

**Presbytery of Carlisle Committee on Preparation for Ministry
 COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER TRANSFER APPLICATION FORM
 For CREs previously commissioned in another Presbytery**

Please complete and submit this form to 2602 N Front St. Suite 209 Harrisburg, PA 17110 or
 kristal.smith@carlislepby.org

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____

Occupation / Place of Employment _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Undergraduate School _____

Degree / Date of Graduation _____

Graduate School _____

Degree / Date of Graduation _____

CRE Preparation _____

Date of Completion _____

Please indicate which courses have been completed and transcripts:

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| New Testament Bible (Seminary) | | Presbyterian Polity | |
| Old Testament Bible (Seminary) | | Reformed Theology | |
| Pastoral Care | | Reformed Worship and Sacraments | |
| Preaching | | Teaching | |

Additional Coursework or Certifications

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of church where you were Baptized / Year _____

Name of church where you were ordained Ruling Elder/Date _____

Other churches where you have been a member _____

Name of church where you currently are an active member _____

Date you were received as an active member _____

Contact Information for Executive from previous Presbytery where you were commissioned:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Current and Previous Commission (if applicable)

Church: _____ Dates: _____

Duties: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

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Questions

What brings you to consider seeking a commission within the Presbytery of Carlisle?

What type of church do you seek to serve?

What is a growing edge for you right now?

What skills, gifts, and experience do you bring to this work?

Have you completed a Psychological Evaluation to assess readiness for ministry? Yes No
If yes, please provide organization and date: _____

Have you attended Boundary Training workshops in the past? Yes No
If yes, please provide organization and date: _____

Do you have Child Protection Clearances as required by Pennsylvania state law? Yes No
Please note, you will be asked to provide those clearances prior to being approved for a commission.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Using a separate sheet, please attach a brief statement of your personal faith. Describe what you believe about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and your relationship to them as the Trinity. Include a brief summary of your understanding of salvation and eternal life and your understanding of the role of Scripture, the Church, and the Sacraments in your life. (Suggested length 500-750 words)

REFERENCES

Please list three people below who know you well in a variety of relationships (e.g. another church member, a colleague at work, a teacher, a friend) who agree to serve as references for you. Please ask them to complete the Reference Form and return it to the Presbytery office or email it to kristal.smith@carlislepby.org.

Reference Name #1 _____

E-mail Address _____ **Phone** _____

Mailing Address _____

Relationship to the Applicant _____

Reference Name #2 _____

E-mail Address _____ **Phone** _____

Mailing Address _____

Relationship to the Applicant _____

Reference Name #3 _____

E-mail Address _____ **Phone** _____

Mailing Address _____

Relationship to the Applicant _____

If commissioned within the Presbytery of Carlisle, I understand I will enter a Covenant of Agreement with a congregation under the direction of the Commission on Ministry and be assigned a mentor who will be available to me as a guide.

Applicant Name and Date _____

**Presbytery of Carlisle Committee on Preparation for Ministry
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM CRET-1C**

Applicant Name _____

Reference Name _____

Reference Address, City, Zip _____

Reference relationship to Applicant Family Colleague Church Member
 Friend Teacher Other

Please answer the following questions, using additional space as needed.

- 1. What are the Applicant’s strengths?**

- 2. What personal qualities are evidence of the Applicant’s vital faith in God through Jesus Christ?**

- 3. How is the Applicant’s faith being expressed in their life at home/ church / work?**

- 4. Everyone has ways in which they need to grow. Please comment areas in which you would like to see the Applicant improve, gain skill, or gain understanding.**

- 5. Service as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) often involves preaching two Services of Worship on Sunday mornings, with travel required. Are there any factors which would affect the Applicant’s ability to fulfill these requirements?**

- 6. The following characteristics are 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. 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 | | | |

Signature _____ **Date** _____