

**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](mailto:kristal.smith@carlislepby.org) or 1801A Colonial Rd., Harrisburg PA 17112

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.*