

Transylvania Presbytery
Application to be Considered
for Commissioned Pastor (CP) (2/10/24)

Name: _____ Date submitted: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone: _____ Other phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Family Information

Current marital status: _____

Ages of any children for which you are responsible:

1. Are you and your household members open to the possibility of relocation in conjunction with theological studies and/or accepting a ministry position? Yes _____ No _____
2. If you are limited in your ability to relocate, please describe the limitations.

Church Membership

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Date received into membership: _____

Date ordained as ruling elder: _____

Session Endorsement

Clerk of Session (print name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Christian/Community Service Journey

Note: For the following questions, use as much space as needed, while being succinct. If additional space is applicable, create a continuation attachment.

1. Describe your activities in the life and mission of the church. List churches to which you have belonged, dates of active membership, church activities in which you participated, and positions of responsibility held.

2. Describe your service and experience as an ordained elder.

3. Describe any service to the larger church (presbytery, synod, general assembly). List any departments, committees, commissions, task forces on which you have served, or are currently serving. Indicate whether a member or moderator and years served.

4. Describe your current community activities or any activities within the last ten years. List organizations and include dates of active membership, specific activities in which you participated, and positions of responsibility.

Employment

List all significant jobs held. Include titles, dates of active employment and major responsibilities. (We are especially interested in positions of leadership.)

Education

List post-secondary school name (s), number of years attended, diploma or degree and/or study emphasis:

List any certifications:

Commitment

1. Are you committed to serving as a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with energy, intelligence, imagination and love? Yes_____ No_____ Please explain.

2. Is there anything about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that perplexes or troubles you? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please explain.

3. What questions, if any, do you have about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

4. Are you willing to serve a congregation other than the one where your membership resides? Yes_____ No_____ If no, please explain.

5. Are there any factors that may place limitations on your ability to receive training or to serve as a Commissioned Pastor? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please explain.

6. Why do you believe God is calling you to participate in the Commissioned Pastor program?

7. What are some of the gifts that you can share with a congregation?

8. What are the areas where you think you have the most to learn?

References

List the name, email address, phone number and occupation of five people (no relatives) who have known or worked with you within the last five years. **Note:** One of these references should be a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Authorization to Contact References:

I hereby authorize those inquiring into my suitability to be a Commissioned Pastor applicant to contact the persons listed above.

Applicant's signature: _____

Applicant's Statement:

I hereby request to be accepted as an applicant by Transylvania Presbytery's Commission on Preparation for Ministry for selection, training and commissioning as a Commissioned Pastor. I promise, with God's help, to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry. I also promise to submit myself to the care of the Presbytery of Transylvania in matters that pertain to preparation.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Note: *All applicants are required to complete a psychological evaluation as part of the process.*