

**APPLICATION FOR LAY PASTOR PROGRAM
GREAT RIVERS PRESBYTERY**

Date: _____

Name: _____ () Male () Female

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY, STATE & ZIP)

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Name of Congregation: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Date received into membership: _____ Date Baptized: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

() Married () Single If married, name of spouse: _____

If married, with children, names and ages of children at home:

(NAME) (AGE)

(NAME) (AGE)

(NAME) (AGE)

(NAME) (AGE)

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

HIGH SCHOOL

Name of School: _____

Location of School: City: _____ State: _____

Years attended: From: _____ To: _____

Did you Graduate? () Yes () No If "NO", do you now have a GED? _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Name of School: _____

Location of School: City: _____ State: _____

Years attended: From: _____ To: _____

Did you Graduate? () Yes () No

Major area of Study: _____

POST-GRADUATE SCHOOL

Name of School: _____

Location of School: City: _____ State: _____

Years attended: From: _____ To: _____

Did you Graduate? () Yes () No

Major area of Study: _____

WORK/MILITARY HISTORY (List current or most recent position first)

1. Employer Name: _____

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY, STATE & ZIP) (PHONE)

From: _____ To: _____ () Full Time () Part Time

Title & Type of Work: _____

2. Employer Name: _____

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY, STATE & ZIP) (PHONE)

From: _____ To: _____ () Full Time () Part Time

Title & Type of Work: _____

3. Employer Name: _____

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY, STATE & ZIP) (PHONE)

From: _____ To: _____ () Full Time () Part Time

Title & Type of Work: _____

CHURCH SERVICE

_____ Office (Date and Church Ordained) _____

_____ Elder (Date and Church Ordained) _____

_____ Deacon (Date and Church Ordained) _____

_____ Trustee (Date and Church Ordained) _____

_____ Clerk of Session (Dates of Service) _____

_____ Treasurer (Dates of Service) _____

TEACHER/WORSHIP LEADER

_____ Church School Service (Dates of Service)_____

_____ Lay Leader in Worship (How Frequently?)_____

List any Church Committees on which you have served (indicate whether a member or moderator, and years served)

Have you ever resigned from a session before the end of your term? If so, why?

Have you ever been ordained to any other office in the PC(USA)? If so, please explain.

Have you ever been ordained in another denomination? If so, please explain.

Have you ever begun the process of coming under the care of a presbytery to seek ordination as a minister of the Word & Sacrament? If so, please explain.

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)

REFERENCES

(Please list the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two persons, not immediate family members, who know you and can comment on your gifts for the ministry of a commissioned lay pastor)

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____ (STREET) (CITY, STATE & ZIP)

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____ (STREET) (CITY, STATE & ZIP)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY, STATE & ZIP)

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTACT REFERENCES

(Please sign): I hereby authorize those inquiring into my suitability to be a commissioned lay pastor candidate to contact the persons listed above.

(Applicant's Signature)

BRIEF ESSAY

Please answer: **What is your sense of call?** (On a separate page, include a brief statement of faith including your beliefs on God as creator, redeemer and sustainer and reflect on Jesus as personal Savior.)

Does your session encourage you and are they willing to support you in your spiritual needs?

Does your family support you in this endeavor?

If you could change one thing about the Presbyterian Church, what would it be and why?

APPLICANTS STATEMENT

I hereby apply to be accepted as an applicant by Great River's Presbytery Commissioned Lay Pastors' sub committee for selection, training and commissioning into that ministry. I promise in reliance upon the grace of God to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for my chosen special ministry. I also promise to submit myself to the care of the Presbytery in matters that pertain to preparation.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SESSION APPROVAL

The session of _____ Church voted to approve this application for the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program on _____ (date).

Signed: _____
(Clerk of Session)