

Training for Ruling Elders in Particular Pastoral Service



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Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation
(IPLF).

Ruling Elders in Particular Pastoral Service

(as lay preachers/pastors or CREs)

The Presbytery is responsible for providing worship, preaching, the celebration of the sacraments, pastoral care and leadership for its churches. To provide proper training for authorized persons to preach and lead worship and offer other pastoral functions for churches, the Presbyteries of Redstone, Washington, and Upper Ohio Valley have developed a brand new program.

The purpose of this program is to train lay people in preaching and church leadership. Smaller churches in the presbyteries are looking for part-time lay pastors (CREs) to lead them. Some prefer having several preachers fill their pulpit on a rotating basis. They rely on lay preachers to do that. Churches of all sizes have a need to fill the pulpit for a week here and there. Again, this is a chance for a lay preacher to minister to a congregation. Larger churches may feel a need for someone to take on a particular ministry such as visiting the shut-ins. There is a need for people to pastor to the elderly in various care settings. There are increasing opportunities for Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) or lay pastors to have a place in ministry.

Do you feel that God is calling you to a type of ministry serving churches week by week or as a commission? Do you feel this could be a vocation where you belong?

For more information, contact your presbytery.

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Cost

Coursework

The cost to the participant is
\$250 per term for tuition.

That is a total cost of \$1000
for the coursework.



Books and Supplies

Some books will be provided
by the program.

However, you will be responsible to purchase
additional books and supplies.



Subsidized by

the presbyteries of
Redstone, Upper Ohio Valley, and Washington.



The Synod of the Trinity
provided grant money
to underwrite the cost of this program.

How to Apply

- Remove the Application/Endorsement form from the center of this booklet.
- Complete the application sections (*Part 1 and Part 2*).
- Meet with your Session for their endorsement and signature.
- Contact your presbytery to meet with the appropriate committee for their endorsement and signature.
- Once completed, return Application and Endorsements to:

Cheryl Rhea
Registrar
448 Guy St
Jeannette, PA 15644

or electronically to
IPLF.reg@comcast.net

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

*Ruling Elders in Particular Pastoral Service Program
Presbyteries of Redstone, Washington, & Upper Ohio Valley*

Our presbytery committee has met with

We affirm this person's sense of call and endorse his/her application to begin the program.

Committee of Presbytery

Signature of Chair of Committee

SESSION ENDORSEMENT

Please consider how your Session might support this person – prayer, mentor, financial support, other ways.

Name of applicant _____

Church Name _____

1. How long has this person been a member of your congregation, and in what ways has he/she contributed to the ministry/mission of your congregation?

2. What gifts do you believe this person possesses to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder?

3. Are there any barriers that will keep this person from being able to fulfill this special calling?

4. Is there any additional information about this person that would be helpful for us to know?

5. Is your Session able to support this person in one of the ways mentioned in the box above?

Moderator or Clerk of Session

Date

