

**Transylvania Presbytery
Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program
Application**

Name: _____ Date submitted: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone: _____ Other phone? _____

Date of birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

Family Situation (from Form 1A)

Current marital status:

Ages of any children in the home: _____

Are you and your household members open to the possibility of relocation in conjunction with theological studies and/or accepting a ministry position?

If you are limited in your ability to relocate, please describe on the following lines:

Church membership: _____

(Include name of church, city and state)

Date received into membership: _____

Date ordained as ruling elder: _____

For the following questions, use as much space as you need, while being succinct.

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.

Describe your service and experience as an ordained elder.

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

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.

Employment

List all significant jobs you have held, dates of active employment, and major responsibilities. We are especially interested in positions of leadership you have held.

Educational background

List school, location, year graduated, and diploma or degree received.

Are you loyal to and enthusiastic about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? Please explain.

Are you willing to serve a congregation other than the one where your membership resides?

What factors may place limitations on your ability to receive training or to serve as a Commissioned Lay Pastor?

Why do you believe God is calling you to participate in the CLP program?

What are some of the gifts you have to share with a local congregation?

What are the areas where you have the most to learn?

NOTE: All candidates will be required, at some time during the process, to undergo a psychological evaluation.

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.)

Authorization to Contact References: I hereby authorize those inquiring into my suitability to be a Commissioned Lay Pastor candidate to contact the persons listed above.

Applicant's signature: _____

Applicant's Statement: I hereby apply to be accepted as an applicant by Transylvania Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry for selection, training, and commissioning as a Commissioned Lay 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: _____