

**Application for the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program
Presbytery of North Central Iowa**

Please respond to the questions on a separate piece of paper using computer or typewriter.

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1. Name
2. Mailing Address Home Phone Work PhoneE-Mail address
3. Member of what church (name and city)? Year you joined this church
4. Are you an elder _____ NO _____ YES -Year Ordained
5. Are you a deacon _____ NO _____ YES -Year Ordained
6. Describe your present activities in the life and mission of the church.
7. Present employment (title and nature of work)
8. Educational background
 School and Location Graduation Year Degree Major/Minor
9. Limits: What factors may place limits on your ability to receive training, and to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor (such as physical disability, family situation, employment status, etc.?)

1. Why are you interested in this program? What motivates you to apply?
2. State the essential elements of your personal faith.
3. What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?
4. What gifts and skills do you bring to this program?
5. What help do you think you need to prepare to become a trained commissioned lay pastor in this Presbytery?
6. In what areas of your life do you want/need to grow?

Take your completed form and the above mentioned responses to your pastor, or, if your church is without a pastor, to the minister whom presbytery has appointed to moderate your church's session. The minister will talk with you about your interest in the Commissioned Lay Pastor Program. Your minister will forward your application form and statements, along with the reference form that he or she will complete, to the Presbytery.

Finally, request two non-family members to submit a recommendation for you. Request they forward the recommendation to the Presbytery office.

Session Recommendation

We, the session of the Presbyterian Church of _____ (name and city) have examined and approved this applicant for the Lay Pastor Certification and Commissioning Program of the Presbytery of North Central Iowa.

Clerk of Session's signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant

I hereby apply for admission to the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program of the Presbytery of North Central Iowa. I understand that successful completion of the program is a requirement for future commissioning as a Lay Pastor by the Presbytery of North Central Iowa.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to:
Commissioned Lay Pastor Program
Presbytery of North Central Iowa
2302 Falls Avenue
Waterloo, IA 50701

Pastor's Statement

Please respond to the questions on a separate piece of paper using computer or typewriter.

(To be completed by the applicant's pastor, or by presbytery-appointed moderator of session if applicant's church is without a pastor.)

Please furnish your comments pertaining to the areas listed below. Your responses will be confidential and will be used only by the Presbytery in considering this person's application for enrollment in the Commissioned Lay Preacher Training Program. Please forward your responses to the Presbytery office.

1. Christian commitment and maturity
2. Leadership ability
3. Openness to ideas and to learning
4. Your assessment of this person's suitability to serve in this way
5. Other comments you wish to add

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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