SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY

Application for Commissioned Pastor or Trained Ruling Elder

PART I

NAME_____

MAILING ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP_____

MEMBER OF WHAT CHURCH_____
Name of Church City

YEAR YOU JOINED THIS CHURCH
ARE YOU A PC(USA) ELDER ☐ NO; ☐ YES....Ordained (year)_____

ARE YOU A PC(USA)DEACON ☐ NO; ☐ YES....Ordained (year)_____

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

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (including Savannah Presbytery's School of the Laity or equivalent programs):

School & Location	Graduation Year	Degree	Major/Minor

LIMITS. What factors might limit your ability to receive training or to serve as a Commissioned Pastor or Trained Ruling Elder (i.e. disability, family situation, employment status, etc)?: _____

STATEMENT

Please attach your Statement of Faith demonstrating a Reformed understanding of the sacraments of Baptism and Communion.

REFERENCES

In addition to a recommendation from the Pastoral Leader of your congregation and a letter of affirmation from your church's Session, please enlist three additional persons serve as references who know you well in a variety of relationships (i.e. a fellow church member, a colleague at work or school, a teacher, a friend).
References:

NAME ADDRESS PHONE EMAIL

1._____

2._____

3._____

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I hereby apply for admission to the Commissioned Pastor/ Trained Ruling Elder Program of Savannah Presbytery. If accepted, I hereby commit myself to participate fully in the preparation assignments to the best of my ability. I understand that successful completion of training (i.e. School of the Laity) is necessary before I can be considered for commissioning as a Commissioned Pastor or Trained Ruling Elder in the Savannah Presbytery. I agree to submit to the oversight of the Savannah Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry in preparation and the approval of the Committee on Ministry when a commission is determined to be in order.

SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

You should take your completed form, & your statement that you attach to 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 Lay Pastor /Ruling Elder Program. The Session will act on your application.

PART II

SESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION

We, the session of _____Presbyterian Church have examined & approved this applicant for the Lay Pastor / Trained Ruling Elder Certification & Commissioning Program of Savannah Presbytery.
DATE:

Approval by Presbytery if Other Than Savannah

The Presbytery of _____ approves the participation of the applicant in Savannah Presbytery's program of Lay Pastor/Trained Ruling Elder Certification & Commissioning.

SIGNED:_____ DATE:_____

SIGNATURE

I hereby apply for admission to the Commissioned Lay Pastor / Trained Ruling Elder Program of Savannah Presbytery. I understand that successful completion of the requirements is essential for commissioning as a Lay Pastor / Trained Ruling Elder by Savannah Presbytery.

SIGNED:_____ DATE:_____

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR / TRAINED RULING ELDER PROGRAM

Pastor's Statement

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

Please furnish your comments pertaining to the areas listed below. Use the reverse side of this sheet or attach addition pages if more space is needed. Your responses will be confidential and will be used only by Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry in considering this person's application for enrollment in the Commissioned Lay Pastor / Trained Ruling Elder Program.

CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT AND MATURITY:

LEADERSHIP ABILITY:

OPENNESS TO IDEAS & TO LEARNING:

YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THIS PERSON'S SUITABILITY TO SERVE IN THIS WAY:

OTHER COMMENTS YOU WISH TO ADD:

SIGNED:_____ DATE:_____

Please return this form along with the application form & attached statement which the applicant has completed to: COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY