

**General Candidacy Application  
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Have either of you been divorced? Y:  N:

If yes, please give full details on a separate sheet of paper.

Children (names/ages):


Have they received covenant baptism? Y  N  Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Age at your conversion \_\_\_\_\_ Most influential pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church membership \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance: Sun  p.m.  Wed.   
\_\_\_\_\_ a.m

List organizations you have belonged to and give dates:

1.	
2.	
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4.	
5.	

Educational record: (List Institutions, Dates, GPA, Degree, Major)

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Seminary Status: Junior  Middler  Senior  Intern  Graduate

Presbytery Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

List recent employers and type of work:

1.	
2.	
3.	

Please answer the following questions succinctly:

1. Why do you love God? Describe how that love began and developed.
2. Why do you want to serve God as a minister of the Gospel? What people have encouraged you? Why have you chosen the Presbyterian Church in America?
3. What do you consider to be the most important concern facing the church?
4. What abilities and spiritual gifts has God given you that will assist you as a pastor, preacher, teacher? What will you emphasize in your ministry?
5. How do your parents feel about your plans to enter the ministry?
6. Have you studied the biblical requirements for elder in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and are you persuaded by God in your own mind that you meet these qualifications? In what areas do you see need for improvement?

7. Describe your devotionl habits for yourself and your family.

8. What is your current financial situation? Will you be out of debt by the time you plan to seek ordination?

The following are to be answered by your spouse:

1. How do you feel about your husband serving as a minister of the Gospel?

2. What qualifications do you see that will make him a useful servant of Christ?

3. How has he displayed those qualities as a husband and father?

*Please return this completed form electronically to the credentials assisstant: [pmvcredentials@gmail.com](mailto:pmvcredentials@gmail.com)*