

**PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER PROGRAM**

Application

Before filling out this application, you should be aware that this program has a rather rigorous regimen of study that takes two years to complete. After the two years of study there is a requirement for continuing education each year that must be fulfilled. Only an ordained elder who has served at least three years of active session service is eligible to participate in the program. Completion of the program does not mean that you will be automatically recommended to be considered for commissioning to serve a congregation.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ (home) _____ (business)

EMAIL _____

MEMBER OF WHAT CHURCH _____
Name City

YEAR YOU JOINED THE PCUSA CHURCH _____

YEAR YOU WERE ORDAINED AN ELDER _____

DESCRIBE YOUR PRESENT ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH: _____

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT (title, nature of work) _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

School and Location	Graduation Year	Degree	Major/Minor
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LIMITS: What factors may place limits on your ability to receive training, and to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder (such as physical disability, family situation, employment status, etc.?)

FAMILY SITUATION: (This information will help the Commissioned Ruling Elder Committee in program planning):

Single Married Number of Children _____

STATEMENT

You should take your completed form, after your session has approved it, 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 Ruling Elder Program. Your minister will forward your application form and statement, along with the reference form which he or she will complete, to the presbytery's Commissioned Ruling Elder Committee.

SESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION

We, the session of the _____
Presbyterian Church have examined and approved this applicant for the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program of the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE

I hereby apply for admission to the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program of the Presbytery of East Tennessee. I understand that successful completion of the program is a requirement for future commissioning as a ruling elder to limited pastoral service by the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

After you have been accepted into the program, you and your session will receive copies of this document as a reminder that failure of a course of study may lead to your dismissal from the program. Each such case will be considered on an individual basis. 10/05/06