

POTOMAC PRESBYTERY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR TEACHING ELDERS WITHOUT CALL

In Completing This Form Reflection Upon the Scripture as Cited is Encouraged

1. Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First Middle Nickname

2. Address: _____
Number Street Apartment Number

City State Zip Telephone (hm/wk)

3. Regular Place of Worship:

Pastor Name Number & Street

City State Zip Telephone

In the following, please provide all answers on a separate sheet of paper

PERSONAL SENSE OF CALL

4. How long have you been without a Call; why do you think that you have not yet found a Call?
5. Do you continue, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His Glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you continue to believe that you are called to serve the Lord as a minister of the Word? Examine yourself before the Lord in light of the following biblical qualifications for the office of elder. Can you in good conscience continue to affirm that the Lord has given you grace to in good measure exemplify these qualities (Rom. 12:3)? Consider each carefully and comment briefly.

- Established in faithfulness (in thought-life, emotionally, physically) to your wife (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:6)?
- Temperate (self-controlled) (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)?
- Prudent (sensible) (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)?
- Respectable (loving what is good) (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)?
- Hospitable (1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8)?
- Just (Titus 1:8)?
- Devout (Titus 1:8)?

- Holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching of Scripture (Titus 1:9)?
- Not addicted to wine (or any other abusive use of that which God has created good) (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7; 1 Tim. 4:4)?
- Not pugnacious (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)?
- Gentle (not self-willed) (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)?
- Uncontentious (not quick-tempered) (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)
- Free from the love of money (not fond of sordid gain) (1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7)?

GIFTS AND ABILITIES

7. What have you done to maintain and develop your ability to serve as a minister of the Word over the past year?
8. Do you continue to be diligent in your study of the Scriptures (and the auxiliary subjects necessary to proper interpretation), and evidencing study habits consistent with the responsibility to handle accurately the word of truth? (2 Tim. 2:15)
9. Do you continue to be able to exhort in sound doctrine, and to refute those who contradict it, speaking the truth in love (Titus 1:9; Eph. 4:15)?

FAMILY

10. Does your wife and family continue to prosper spiritually from your ministry? (Eph. 5:25-26)
11. Is your wife supportive of your seeking a call? (1 Cor. 7:4; Eph. 5:31)

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DILIGENT DEVOTION TO ONE'S CALLING

12. By whom are you now employed? Are you able to fulfill your responsibility to care for yourself and family financially through this employment?
13. How many times have you preached in public worship in the past year? Please list the Churches.
14. How many times have you administered the sacraments?
15. How many times have you publicly taught from the Scriptures in the past year? Please list the Churches or other institutions sponsoring.
16. Have you been faithful in attendance at Presbytery? General Assembly?
17. Have you served on a Presbytery Committee? an Assembly Committee?
18. Do you have an updated Ministerial Data Form filed with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly? with CMMW?
19. How many résumés have you sent to congregations or other institutions sponsoring works consistent with the calling of a minister of the word in the past year?
20. Have you been offered a position by a congregation and turned it down? What reasons did you have for your refusal?

ACCEPTANCE TO THE CHURCH

21. How many times has your MDF been referred to a congregation from the Stated Clerk's office? How many responses from congregations have you received?
22. What pulpit committees have you met with?
23. What reasons have you been given for your lack of acceptance to churches who have considered your service?
24. How many times and in what churches have you been asked to preach a candidating sermon before the congregation?
25. Have you come to a congregational vote and been turned down? Please supply the name of the congregation and the chairman of the pulpit committee. What were the reasons given for opposition to your call?
26. Do you have any reason to anticipate a call within the next 3 months?

ALL RESPONDENTS MUST READ AND SIGN

I hereby authorize the Committee on the Minister and the Ministry of the Word of Potomac Presbytery to secure any information applicable to my calling as a Minister of the Gospel, which may include employment and ecclesiastical records, and release all individuals connected therewith, as well as the Committee on the Minister and the Ministry of the Word of Potomac Presbytery from all liability for any damage whatsoever incurred in furnishing or obtaining needed information. I certify that each of my answers to the foregoing is true and correct and I understand that the giving of false information herein may subject me to removal from office and other appropriate ecclesiastical discipline.

Respondent Must Sign Here: _____ Date: _____
Signature Month Day Year

Please Return Your Report to the Clerk of Presbytery