



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT AS AN INQUIRER

The purpose of the questions in this application is to help the Session and the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) get to know you. The application will be used as a basis for mutual discussion. Because there is a great variety in age and experience of persons making application, this questionnaire is purposely broad in scope. Please use extra paper as needed to provide additional information you feel will give the fairest representation of yourself. Be as accurate and candid as you can.

This form can be filled out in Word format. You can move the cursor around on the document using the mouse, the arrows keys, and the Page Up and Page Down keys. As you fill in a line that has an underline, you may find that the underline stretches to the right and starts a new line. After you finish your input on that line, just use the Delete key to bring the end of the underline back to where it belongs.

After completing pages 2-5 and 14 (pages 6-9 are not required by the Presbytery of the James) email pages 2-17 plus your essays to the clerk or moderator of the session of your home church. Ask to meet with the session to gain its endorsement of your application for inquiry. Give to the session also transcripts of all academic work you have completed beyond high school.

Read carefully the responsibilities of session, inquirer and CPM in Form 1A, pages 12-13; Form 2A, pages 16-17.

If session endorses your application, session will appoint one of its members to be your liaison. The moderator or clerk of session should fill out and sign page 11. Page 18 requires your name at the top, and the signatures of the moderator and a witness. You do not need to sign it yet. The clerk should keep a copy of the entire application and give you the originals of all signed documents. Then email your application as an attachment to the presbytery office (franklinr@pbyjames.org). Since page 5, 11, 14, and 18 (and page 9, if you use pages 6-9) require signatures, please deliver them in hard copy, together with the official transcripts, to

Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Presbytery of the James
3218 Chamberlayne Avenue
Richmond VA 23227

When you come for your interview with CPM, bring a copy of your application, including pages 16-17, the responsibilities of the inquirer and CPM. Before your interview please study these pages carefully to make sure you know the terms of the covenant you are intending to enter into with the presbytery.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR SESSION AND
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

CURRENT ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
(IF SAME, WRITE SAME) (STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

REFERENCES

REFERENCES SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING: SOMEONE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION; A FORMER EMPLOYER; A PEER OR A FORMER PROFESSOR OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.

NAME _____
(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

RELATIONSHIP _____ HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOW THIS PERSON? _____

NAME _____
(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

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PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____ HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOW THIS PERSON? _____

FAMILY INFORMATION
(THIS SECTION IS OPTIONAL)

NAME OF SPOUSE (IF CURRENTLY MARRIED) _____

NAMES/BIRTH DATES OF CHILDREN _____

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY FAMILY INFORMATION YOU CONSIDER PERTINENT TO YOUR APPLICATION.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

LIST THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS YOU HAVE ATTENDED, BEGINNING WITH HIGH SCHOOL, AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION ASKED FOR IN EACH COLUMN. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY PURSUING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, INDICATE YOUR ACADEMIC CLASSIFICATION.

INSTITUTION	DATES ATTENDED	PROGRAM OR MAJOR	ACADEMIC AVERAGE	DIPLOMA OR DEGREE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

FILL IN THE TWO COLUMNS BELOW:

	SUBJECTS IN WHICH YOU DID YOUR BEST WORK	SUBJECTS IN WHICH DID LESS WELL
HIGH SCHOOL	_____	_____
COLLEGE	_____	_____
GRADUATE SCHOOL	_____	_____
POSTGRADUATE	_____	_____

LIST ANY ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. UNDERLINE THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN MOST MEANINGFUL.

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY

LIST ALL THE FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME JOBS OR OCCUPATIONS IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AND PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. INDICATE PART-TIME BY PUTTING PT NEXT TO THE JOB TITLE. (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY.)

	CURRENT/MOST RECENT	NEXT MOST RECENT	SECOND MOST RECENT
JOB TITLE	_____	_____	_____
DATES OF EMPLOYMENT	_____	_____	_____
ASPECTS YOU ENJOYED MOST	_____	_____	_____
ASPECTS YOU ENJOYED LEAST	_____	_____	_____

CHURCH INFORMATION

CHURCH OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP _____ DATE JOINED: _____

YEAR OF YOUR BAPTISM _____ YEAR OF PROFESSION OF FAITH _____

OTHER CHURCHES JOINED:	DATES OF MEMBERSHIP:
_____	_____
_____	_____

DATES OF ORDINATION, IF APPLICABLE: DEACON _____ ELDER _____

LIST YOUR AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH, BOTH AS A PARTICIPANT AND AS A LEADER. INDICATE CURRENT AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH AN ASTERISK (*).

