

Commissioned Lay Pastor Reference Form

for _____ (name of CLP applicant)

Name of individual providing this letter of reference _____

_____ elder of _____ Church

_____ minister member of _____ Presbytery

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Please feel free to answer the following questions on a separate page as needed.

Please describe how long and in what circumstances you have known the applicant.

Please provide information concerning the applicant's service to the church.

Please comment on the applicant's spiritual maturity and spiritual practices.

Please comment on the applicant's leadership capabilities.

A commissioned lay pastor may be selected by the presbytery to serve a congregation by leading worship, preaching the gospel, watching over the people, and providing for their nurture and service. Please comment on this applicant's suitability for such a ministry. Give specific examples of the applicant's behavior that would lead you to recommend her/him for this ministry.

Commissioned Lay Pastor
Pittsburgh Presbytery
Application

Name of Applicant _____

Mailing address _____

Email _____

Phone (home) _____
(work) _____

Church _____

Church address _____

Church phone _____

Date and place of ordination as elder _____

Education

High school _____ Graduation date _____

College _____

Major _____ Graduation date or # of yrs. attended _____

Graduate school _____

Area of study _____ Degree and date (if applicable) _____

Other degrees, certificates or areas of study (please describe):

Please feel free to answer the following questions on a separate page as needed.

Record of service to the church:

Please write an essay of approximately 200 words in which you describe your sense of calling by God to undertake CLP training.

Please describe your personal spiritual practices.

What gifts do you bring to ministry? How have you used your gifts in service to the church?

This application should be accompanied by three letters of reference by elders or pastors in the PCUSA using the CLP Reference Form. Send completed application and references to Lana Dumrauf, Pittsburgh Presbytery, 901 Allegheny Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15233, by May 1, 2008.