

## FORM 1

## APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

### THE GULF COAST PRESBYTERY

<http://gulfcoastpres.org>

(Please print or type your answers)

#### I. PERSONAL HISTORY

Current E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Present Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

3. Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

4. Your baptism: infant? \_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_ by which church? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Where is your church membership? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Marital status \_\_\_\_\_ (Single, Married, Divorced, Remarried) If married, supply the following:

Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

7. Your present occupation (if student, give institution and class) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 8. Formal education record (list last three institutions you attended)

Institution	Dates	Major	Grade Avg.	Degree
1.	From ____/____ to ____/____			
2.	From ____/____ to ____/____			
3.	From ____/____ to ____/____			

#### 9. Employment record (list last two employers)

Employer	Address	Dates employed
1.		From _____ to _____
2.		From _____ to _____

#### 10. Name below five references who know you well, including your pastor, a person your own age, and one of your professors or employers:

Name	E-mail Address	Phone Number	City-State
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			



- 5. Describe your personal devotional life and other means by which you are seeking to grow as a Christian.
  
- 6. In what ways do you anticipate that our Presbytery may be helpful to you during your tenure as a candidate?
  
- 7. Have you ever applied to be received under care of any other presbytery or church body? If yes, give name of presbytery or church body and date of application.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To complete your application:

- 1. Have your doctor mail to the Chairman of Committee on Candidates (Current address available on the Presbytery website at [gulfcoastpres.org](http://gulfcoastpres.org)) the Physical Qualifications Form (Form 4).
- 2. Have a transcript of all of your college (or high school) work sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Candidates (copies are acceptable)
- 3. Have your session complete the Sessional Certification Form (Form 3) and ask them to mail this form to the Chairman of Committee on Candidates (email is preferable).
- 4. Return this Form 1, with a recent photograph attached, to the Chairman of Committee on Candidates.

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

The GCP Chairman of the Ministers & Candidates Committee  
(For current address see the website at <http://gulfcoastpres.org>)

Or contact the Clerk of Presbytery

TE Robert Hornick  
406 South Navy Blvd.  
Pensacola, FL 32507  
(850) 455-0301  
[statedclerk@gulfcoastpres.org](mailto:statedclerk@gulfcoastpres.org)

ENDORSEMENT OF PRESBYTERY (to be completed by the Ministers & Candidates Committee)

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ was received as a candidate

On \_\_\_\_\_, by the GULF COAST PRESBYTERY.

Chairman's signature \_\_\_\_\_





FORM 3

**SESSIONAL CERTIFICATION  
OF AN APPLICANT FOR CANDIDACY  
FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY**

**THE GULF COAST PRESBYTERY**

<http://gulfcoastpres.org>

The session should invite the applicant to meet with the session (or session's committee first, then with session).  
**IN NO CASE SHOULD THIS COMPLETED FORM BE SEEN BY THE APPLICANT.**

1. How long has the candidate been a member of the church (see BCO 18-2)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How does the session evaluate the applicant's Christian character?

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Other comments:

2. Does the session recommend this applicant for candidacy? Would this recommendation be with any qualifications? If so, what?

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: We, the session of \_\_\_\_\_  
Presbyterian Church, certify that the above applicant has been a member of the church since  
\_\_\_\_\_ and we commend this member to the Committee on Candidates as an applicant  
for candidacy for the Gospel Ministry.

Signature of Moderator of the Session \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to this address:** The GCP Chairman of the Ministers & Candidates Committee--For current address see the website at <http://gulfcoastpres.org> or contact TE R. Hornick, the Clerk of Presbytery, at 850-455-0301 or [statedclerk@gulfcoastpres.org](mailto:statedclerk@gulfcoastpres.org)



FORM 5

**DIARY OF A CANDIDATE**  
**THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS & CANDIDATES**  
**OF THE GULF COAST PRESBYTERY**

<http://gulfcoastpres.org>

(The Chairman of the Ministers & Candidates Committee should keep this form on file)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Current E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH HOME \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNSHIP:**

Date Internship Initiated \_\_\_\_\_

Date Internship Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Internship Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Internship Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSFERRED / ORDAINED \_\_\_\_\_

(Various contacts by the Committee should be noted.)

DateDiary	

### REPORT FOR MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

(To be filled out once a year by candidates)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Summer address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_

Has your marital status changed? \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's' Names and ages:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Degrees held / institutions granting \_\_\_\_\_

School attending \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Target Date for Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the grade scale for your school? \_\_\_\_\_ Where do you place? \_\_\_\_\_

Work, if not attending school \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to return to theological studies? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you definite plans for Christian work this summer? If so, what are those plans? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving the minutes of Presbytery? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been called to a church, or are you making plans for ordination at the end of the school year?

\_\_\_\_\_ Where, or for what reason? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you still feel that you are called to the Gospel Ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you attend public worship? \_\_\_\_\_ regularly? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your pattern of private devotions \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have family devotions on a regular basis? \_\_\_\_\_

Could we on the committee be of particular help to you in your spiritual life, or in any other area that should normally concern us? (Please use the back to answer.)

M&C Committee members will provide reports to the chairman according to the following criteria:

- a. The Reports for Candidates should include the following items:**
  - Evidence of Personal/Verbal contact with candidates
  - Monthly email with the candidates (which can be forwarded to the home church)
  - An accounting of academic progress if enrolled in a school
  - A validation of academic status by a school official (BCO 18:6)
  - Contact with the session of the candidates home church to encourage their continued input in the candidates progress
  - Determining the candidates current church attendance and involvement
  - Present Ministry activities
  - Internship Status and Accomplishments (if applicable)
  
- b. The Reports for Licentiates should include:**
  - The Date when the license was granted and when it will expire
  - Some description of preaching activities in that year (Estimate the numbers and general locations of opportunities)
  - Provide the future intentions of this licentiate concerning preaching
  - Summarize the personal family status and over-all spirit of the Licentiate (including place of worship and how to contact his current pastor)
  - Determine availability to fill pulpits in GCP
  
- c. The Reports for Special TE's should include:**
  - A brief summary of the presbytery's actions regarding this pastor including the time the last action took place with a summary of that activity
  - An indication of current ministry activity so as to enable us to pray more specifically for these men.
  - If the pastor is w/o call, it is our desire to assist each one in his pursuit of finding a suitable call and reminding each person about the remaining time before the 3 year automatic demission (Report must include how long until the deadline)
  - Summarize the personal family status and over-all spirit of this TE (including place of worship and how to contact his current pastor)
  - Determine availability to fill pulpits in GCP