

**THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER APPLICATION – FORM CRET-1A**

Review with Session and submit with CRET-1B to the Presbytery of Carlisle
at 2601 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 _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Church where you were Baptized / Year _____
Name of Church where you were Confirmed / Year _____
Name of church where you currently are an active member _____
Date you were received as an active member _____
Are you ordained in the PC(USA) as a Ruling Elder? _____ Date of Ordination to Office _____
Are you ordained in the PC(USA) as a Deacon? _____ Date of Ordination to Office _____
Other churches where you have been a member _____

List and describe areas of involvement in the life and mission of the church, timeframe, and role:

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Please answer the following questions. Feel free to use additional space if necessary.

1. Why are you interested in becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)?
2. What has led you to understand that God is calling you to this ministry?
3. What are your current spiritual practices and disciplines?
4. What aspects of your present church life do you enjoy the most?
5. What aspects of your present church life are the most frustrating?
6. What does it mean to you to be Presbyterian?
7. What talents, gifts and skills do you bring to this ministry?
8. In what areas of your life would you like to grow?
9. What experiences – travel, conferences, workshops, visiting other congregations to see how they do things beyond what you've experienced in your home church – will help you in this training program?
10. What are some of your interests / hobbies?
11. In what community or volunteer services have you found the most meaning and joy – currently / in the past?

If accepted into this program, I commit myself to participate fully in all scheduled activities and assignments, including the supervision by my presbytery's oversight committee. I understand that completion of this program is mandatory before I can be considered for or enter conversations about contracting as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. I also understand that my completion of the program does not guarantee commissioning.

Signature and Date _____

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REFERENCES

In addition to the Pastor/Moderator and Clerk of Session listed on the Session Endorsement Form (Form CRET-1B), 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 will provide references. Please forward CRET-1C to each of them so they can complete and return it to the Presbytery Office or 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 _____