Great Lakes City Classis

CONSISTORY RECOMMENDATION for COMMISSIONED PASTOR

Church name: _____Date: _____

Candidate name: _____

Length of applicant's confessing membership in this church: _____

Year of Baptism _____ Year of Confession _____

The BCO requires that commissioned pastors must be elders prior to their commissioning. (BCO 1.II.17)
Has the applicant been ordained as an elder?   ___ Yes   ___ No

        If so, year of ordination as an elder _____

We plan to commission this candidate to be a Commissioned Pastor of _____
at this church.

The BCO states that the ministry of a Commissioned Pastor will include the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments (Part II, Sec. 1) and that the *classis* may authorize any or all of the following functions:
        Serve as presiding officer of the consistory
        Preside at the ordination and installation of elders and deacons
        Perform a service of Christian marriage when approved by consistory and subject to state and provincial law (Part II, Sec. 7).

Does the consistory of this church intend that the candidate's commissioning includes the three functions named in section seven?
_____ yes   _____ no.
        If "no," please specify:
        Presiding officer of consistory   _____ yes   _____ no
        Preside at ordination of elders and deacons   _____ yes   _____ no
        Perform marriages   _____ yes   _____ no

What leadership activities has this candidate fulfilled in this church?

In what other ways has this candidate demonstrated a personal commitment to Christ and demonstrated significant gifts for ministry?

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What are the greatest strengths this candidate brings to serving in ministry?

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What are some areas of growth that need to be further developed in the life and ministry of this candidate?

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Do you recommend this individual to enter the training process for becoming a Commissioned Pastor within Great Lakes City Classis, RCA?

___ Highly Recommend   ___ Conditionally Recommend   ___ Do Not Recommend

Will you commit to support and encourage this candidate in ministry and leadership development as this candidate seeks to become a Commissioned Pastor?

___ Yes   ___ No

Is this church willing to underwrite some or all of the costs for the training and supervision of this candidate?

___ Yes   ___ No   ___ Maybe

Signature of the Vice-President of Consistory _____ Date _____

Signature of the Stated Clerk of Consistory _____ Date _____

This form should be sent to the Great Lakes City Classis Stated Clerk at office @glcclassis.org

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