

**APPLICATION FOR EXPLORERS IN THE COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER
PREPARATION PROGRAM TO BE ENROLLED AS DISCIPLES**

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ HOME CHURCH _____

Have any major changes (for example: changes in work, residence, marital status, or health) taken place in your life since you began your preparation to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder? If so, describe them.

List your activities in your home church, other churches and in the presbytery, synod or general assembly since you began your preparation to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

In two or three paragraphs tell what have you learned from your classes from Union Presbyterian Seminary that will help you be a better Commissioned Ruling Elder. (You may answer in general terms, or you may talk about several insights or areas of knowledge that have been especially helpful for you.)

In one or two paragraphs tell how your understanding of your faith has developed (and perhaps changed) since you began your preparation to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

In one or two paragraphs tell how your understanding of the life and ministry of the church has developed (and perhaps changed) since you began your preparation to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

In one or two paragraphs tell how your understanding of the work of a pastor or Commissioned Ruling Elder has developed (and perhaps changed) since you began your preparation to be a CRE.

Tell about developments in your life and your personal growth since you began your preparation to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder. You may wish to talk about such things as your personal faith journey, your devotional practice, your involvement in the church, your understanding of your call, and your relationships with other people.