

## **Commissioned Pastor (CP) Program**

### **THE PURPOSE OF THE CP PROGRAM:**

To provide an academic track to prepare Ruling Elders for a commission to a particular pastoral service, and to provide continuing education opportunities to CPs serving in Mission Presbytery.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

A candidate for the CP program shall submit the Pastor/Session Endorsement Form, the application form and fee to Education and Congregational Nurture Committee (ECN) of Mission Presbytery. Upon receipt of the forms and fee, ECN will assign an advisor to the candidate to guide the candidate through the course program. The candidate shall enroll in an \*approved PCUSA seminary's CP/CRE/Lay Pastor program. The candidate's advisor will have the necessary information regarding seminaries, courses, financial aid and scholarships.)

### **OVERSIGHT OF PROGRAM:**

The ECN, through the candidate's advisor, will monitor the candidate's progress. Progress reports on all candidates enrolled in the CP program will be submitted to an oversight team made up of two (2) members: one (1) member from ECN, one (1) member of COM. The oversight team shall keep copies of applications, transcripts and progress reports in the presbytery office.

### **PROGRAM COMPLETION**

Upon satisfactory completion of program courses, the candidate will submit a transcript of seminary courses and written evidence of satisfactory participation in ECN studies. ECN will interview the candidate to determine the candidate's readiness to serve. The interview will cover all topics of the required course work. If the way be clear, ECN will present the candidate to Mission Presbytery as prepared to become a CP. The candidate will be examined by the Committee On Ministry in the regular order as required by the Book of Order (PCUSA) to be commissioned.

\* Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary's Certificate in Ministry program (with Polity as an elective);  
University of Dubuque's CRE/Lay Pastor program; or  
Union Presbyterian Seminary's Pathway to Learning and Leadership.

**Commissioned Pastor  
Pastor/Session Endorsement**

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Education and Congregational Nurture Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_ is active in the life of our congregation and is a person who would be a good representative and example for others. He/She is endorsed by the Session of \_\_\_\_\_ to be a candidate of the Commissioned Pastor Program toward which the Session is committed to support spiritually and financially in partnership with Mission Presbytery.

\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Moderator (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Session (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Moderator (Please Sign)

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Clerk of Session (Please Sign)

## Commissioned Pastor Program Application

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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

Endorsing Session: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach \$25 application fee and  
return by mail to:  
Education and Congregational Nurture Committee:  
Mission Presbytery  
7201 Broadway, Suite #303  
San Antonio, TX 78209**