

**Eastern Carolina Presbytery
Candidates, Licentiates and Interns Committee
Candidate Packet**

Candidacy

Candidacy is a time of **testing** your calling to full-time gospel ministry. On behalf of the Presbytery, we will be evaluating your character, the means by which you sense God’s calling to ministry as a teaching elder, the confirmation of this calling from those who know you – your elders, family members, friends, employers, and neighbors – and your interest in the Presbyterian Church in America specifically.

Preparation

In seeking candidacy, there is nothing to complete beyond the forms herein and the interview with the Committee. Naturally, you are required to attend the Presbytery meeting at which you will be examined.

Requirements

Step	Action by Applicant or Candidate	Initiator	Constitutional Basis	Requisite Resources	Prerequisite	Deadline
1	Seek session endorsement and have session send letter of endorsement to stated clerk of ECP and chairman of CLIC	Applicant	BCO 18-2	Candidate Application (pp. 2-8)	Six months' membership in an ECP congregation	Minimum of 30 days prior to Presbytery meeting
2	Request letter of dismissal from prior presbytery in which candidacy was held, if applicable	Applicant	BCO 18-7		Candidacy in another PCA presbytery	90 days prior to upcoming stated meeting of ECP, recommended
3	File application with stated clerk of ECP and chairman of CLIC	Applicant	BCO 18-2	Candidate Application (pp. 2-8)		60 days prior to upcoming stated meeting of ECP
4	Interview with CLIC	CLIC	MO IV.B.1.b.(1)(a)			30 days prior to upcoming stated meeting of ECP
5	Be examined by ECP for approval of candidacy	CLIC	BCO 18-3			Stated meeting of ECP
6	Receive counsel and guidance in studies, practical training, and institutions of learning	CLIC	BCO 18-4			30 days following approval of candidacy
7	Obtain consent of ECP for omission of study requirements, if desired	CLIC	BCO 18-4, 21-4			Upcoming stated meeting of ECP
8	Engage in Christian work as per BCO 18-4	CLIC, working with candidate's church	BCO 18-5			
9	Submit annual candidacy report to CLIC chairman	Candidate	BCO 18-6; MO IV.B.1.b.(1)(b)	Annual Report Form (p. 10)		30 days before Summer Stated Meeting of ECP
10	Submit copy of educational transcript to date to CLIC chairman, if enrolled in seminary	Candidate	BCO 18-6; MO IV.B.1.b.(1)(b)	Annual Report Form (p. 10)		30 days before Summer Stated Meeting of ECP

ECP Candidate Application

Personal Information

Name:

Today's date:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Daytime phone number:

Date of birth:

Alternate phone number:

Wife's name:

Place of birth:

List names and dates of birth of children:

Date of wedding:

Church Information

Church name:

Date received into membership:

Church mailing address:

Church phone number:

Church email address:

Mentor name:

Mentor church:

Mentor phone number:

Mentor email address:

Education

College/University:

Degree:

Date:

Major/minor:

Seminary:

Degree:

Date:

Major/focus:

ECP Candidate Application - Short Essays

Answer the following questions, using one or more separate pages as necessary; please respond thoroughly but succinctly:

1. Describe your employment history over the past five years. List employers, types of work, and durations of employment. A current resume may be used.
2. Describe your Christian experience (including your coming to saving faith and current sense of call).
3. What reasons do you have for believing that God is leading you into ministry as a teaching elder?
4. What spiritual gifts have others seen God use in/through you?
5. Why do you desire to pursue full-time gospel ministry in the PCA in particular?
6. Please describe any ministry experience you have had during the past five years and the fruits that resulted from your ministry.

ECP Candidate Application - Spouse Reference (If applicable) - Page 1

Dear Sister in Christ,

We want to convey how important you are in your husband's initial step toward ordination as a minister of the gospel of Christ. As you already know, this process is not just about him, but about his family as well. We thank God for the role you have and will continue to play in your husband's life and ministry; his application to become a teaching elder candidate in our Presbytery is simply another step in God's plan for you both.

We also don't want you to feel undue pressure as you complete the spouse reference information. We evaluate responses from your husband himself and others who have observed his life. But because you are his wife, we especially value your perspective and observations.

Provide as much or little information as you want, but know regardless that we are grateful for you and would be happy to hear from you further, now or in the future, should you have any questions or concerns.

With gratitude in Christ,

Candidates, Licentiates, and Interns Committee of Eastern Carolina Presbytery
Presbyterian Church in America

ECP Candidate Application - Spouse Reference (If applicable) - Pages 2 and Following

Name:

Primary phone number:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Signature:

Please answer the following; either return hardcopy responses to the applicant in a sealed envelope (with signature written over seal) or email scanned document or PDF to cltc@easterncarolina.org .

Because of your intimate knowledge of the candidate, your insights are paramount in helping to determine if this is the best pathway for him. As a sister in Christ, we thank you for your partnership in this way as well as your candor.

1. For how long have you known each other and been married?

2. On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest), please indicate your evaluation of your husband's:

- a. Ability to think independently
- b. Ability to work well with others
- c. Respect for self and others
- d. Emotional stability
- e. Promptness
- f. Dependability
- g. Maturity
- h. Sensitivity
- i. Listening ability
- j. Responsibility accepted for his actions and words
- k. Enthusiasm and motivation to learn
- l. Commitment to helping others in need
- m. Professional attitude
- n. Clarity in written/verbal communication skills

3. Briefly describe your husband's attitude towards the following:

- a. Women
- b. Children
- c. His in-laws
- d. His parents
- e. The poor
- f. The disabled
- g. GLBT community
- h. Racial and ethnic minorities
- i. Those in authority
- j. Menial labor
- k. Hospital visits

4. List what you believe to be your husband's greatest strength/s.
5. List what you believe to be your husband's greatest weakness/es.
6. What weakness is he currently working on?
7. When he is stressed, anxious, etc., how does your husband cope?
8. Describe how your husband handles someone who doesn't like him.
9. Describe how significant decisions are made in your family.
10. Relate your perception of his desire to enter the gospel ministry.
11. What do you view as your role in this venture?

**Eastern Carolina Presbytery
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Candidate Annual Report**

Forward responses to this form, along with any appropriate attachments, to the chairman of the CLIC at clic@easterncarolina.org at least thirty days before the Summer Stated Meeting of Presbytery, held the third Saturday of every July. *As we seek to care for you, it is essential that you actively uphold your responsibility to report your progress annually in pursuing ordination. Please stay in contact with the Committee to ensure your candidacy remains active.* After we receive your report, a member of the Committee will contact you to address any concerns and provide support. If you are an intern, disregard this report form and complete the quarterly intern report found in the *ECP Intern Packet*.

Candidate name:

Date:

1. Please note any changes in status (contact information, marriage, children, etc.).
2. Note progress in the following areas (i.e., how much has been completed, projected completion date):
 - a. Seminary education (please attach a transcript if still in school)
 - b. Licensure
 - c. Internship
3. Please give an overview of the past year. We are interested in knowing about your spiritual life, married/personal matters as appropriate, and ministry experience.
4. What questions or challenges have been raised for you as you prepare for ministry? Is there anything in particular with which we may assist you? Please know that we are always available to meet with you at your request.
5. What are the one or two most important requests we can specifically pursue in prayer for you over the coming months?

The following questions are to be answered by your mentor (on behalf of your sponsoring session) via a separate email reply to clic@easterncarolina.org .

1. Are you still confident that God is leading this candidate to gospel ministry? Please explain.
2. Describe the frequency with which you have met with this candidate over the last year.