

**FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY**  
**Application for Lay Pastor Training**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation/Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

*Formal Education:*

(List academic institutions attended and degrees obtained, beginning with High School)

School/Location	Years attended / Degree Date	Diploma or Degree	Area of Study or Major/Minor

**CHURCH BACKGROUND**

Year of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Confirmation/Public Profession of Faith: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church where you are an active member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you were received as active member in current local congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other churches where you have been a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ordination as an Elder: \_\_\_\_\_

List below your areas of involvement in the life and mission of the Church:

Area of involvement	Are you currently involved?	Participant?	Leader?

**Please answer the following questions. Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.**

1. Why are you interested in this program? What motivates you to apply?  
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2. What aspects of your present church life do you enjoy the most?  
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3. What aspects are the most frustrating?

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4. What does it mean to you to be a Presbyterian?

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5. What gifts and skills do you bring to this program?

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6. In what areas of your Christian life would you like to grow?

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7. Describe your current Spiritual practices and disciplines?

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8. What are some of your interests and hobbies?

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9. In what community or volunteer service have you been involved?

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10. What do you hope to gain by being part of this ministry?

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**SESSION ENDORSEMENT FORM**

Primary attention should be given at this time to evaluating the applicant's natural gifts, depth of commitment, strength of motivation, potential for growth and promise of effectiveness as a Lay Pastor. The Session should remember that the CLP Ministry Team must rely upon the Session, the Pastor/Moderator, and the Applicant to exercise good judgment in discerning whether this individual appears to be called by God to consider service as a Lay Pastor.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond honestly to the following questions. Please print or type. You may use additional pages as needed.

1. What personal qualities in this individual are evidence of a vital Christian faith?

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2. How is this faith currently being expressed through the individual's participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of the church?

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3. What evidence do you see of a sense of call to the Lay Pastor ministry?

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4. What actual and potential talents for ministry as a Lay Pastor are evident in this individual?

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5. Describe a few situations in the life of your church in which the applicant has demonstrated leadership skills?

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6. How would you rate the applicant's physical health, stamina, emotional well being and maturity?

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7. The ministry of a Lay Pastor requires great maturity of character, self-discipline, reliability and commitment to Jesus Christ and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please comment on the applicant's attributes in these areas.

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8. Describe the applicant's capacity for effective public speaking and Christian sensitivity to others

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9. The following qualities are especially important for a Lay Pastor. Please check all which you feel are demonstrated by this applicant in the life of your church.

- Ability to speak in public with a clear voice and with good grammar.
- A demonstrated basic knowledge of the content of the Bible.
- Reliability.
- Leader in the church.
- Compassion.
- Skills in personal relationships.
- Well developed listening skills.
- Ability to relate to different age groups.
- Able to deal with people with different opinions.
- Able to keep confidentiality.

10. Describe any reservations the Session might have in endorsing this candidate. (Note: A reservation does not disqualify an individual or indicate that they are unsuitable for service. The CLP Ministry Team, however, must rely upon your honest and candid evaluation.)

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The Session of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church:

- DOES endorse this application for admission to the Certified Lay Pastor Training Program.
  - DOES NOT endorse this application for admission to the Certified Lay Pastor Training Program.
  - DOES ENDORSE WITH RESERVATIONS this application for admission to the Certified Lay Pastor Training Program. (List specific reservations here.)
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Signature of Clerk of Session

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Date

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Signature of Moderator of Session

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Date

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**PASTOR/MODERATOR ENDORSEMENT FORM**

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10. Describe any reservations you as their Pastor might have in endorsing this candidate. (Note: A reservation does not disqualify an individual or indicate that they are unsuitable for service. The CLP Ministry Team, however, must rely upon your honest and candid evaluation).

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I, the Pastor/Moderator of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church:

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Signature

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Date