidates)

Name _____ Age _____

Summer address _____

Permanent address _____

Are you married? _____ If you have children, what are their names and ages? _____

Degrees held / institutions granting _____

School attending _____ Class _____

What is the grade scale for your school? _____ Where do you place? _____

Work, if not attending school _____

Do you plan to return to theological studies? _____ Where? _____

Have you definite plans for work this summer? If so, what are those plans? _____

Are you receiving the minutes of Presbytery? _____

Have you been called to a church, or are you making plans for ordination at the end of the school year? _____ Where, or for what reason? _____

Do you still feel that you are called to the Gospel Ministry? _____

Where do you attend public worship? _____ regularly? _____

Describe your pattern of private devotions _____

Do you have family devotions on a regular basis? _____

Could we on the committee be of particular help to you in your spiritual life, or in any other area that should normally concern us? (Please use the back to answer.)