Form No. II (to be completed by the consistory)

CONSISTORY EVALUATION/RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CLASSIS CARE

"A confessing member of a congregation in the Reformed Church in America who desires to become a minister shall apply to the classis with jurisdiction over the church in which membership is held to be enrolled as a candidate for the ministry. This application shall be made through the consistory of the church in which membership is held" (*BCO* 1.II.8.1).

Some issues for discussion and evaluation by the consistory when it meets with the applicant:

1. What are the indications of a vital faith in Christ?
2. How is the applicant expressing that faith through active participation in the worship, study, and ministry of the local church?
3. What motivates the applicant's desire to prepare for Christian ministry?
4. What current or potential strengths or gifts for ministry are evident?
5. Are these gifts being used and bearing fruit?
6. What is the level of adequacy of relational ability?
7. What is the level of adequacy of self-discipline and follow through?

The consistory of _____ Church in _____,

_____, met with _____ on _____
(applicant) (date)

and recommended the following: (check one)

☐ a. That the applicant be taken under care.

☐ b. That action on the application be postponed.

☐ c. That the applicant not be taken under care.

The consistory is prepared to support this candidate in the following ways (i.e. prayer; opportunities to preach, teach, and develop other pastoral/leadership skills; financial aid):

_____	_____	_____
Pastor's signature	Clerk's signature	Date

Note: Completed forms Nos. I and II, with the applicant's statement of Christian experience, are to be forwarded to the stated clerk of classis for referral to the appropriate committee. Once approved by classis, copies of this material should be forwarded to the appropriate RCA seminary or the MFCA.