



# Commissioned Pastor Application

## ***PERSONAL INFORMATION***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church of membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Year joined: \_\_\_\_\_

Your present occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND***

List educational institutions (high schools, colleges, universities) that you have attended, including any from which you did not graduate.

**Please attach transcripts or request copies to be sent from any educational institutions that you attended after high school.**

Name of school	Location	Years Attended	Degree received

List ministry or leadership conferences, seminars, or training you have attended in the last five years: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPIRITUAL JOURNEY AND CALL**

Please write and attach a brief autobiography (2-3 pages) including significant events in your life and a description of how you came to know Christ and your sense of call in seeking to become a commissioned pastor.

Who have been some of the writers, Christian leaders, or mentors that have most influenced your spiritual journey and how did they do it?

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What natural and spiritual gifts has God given you?

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What confirmation have you discovered in using your spiritual gifts?

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Describe your motivation to become a commissioned pastor and vision for your ministry.

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To what specific ministry do you seek commission at your church?

Commissioned Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you suggest to serve as a mentor for you in this process? *(Must be a Great Lakes City Classis Member)*. \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

Please provide three personal references. These individuals should come from a variety of relationships (church member, colleague, teacher, friend, etc.) and be familiar with your call to ministry, your ministry experience, and spiritual gifts. *These references may be contacted.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

***Criminal History***

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a misdemeanor?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain. Use additional paper if necessary.

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Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a felony?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain. Use additional paper if necessary.

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**STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT**

I hereby apply for admission to the Commissioned Pastor Program of Great Lakes City Classis, RCA. If accepted, I will commit myself to participate fully in the assessment process and training plan approved by the classis.

I accept that a criminal background check and psychological exam will be prerequisites to acceptance into the Commissioned Pastor program in Great Lakes City Classis.

I understand that if I am not commissioned within seven years of the date of my training plan being approved by Great Lakes City Classis that I will need to reapply to the classis.

I understand that successful completion of this assessment and training plan with approval by the classis is necessary before I can be examined or considered for commissioning as a Commissioned Pastor.

I promise in reliance on the Grace of God to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for Christ's ministry.

I promise this application to be true and complete to the best of my ability.

I also promise to submit to the supervision of classis in matters that pertain to preparation towards my commissioning.

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Candidate's Signature

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Date

This form should be sent to the Great Lakes City Classis Commissioned Pastor Team Chair and the Great Lakes City Classis Stated Clerk, Tricia Leistra, at [tleistra@glcclassis.org](mailto:tleistra@glcclassis.org)