PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER APPLICATION
FORM CRET-1C *PERSONAL REFERENCE*

Please complete and return to the Presbytery of Carlisle at kristal.smith@carlislepby.org or 2601 N Front St. Suite 209, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Applicant Name _____

Reference Name _____

Reference Email and Phone # _____

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."**

	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		

Reference Signature _____ **Date** _____