Application To Be A Candidate for the Gospel Ministry

*Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery, PCA*

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**Personal Information:**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Wife’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Wife’s Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Children:**

 **Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ M or F**

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**Have you ever been divorced? YES/NO**

**Church Information:**

**Church: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Date of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Education Information:**

**College: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**References:**

Please include three references: one personal, one academic and one work/professional

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**Background Checks:**

Have you completed the following background check in the last 5 years:

1. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (CY113) - YES/NO
2. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (SP4-164) – YES/NO
3. FBI Criminal Background Check - YES/NO

If so, please send copies of reports to the Stated Clerk or complete the attached authorization form so we can perform these checks on your behalf.

In addition, please attach a signed copy of our Volunteer Affirmation Form.

**Employment:**

**Describe your employment history over the past five years. List employers, type of work, and duration of employment. A current resume may be used.**

**Christian Experience:**

Please provide the following information (be thorough, but brief):

**1. Describe the time and circumstances of your coming to faith in Jesus Christ.**

**2. What reasons do you have for believing that God is leading you into a gospel ministry?**

**3. Why do you desire to pursue a gospel ministry in the PCA in particular?**

**4. Please describe any ministry experience you have had during the last five years.**

**5. Is there anything in your past or present which, if it came to light, may bring the gospel into disrepute or disqualify you from serving as a Teaching Elder?**

**6. If applicable, are your wife and family supportive of you pursuing a call to ministry? Are you happy for a member of the Shepherding Team to contact your wife to discuss this further?**

**VOLUNTEER AFFIRMATION FORM
Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery (PCA)**

*(To be completed by all candidates)*

1. My full name and address are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. As a candidate for Gospel Ministry I will be an unpaid volunteer in the Easter Pennsylvania Presbytery.
3. I have either (i) been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the entirety of the past ten year period or (ii) am required to obtain a clearance through the Federal Bureau of Investigation because the position I am applying for is unpaid and I have not been a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the entirety of the past ten year period (and I have begun that process).
4. By signing below, I swear/affirm that I am neither a perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse nor named in any registry as the perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse.
5. I further swear/affirm that I have never been convicted of or pled guilty to any of the following offenses: criminal homicide; aggravated assault; stalking; kidnapping; unlawful restraint; rape; statutory sexual assault; involuntary deviate sexual intercourse; sexual assault; aggravated indecent assault; indecent assault; indecent exposure; incest; concealing the death of a child; endangering the welfare of a child; dealing in infant children; prostitution and related offenses; obscene and other sexual material and performances; corruption of minors; sexual abuse of children; or the attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit any of the aforementioned offenses.
6. I further attest and certify that I have not been convicted of an offense designated as a felony under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act.
7. I further attest and certify that I have not been convicted or pled guilty to an out-of-state or Federal offense similar in nature to the foregoing offenses listed in Paragraphs 5 and 6 above.
8. I have carefully read and understand the foregoing materials. I agree to abide by all applicable laws, Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery policies, and the vows taken when I became/become a candidate. I agree to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church.

I hereby swear/affirm that the information as set forth above is true and correct. I understand that false swearing is a misdemeanor pursuant to Section 4903 of the Crimes Code.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE STATED CLERK

Background Check Authorization and Disclosure Form

*(complete if background check reports have not been provided)*

During the application process and at any time during the tenure of my status with **The Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery,** I hereby authorize a background check and child abuse clearance according to the HB 1276 is Act 15 of 2015 enacted by Governor Wolf in 2014. I understand that because I may have direct contact, care, supervision guidance or control and routine interaction with children, I am required to have the background checks/certifications completed. I understand that the checks/certifications will need to be renewed every five years. I understand that the certifications needed is a report of criminal history from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP); and Child Abuse History certification from the Department of Human Services (Child Abuse).

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Applicant/Employee/Volunteer Name (please print) Other Name/Alias

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Social Security Number\* Date of Birth\*

\* For Identification purposes only

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Street Address

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City, State, Zip

\_\_\_ I have NOT lived outside the state of Pennsylvania in the last ten years and am not disqualified from service due to a conviction of an offense (under §6344).

\_\_\_ I have lived outside the state of Pennsylvania in the last ten years and understand that I will need a fingerprint based federal criminal history (FBI) submitted through the PSP or

 its authorized agent because I am applying for a unpaid position and have not resided in

 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the previous consecutive 10 years.

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SIGNATURE DATE

*Information including requirements taken from* [*keepkidssafe.pa.gov*](http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov)

*under volunteer requirements updated 08/03/2015.*