

**THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER APPLICATION
FORM CREP-1B SESSION ENDORSEMENT**

After the applicant meets with Session, complete this form and return it to the Presbytery of Carlisle at kristal.smith@carlislepby.org or 2601 N Front St Suite 209, Harrisburg PA 17011

Name of Ruling Elder Applicant _____

1. What personal qualities are evidence of the RE's vital faith in God through Jesus Christ?

2. How is the RE's faith being expressed in his/her participation in the life of the congregation?

3. The following qualities are especially important in CREs. On a scale of 1-5, with five being the best, please rate each quality that you have seen the applicant demonstrate in the life of your church. A notation of "NW" means "Not witnessed."

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| | Demonstrated basic knowledge of the content of Scripture | | Ability to speak and write publicly with clarity |
| | Ability to relate to various age groups | | Ability to keep confidentiality |
| | Reliability and personal integrity | | Demonstrated leadership in the church |
| | Strong interpersonal relationship skills | | Well-developed listening skills |
| | Compassion | | |

4. Describe any hesitations, reservations, concerns the Session might have in endorsing this candidate. Session's honesty here is paramount.

5. Check one: The Session of the _____ Presbyterian Church
 - a. _____ *Endorses this applicant for admission to the CRE training program.
 - b. _____ *Endorses with qualifications this applicant for admission to the CRE training program (list qualifications below/on back)
 - c. _____ Does NOT endorse this applicant for admission to the CRE training program.

Clerk of Session _____ Date _____

Clerk E-mail _____ Phone _____

Pastor/ Moderator of Session _____ Date _____

Pastor/Moderator E-mail _____ Phone _____

**Sessions are encouraged to support the CRE-in-training in meaningful ways like a Session liaison for regular contact and a commissioning/acknowledgement during worship as he/she begins the training.*