

Commissioned Ruling Elder Program

PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS AND LAPSLEY

Applicant's Session Endorsement Form

Primary attention should be given at this time to evaluating the applicant's natural gifts, quality of commitment, strength of motivation, potential for growth. The Presbytery must rely upon the Session and to exercise good judgment in discerning whether this applicant seems to be called by God to consider service as a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

Name of Applicant: _____ **Length of Relationship:** _____

Please respond candidly to the following questions. Use extra paper if needed.

1. What personal qualities are evident of a vital faith in God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit?
2. How is that faith currently being expressed through the individual's participation in the worship, ministry, and mission of this congregation?
3. What evidence do you see of a sense of call?
4. What actual and potential talents for ministry as a CRE are evident in this individual?
5. Describe a few situations in the life of your church in which the applicant has demonstrated leadership capacity.

6. How would you rate the applicant's physical health/stamina, emotional well-being, and maturity?

7. Describe the applicant's capacities for effective public speaking and demonstration of pastoral care.

8. The following are especially important in a CRE. Please circle all which you think are demonstrated by this applicant in the life of your church.

Ability to speak publicly with a clear and coherent voice

A demonstrated basic knowledge of the content of Scripture

Reliability

Leadership

Compassion

Skills in personal relationships

Well-developed listening skills

Ability to relate to various age groups

Able to keep confidentiality

9. Describe any reservations you might have in endorsing this candidate. Note: This does not necessarily disqualify the candidate.

Sign and circle where applicable:

I, the Clerk of Session of _____ Church

DO endorse the applicant to the CRE Program.

DO NOT endorse the applicant to the CRE Program.

DO WITH RESERVATIONS endorse the applicant to the CRE Program.

Signature _____ Date _____