

**THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER APPLICATION
FORM CRET-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.

	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.*