

**PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER APPLICATION  
FORM CRET-2A ADMISSION INTERVIEW WITH CPM/COM**

**Name of Ruling Elder Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) with participation from the Commission on Ministry (COM) will conduct interviews with new applicants to the CRE training process. CPM will ordinarily assemble a team of 3 or 4 people to conduct the interviews. Prior to the interview, team members are asked to review the Applicant's

- Application Form CRET-1A – basic biographical information and discernment questions
- Session Endorsement Form CRET-1B – from the applicant's home church
- Personal Reference Form CRET-1C – from three individual references

**Possible Questions for Conversation**

- **How has the Lord brought you to this place of sensing God's call to serve at a deeper level?**
- **What contributed to your discernment to applying for this program rather than seek ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament?**
- **What gifts has the Lord given you that you believe can be a blessing to the connectional church?**
- **Are there any things that you would like CPM and COM to be aware of that are particular to your circumstance?**
- **Once trained, a CRE is prepared to serve anywhere within the Presbytery of Carlisle. How do you envision yourself serving once you have completed the training?**
- **At which institution do plan to do your coursework?**
- **The call to CRE – like that to MWS – is a three-way sense of call through the individual, the Session of the home church, and the presbytery. ONLY IF APPLICABLE: Your Session has described reservations about endorsing you as a candidate. Please address their concerns.**

Please attach a summary of the conversation along with recommendations for follow-up, if applicable.

**Check one: On the date of \_\_\_\_\_ the CPM/COM Interview Team *has received verbal agreement from the candidate to share all transcripts and feedback with CPM and***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Endorses this applicant for admission to the CRE training program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Endorses with qualifications this applicant for admission to the  
CRE training program (list qualifications on back of this form)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does NOT endorse this applicant for admission to the CRE training program  
for reasons of \_\_\_\_\_.

For the CPM/COM Interview Team \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interview Team Members \_\_\_\_\_

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