AREA OF INVOLVEMENT	PARTICIPANT	LEADER
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LIST VOLUNTARY SERVICES, CIVIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR HAVE BEEN A MEMBER AND INDICATE YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ROLE.

LIST ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED FOR BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/LEADERSHIP, ETC.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

REFLECT ON AND WRITE RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR YOUR ANSWERS.)

- 1) DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PERSON.
- 2) DESCRIBE BRIEFLY YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN INQUIRER.
- 3) DESCRIBE THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS, EXPERIENCES, AND PERSONS THAT HAVE PROMPTED YOU TO BECOME AN INQUIRER.
- 4) WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF YOUR PERSONAL FAITH DESCRIBING WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD, JESUS CHRIST, THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THEM.
- 5) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE PRESBYTERIAN?
- 6) DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND DISCIPLINES.
- 7) WHO/WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL (ROLE MODEL) FOR MINISTRY? WHAT DO YOU EXPECT IN YOUR MINISTRY? WHAT ASPECT OF MINISTRY DO YOU FIND LEAST INTERESTING?
- 8) WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAINTAIN YOUR PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH?
- 9) COMMENT ON WHAT HAVE BEEN (ARE) SOME OF YOUR MORE MEANINGFUL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES.
- 10) HOW DO YOU PLAN TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION?

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL RESOURCES

1. Income: Provide an estimate of your financial resources during your time of enrollment in seminary. If you and/or your spouse will keep the same job while you are enrolled in seminary, please list your current salary. If you are ending employment to begin seminary, estimate what you may earn during the academic year.

	Total Monthly
Student earnings	_____
Spouse earnings	_____
Other income (Social Security, Disability, VA, etc.)	_____
Child Support	_____
Other (Please specify)	_____
_____	_____
Total	_____

2. Other assistance

	Total for Academic Year
Home Church/Congregational support	_____
Family/Friends support	_____
Presbytery support	_____
PCUSA scholarships/loans	_____
Foundation or Corporations	_____
Other (Please specify)	_____
_____	_____
Total	_____

3. Assets

	Current Total
Cash and savings	_____
Investments (CDs, stocks, etc.)	_____
Retirement savings (IRAs, 401Ks, etc.)	_____
Real Estate	_____
Automobiles	_____
Other (Please specify)	_____
_____	_____
Total	_____

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR

1. Educational expenses

Total for Academic Year

Annual tuition (_____courses X tuition rate)
Special academic programs or study (Please explain)

Fees

Books

Total

2. Monthly living expenses

Monthly Total

Rent/mortgage/assessment

Utilities

Food and household supplies

Automobile expenses

Telephone

Clothing

Incidentals

Health Insurance (do not include if deducted from paycheck)

Other medical/dental expenses

Transportation (please explain)

Dependent allowance

Child Care

Child support payments

Life Insurance

Charitable donations

Other (please explain)

Other (please explain)

Total

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Student (and spouse's or prospective spouse's) educational indebtedness.

Educational Loans – use principal amounts for both undergraduate and graduate education

	Student	Spouse
Federal Subsidized Stafford Loans (Undergraduate)	_____	_____
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans (Undergraduate)	_____	_____
Federal Subsidized Stafford Loans (Graduate)	_____	_____
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans (Graduate)	_____	_____
Federal Perkins Loans	_____	_____
PCUSA Loans	_____	_____
Loans from parents/family members	_____	_____
Other Educational Loans	_____	_____
Estimated total seminary loans that will be received upon graduation	_____	_____
Total Principal	_____	_____

2. Student's (and spouse's or prospective spouse's) non-educational Indebtedness

Include consumer, mortgage, revolving credit, etc.

