

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE

Application for Preparation for Lay Pastoral Ministry

Personal Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

References

Reference letters should include your pastor and a member of your congregation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

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Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Family Information
(This section is optional)

Name of spouse (if currently married) _____

Names/birth dates of children _____

Please provide any family information you consider pertinent to your application _____

Academic Information

List the academic institutions you have attended, beginning with high school, and complete the information asked for in each column. If you are currently pursuing an educational program, indicate your academic classification.

Institution	Dates attended	Program/major	Diploma/Degree
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Fill in the two columns below:

Subjects in which you
did your best work

Subjects in which
you did less well

High school _____

College _____

Graduate School _____

Postgraduate/Other _____

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Occupational History

List the full-time or part-time jobs or occupations in which you have been employed and provide the information requested in the appropriate lines. Indicate part-time by putting PT next to the job title. (Attach additional sheet if necessary).

	Current/Most Recent	Next Most Recent	Second Most Recent
Recent	_____	_____	_____
Job Title	_____	_____	_____
Dates of Employment	_____	_____	_____
Aspects you enjoyed most	_____	_____	_____
Aspects you enjoyed least	_____	_____	_____

Church Information

Year of your baptism _____

Year of your profession of faith _____

Church Membership _____

Date Joined _____

Other Churches Joined _____

Give the dates of your ordination to the office of deacon and/or elder _____

List your areas of involvement in the life and mission of the church, both as a participant and as a leader. Indicate current areas of involvement with an asterisk (*)

Questions for Reflection

Reflect on and write responses to the following questions: (Attach separate paper for your answers)

1. Describe yourself as a person.
2. Describe briefly your understanding of what it means to you to be a commissioned lay pastor. Please include the most important events, experiences, and persons that have prompted you to prepare for lay pastoral ministry.
3. Write a brief statement of your personal faith describing what you believe about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and your relationship to them.
4. What does it mean to you to be Presbyterian?
5. Describe your current spiritual practices and disciplines.

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List the name, date and institution for any instruction/courses you have had in the following areas. Describe briefly.

Biblical Studies

Reformed Theology

Sacraments

Presbyterian Polity

Preaching

Leading Worship

Pastoral Care

Teaching

Procedure

Please present this application form to your church Session, and schedule a time to be interviewed by them on your interest in becoming a commissioned lay pastor.

If the Session approves your application, they will forward it, together with their signed approval, to the Presbytery of Baltimore, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, 5400 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, MD, 21239.

You also must complete the Sexual Misconduct Information Form of the Presbytery of Baltimore, and forward it to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Session Recommendation

We, the Session of the _____ Presbyterian Church, have examined and approve this applicant for the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program of the Baltimore Presbytery.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the Applicant

I hereby apply for admission to the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program of the Presbytery of Baltimore. I understand that successful completion of the program is a requirement for future commissioning as a lay pastor by the Presbytery. I further understand that certification of completion of the program does not guarantee commissioning as a lay pastor.

Signed: _____ Date _____