

**AUTHORIZED LAY PREACHER / COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR  
APPLICATION FORM  
The Presbytery of Shenandoah**

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**PART 1: (to be completed by the applicant)**

*Please complete the following application so that we might gain a sense of who you are  
and of your call.*

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

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

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Office): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Session: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (E-Mail): \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Active Membership in this church: \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

Ordained offices held: \_\_\_\_\_ (deacon) \_\_\_\_\_ (elder)

Date received into membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you held membership in other Presbyterian churches? Please list name, address, and dates of membership.

Total length of active service in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its antecedents.

Have you held membership in other denominations? Please list names and dates of membership. (Use the back of this page as necessary).

List your service to the local church and other governing bodies

**WORK/MILITARY HISTORY (List current or most recent position first)**

<u>Dates (From/To)</u>	<u>Employer (Name/City/State)</u>	<u>Part Time (PT)</u> <u>Full Time (FT)</u>	<u>Title or</u> <u>type of work</u>
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**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

*Please answer these essay questions on separate sheets of paper.*

Why are you interested in being trained to be an Authorized Lay Preacher?

What informational experiences have you had which will assist you in being an effective Authorized Lay Preacher?

What aspects of your present church life do you enjoy most?

What aspects of your present church life are most frustrating?

Please let us know what it means to you to be a Presbyterian.

In what areas of your life would you most like to grow?

If accepted, I understand I will be undertaking a commitment of both academic and practical nature. I am also willing to commit myself to continuing education after completing the program. This will be in consultation with the ALP/CLP Committee.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SESSION AND MODERATOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please provide the Clerk of Session with the attached form for completion by the Session and Session Moderator.

## REFERENCES

Please provide the name, address, phone number and email of each person. One should be from outside the church of membership, two from within the church of membership.

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### **For ALP/CLP Committee Use**

This applicant fulfills the minimum requirements of the Presbytery of Shenandoah as established by the Committee on Ministry and:

\_\_\_ Has served one full three-year term on the session

\_\_\_ Has received recommendation of the session

\_\_\_ Has received recommendation of the Moderator of the session

\_\_\_ Has submitted letters of reference, 2 from congregation of membership, 1 from outside that congregation

\_\_\_ Has minimum education of High School diploma or G.E.D.

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**PART 2:** (to be completed by the Clerk of Session)

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

The above applicant is an active member of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ the Session met with the above named applicant and examined him/her about becoming an Authorized Lay Preacher / Commissioned Lay Pastor candidate of Shenandoah Presbytery. The Session voted to recommend this person, with the following comments on his/her sense of call and particular gifts for this work:

Signatures:

Clerk of Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator of Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Person commenting if not Clerk or Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_

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(adapted from "Commissioned Lay Pastors  
in the Presbyterian Church" 2002)  
See the most recent form at <http://www.shenpres.org/forms.html>.