**Presbytery of Riverside**

**Commissioned Local Pastor Program**

**Application for Enrollment**

**Note to Applicant**

The purpose of the questions in this application is to provide the Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) with background information that will help them get to know you. Because there is great variety in age and experience of persons making application, this questionnaire is purposely broad in scope. Be as accurate and candid as you can. Please type or write legibly, using extra paper as needed to provide information you feel will give the most complete representation of yourself. This information will be used as a basis for mutual discussion.

After completing the application, make a copy for yourself and submit the original to the Clerk or Moderator of the Session of your home church. Additionally, forward a copy of the reference questions to each of your references asking them to attach their

responses (using more paper as needed) and submit to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Once the Session endorses the Elder, the original copy of all paperwork must be forwarded to:

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

**Presbytery of Riverside**

**PO Box 1165, Redlands, CA 92373**

**Or** [**riversidepresbytery.info@riversidepresbytery.com**](mailto:riversidepresbytery.info@riversidepresbytery.com) **and**

**copy current CPM Moderator**

**Commissioned Local Pastor or Commissioned Local Chaplain Program**

(Please fill this out on a computer. Max 5 page application in 12 point type.)

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Background**

List the academic institutions you have attended, beginning with high school and complete the information requested:

Institution Dates Attended Program or Major Diploma or Degree

Describe any previous experience in preaching or Clinical Pastoral Education Training:

**Occupational History**

List the three most recent full-time or part-time positions in which you have been employed and also provide the following information: job title, dates of employment, aspect most enjoyed, aspect most disliked.

1. Current employment:

2. Next most recent:

3. Second most recent:

**Church History**

Date and place of baptism:

Date and place of profession of faith:

Church Membership:

Date joined:

Date ordained an elder:

Date ordained a deacon:

List other churches where you have been a member.

List areas of involvement in your local church both as a participant and leader. Indicate areas of leadership.

List areas of involvement in Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly.

List voluntary services, civic or social organizations of which you are or have been a member. Indicate your extent of participation and your role.

List any factors that may place limits on your ability to receive training or to serve as a Commissioned Local Pastor:

**Questions for Reflection**

Write a response to each of the following. These responses should be attached to this application.

1. In one or two paragraphs, describe yourself as a person.
2. Describe briefly what it means to you to be a Commissioned Local Pastor. What has motivated you to consider this program?
3. Write a brief statement of your personal faith (approximately 300-500 words). Your statement should describe (at minimum) what you believe about God as the Trinity and your relationship to each person of the Trinity.
4. What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?
5. Describe your current spiritual journey, spiritual practices, prayer life, and disciplines.
6. Comment on your interests, hobbies and stress-relieving activities.

**References**

Please list three people who will serve as references. One should be your pastor or a pastor within the Presbytery of Riverside:

1. Name:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please ask your references to answer the following questions and to send their responses under separate cover directly to the Commission on Preparation for Ministry at the following address: The Presbytery of Riverside, 1875 D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405

1. To what extent does the applicant adhere to Christ’s teachings?
2. What is your experience of the applicant’s commitment to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
3. What special gifts, talents and skills does the applicant exhibit for service as a Commissioned Local Pastor?
4. What is the most recent example of the applicant’s service to the church?
5. If the applicant were your Commissioned Local Pastor, what specific areas would you wish him or her to improve?
6. If you are a teaching elder and a member of the Presbytery of Riverside, would you be willing to serve as the applicant’s mentor if asked?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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