	Balance Owed	Monthly Payment
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____
e. _____	_____	_____
f. _____	_____	_____

3. Non-seminary scholarships (grants) for which you have applied or which you have received

Source of financial assistance	Amount Fall Term	Amount Spring Term
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____

Please comment on how you intend to meet your indebtedness and financial obligations while meeting your seminary financial responsibilities.

I certify that the information contained is a true and accurate statement of my financial circumstances and is made in good faith.

Signature

Date

SESSION CONSULTATION/RECOMMENDATION

Some issues for consideration when consulting with a prospective Inquirer. Since this is the beginning of the process, primary attention should be given, at this time, to evaluating natural gifts, quality of commitment, strength of motivation, and potential for growth. Each of these issues should be pursued at greater depth during the period of inquiry (*Preparation for Ministry Manual*, page 24).

- 1) What personal qualities of the applicant are evidence of a healthy and vital faith in God through Jesus Christ?

- 2) How is that faith currently being expressed through the individual's participation in the worship, life, and mission of this congregation?

- 3) What various motivations impel the sense of call? (e.g., service to God and the world, compassion for God's children, guilt, the need for power and status)

- 4) What real and potential talents for ministry are evident in this individual? (e.g., the ability to communicate, interpersonal skills, leadership or administrative abilities)

- 5) What is the level and adequacy of the individual's academic interest, ability, and motivation?

- 6) What is the evidence of his or her physical health and stamina?

- 7) What is the evidence of his or her emotional well-being?

- 8) What is the evidence of his or her self-discipline?

- 9) How does the individual plan to finance his or her education?

SESSION EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION

THE SESSION OF THE _____
(NAME OF CHURCH)

OF _____ MET WITH _____
(CITY) (STATE) (NAME OF APPLICANT)

ON _____ AND SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT:
(DATE)

THE SESSION _____ ENDORSES
THE APPLICANT TO BE ENROLLED BY THE PRESBYTERY
AS AN INQUIRER.
_____ DOES NOT ENDORSE

LIAISON

THE SESSION HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING ELDER TO ACT AS LIAISON WITH THE INQUIRER AND WITH THE PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY, AND TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE INQUIRER AND THE COMMITTEE AS THEY EXPLORE AND EVALUATE HIS OR HER PROGRESS (G-14.0413).

NAME _____
(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED FOR THE SESSION BY:

SIGNATURE _____

NAME _____ POSITION _____

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SESSION

- 1) Develop among church members an awareness of their Christian vocation and challenge them with responsible Christian stewardship of their talents (G-10.0102h).
- 2) Encourage persons with appropriate motivation and abilities to consider preparation for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament or other church occupations.
- 3) Contact the Moderator of the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry when a church member indicates a desire to pursue his/her sense of call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.
- 4) Meet for orientation on the preparation process with representative(s) from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (G-14.0410).
- 5) Interview applicant, if the person requests to be enrolled as an Inquirer, and making a recommendation to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry regarding the application (G-14.0413).
- 6) Appoint an elder to be a liaison person with the applicant and the CPM if he/she is enrolled as Inquirer by the Presbytery (G-14.0413).

Note: If the Session, the Committee, or the Presbytery decides not to accept the individual for enrollment as an Inquirer at this time, the Session continues to provide support, counsel, and guidance to the individual as he or she seeks to discover an appropriate occupational expression of Christian vocation.

- 7) Provide support and care on an ongoing basis to the Inquirer including the provision of financial support (G-14.0413).
- 8) Participate with the Inquirer and Presbytery's Committee in evaluating the Inquirer's growth and progress and receiving a copy of the Inquirer's Annual Report from the committee (G-14.0421).
- 9) Meet with the Inquirer to review evidence indicating his/her readiness to proceed to Candidacy. This evidence includes: personal interview with the Inquirer; all consultation reports; and the Inquirer's demonstration of adequate promise for ministry.
- 10) Make a decision regarding whether to recommend to presbytery that the Inquirer proceed to the Candidacy Phase.
- 11) Provide support and make a statement to Presbytery, if requested, when the Inquirer is ready for admission to Candidacy.

Note: If the Inquirer is not received by Presbytery as a Candidate, at this time, the session continues to support, counsel, and guide the individual as he/she seeks to discover an appropriate occupational expression of his/her Christian vocation.

