

**FORM-PR** Pastor Recommendation, Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) TIPS Lay Academy Program

Pastor/Moderator of Session's Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

FAX:

E-Mail:

Church Name:

Church Address

Church Phone:

FAX :

E-Mail:

Church Web Site

CLP Student Applicant's Name:

Date Ordained:

Ordained at Church:

City:

State:

Please label by question #, and attach pages that answer these questions:

1. In one or two pages, give three examples of how you currently see this applicant demonstrating the skills needed to serve the church in the role as an elder leader.
2. In one or two paragraphs tell us what this applicant's strengths are.
3. In one to two paragraphs tell us what this applicant's areas for growth are.
4. Tell us how the Session and you will support this applicant.
5. Tell us your how you see this applicant serving our Presbytery as a Commissioned Lay Pastor.
6. Would your church consider asking this applicant to serve as your Commissioned Lay Pastor? --If yes, how come? --If no, why not.

Will you serve as this applicant's TIPS Educational Advisor? (Please circle one.) Yes? No? If yes, submit a resume to TIPS, request and receive approval from TIPS. As needed, you will receive support and training from TIPS. You are expected to attend an annual January meeting, other meetings as needed and aid the CLP student in her/his on going learning process.

Note: A student and a CLP's on-going education is provided, supported, evaluated and tracked through TIPS. Once a student has completed their approved basic degree plan, s/he must contact Presbytery COM-Contracts and COM-Exams. CLP contracts are assessed and tracked through COM-Contracts and they may assign a mentor to aid the CLP in their contract setting. A CLP must pass (prior to serving a contract) a one time suitability and basic knowledge oral exam administered by the COM-Exams Committee. TIPS provides a copy of the TIPS written comprehensive exam to COM-Exams prior to the student taking their COM-Exam's oral exam. No student may assume that to meet the requirements of TIPS or any one of the COM Committees implies automatic approval by any of the other committees or the Presbytery. It is possible one may be asked to complete further study or to be advised that their contract is not suitable for the unique role of a CLP. The Presbytery may Commission CLP's as per the recommendations of COM. TIPS provides current Educational Good Standing verification on an on going basis. In order to maintain status as a student or to maintain an active CLP contract, you must maintain Educational Good Standing.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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