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12) Upon approval of Candidacy by Presbytery, the Candidate and his/her session may request that a commission of Presbytery conduct a service of reception in the presence of the Candidate's congregation.

13) Provide continued support and pastoral care to the Candidate and his/her family; maintain the liaison relationship with both the Candidate and the Presbytery committee and consider the provision of financial support for the Candidate (G-14.0413).

14) Receive and review reports of each annual consultation (G-14.0421).

15) Remove the Candidate's name from the church roll when notice is received of his/her ordination (G-14.0483).

Note: It is important to remember that the Session acts as an advocate for both Inquirers and Candidates and, through its moderator and Presbytery commissioner(s), can call the Presbytery's Committee of Preparation for Ministry to accountability in fulfilling its responsibilities (G-14.0413).

APPLICATION TO BE ENROLLED BY PRESBYTERY AS AN INQUIRER

NAME _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
(IF SAME, WRITE SAME) (STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

GENDER: _____ ETHNIC ORIGIN: _____

CHURCH OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP _____

CHURCH'S ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____ DATE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP _____

HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED TO A PRESBYTERY TO BE ENROLLED AS AN INQUIRER OR CANDIDATE?

_____ No

_____ YES IF YES, ENROLLED AS _____
(INQUIRER OR CANDIDATE)

IN _____ FROM _____ TO _____
(NAME OF PRESBYTERY) (DATE) (DATE)

FORMER/CURRENT OCCUPATION _____

PRESENT SCHOOL _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION _____

IN WHAT CHURCH OCCUPATION ARE YOU INTERESTED AT THIS TIME? (e.g., PASTOR, YOUTH MINISTER, MISSION WORKER, ETC.)

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I HEREBY APPLY TO BE ENROLLED BY THIS PRESBYTERY AS AN INQUIRER FOR (CHECK ONE)

_____ MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

_____ OTHER _____
(SPECIFY)

I HAVE NOT BEEN ACCUSED OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND HAVE NOT BEEN ARRESTED. _____ OR _____
(Yes) (No)

I PROMISE, IN RELIANCE UPON THE GRACE OF GOD, TO PARTICIPATE DILIGENTLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THE SESSION AND THE PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY IN EXPLORING MY VOCATION.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CPM EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION

THE CPM OF The Presbytery of the James OF Richmond, Virginia
(NAME) (CITY) (STATE)

MET WITH _____ ON _____
(NAME OF APPLICANT) (DATE)

AND SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

THE CPM _____ ENDORSES
THE APPLICANT TO BE ENROLLED BY THE PRESBYTERY
AS AN INQUIRER.
_____ DOES NOT ENDORSE

LIAISON

THE CPM HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ACT AS LIAISON WITH THE INQUIRER AND WITH THE PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY, AND TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE INQUIRER AND THE COMMITTEE AS THEY EXPLORE AND EVALUATE HIS OR HER PROGRESS.

NAME _____
(TITLE) (FIRST) (LAST)

ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE(S) _____ E-MAIL _____

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT AS AN INQUIRER BY PRESBYTERY

_____ WAS ENROLLED AS AN INQUIRER BY
(NAME OF APPLICANT)

The Presbytery of the James ON _____
(NAME OF PRESBYTERY) (DATE)

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

*Stated Clerk of presbytery will copy and mail pages 14-15 to:
Office of Resourcing Committees on Preparation for Ministry
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
100 Witherspoon Street - Mezzanine
Louisville, KY 40202-1396
and
Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Inquirer, and
the Clerk of Session of Inquirer's Church*

GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INQUIRERS

- 1) Continue active participation in the life and mission of the Church (G-14.0404; G-14.011).
- 2) Participate responsibly with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in the goal setting, evaluation and decision making processes related to preparation for the ministry as carried out in preliminary interview(s), annual consultations, and other occasions requested by the committee (G-14.0421).
- 3) Give diligent attention to educational and developmental tasks involved in preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament as prescribed by the Constitution, and to such additional requirements as are determined in consultation with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (G-14.0404; G-14.0405; G-14.0412; G-14.0420; G-14.0431; G-14.0450).
- 4) Fulfill the schedules and time requirements prescribed by the Constitution and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (G-14.0403; G-14.0473).
- 5) Take initiative in maintaining regular and open communication with the Committee regarding experiences, progress in preparation for ministry, and other issues pertaining to educational, spiritual, and personal development.
- 6) Respond promptly and responsibly to all communications, correspondence, requests for reports and information by the Committee, including pre-interview annual consultation reports, together with transcripts, and signed field education/internship evaluations.
- 7) Participate responsibly in annual consultations (G-14.0421).
- 8) Attend to constitutionally prescribed procedures for transferring to another presbytery, if such transfer is anticipated (G-14.0461).
- 9) When appropriate, apply to become a Candidate through the session of one's church.
- 10) Meet with the session and present statements required at the conclusion of the Inquiry Phase.
- 11) Meet with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry regarding application for Candidacy.

**GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

- 1) Provide for session orientation to the preparation for ministry process used in the presbytery (G-14.0410).
- 2) Support and guide the Inquirer with understanding and sympathetic interest (G-14.0412).
- 3) Provide regular, open, candid, and sensitive communication and evaluation of the Inquirer's progress in preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament, and expecting same from the Inquirer.
- 4) Provide specific written descriptions of requirements and time line for meeting the Inquirer's responsibilities to this particular presbytery (please attach a copy).
- 5) Give guidance to the Inquirer regarding: course of study, familiarity with the Bible and with the confessions, practical training and plans for education including the choice of institutions, the Inquirer's financial needs, and service to the church. Give guidance and instruction in the faith and polity of the church. (G-14.0412).
- 6) Receive from the Inquirer the annual written report concerning progress in studies and service to the church, including a report from the Inquirer's institution of learning (G-14.0421).
- 7) Check with the Inquirer in advance when scheduling annual consultations and other meetings with the committee, with appropriate consideration of the person's schedule and responsibilities and adequate lead time to effectively complete and return preliminary reports.
- 8) Conduct annual consultations and prepare jointly with the Inquirer a written report of each consultation, submitting copies to the individual, the sponsoring session, and to the theological institution (G-14.0421). Maintain an accurate and appropriately comprehensive file of the Inquirer's records and information regarding progress in preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament.
- 9) Promptly process requests promptly for exceptions, transfers, and transfers of credentials as agreed to by the Committee and the Inquirer.
- 10) Meet with the Inquirer, upon recommendation by the session, to review evidence indicating his/her readiness to proceed to Candidacy. This evidence includes: personal interview with the Inquirer; all consultation reports; and the Inquirer's demonstration of adequate promise for ministry according to the expected outcomes of Inquiry Phase.
- 11) Make a decision regarding whether to recommend to presbytery that the Inquirer proceed to the Candidacy Phase.

COVENANT AGREEMENT AND INQUIRER RELEASE

I, _____ have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both Inquirers and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry with the Presbytery Committee. I do hereby wish to be enrolled in the preparation for process of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereinafter "**Church**") with the understanding that I subject myself to the guidance, counsel and disciplines of the Church as represented by the Presbytery and its Committee on Preparation for Ministry. I fully agree and understand that the decision of the Presbytery Committee regarding my suitability and readiness for ministry may involve questions and/or inquiries that are both personal and private and I hereby release the Church and its committees, agents and representatives from any claims, causes, or actions, which may arise from said inquiries and answers received to such inquiries or any uses made of such answers. Further, I grant permission to the Presbytery Committee to contact any person listed by me as a reference or any other person not so listed to discuss my suitability and readiness.

I covenant with God, the Session, and the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, to rely upon the grace of God, to maintain a Christian character and conduct; to be diligent and faithful in pursuing my call and in preparing for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

By my signature, I hereby certify that this Covenant Agreement and Release is fully understood by me and I sign it understanding that I will be bound by its terms.

Signature of Inquirer _____ Date _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

The Session covenants to be a faithful partner with you in this relationship; to support, to care and to nurture you with love as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the Moderator of Session _____ Date _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry covenants to be a faithful and just partner with you in this relationship; to support, to guide, to nurture and to evaluate you with an understanding and sympathetic interest as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of Moderator of CPM _____ Date _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

***CPM will copy and mail this page to:
All parties signing document
and
Stated Clerk of Presbytery***