

FORM-SR Session Sponsorship, Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) TIPS Lay Academy Program

Address _____ PIN _____

Phones _____ Main _____ Fax _____

Web Site URL <http://www.> _____

Date applicant became a member _____ If ordained in this congregation, date ordained _____

Current Pastor/Moderator of Session _____

Check List (please check each item completed)

1. ___ We have read the current book of order regarding the role of a CLP in our Presbytery
2. ___ We wish to have a representative from TIPS attend a meeting to further inform us about CLP Program
3. ___ We will or already have committed _____ an amount and/or percentage to Presbytery designated to TIPS for the ongoing training of CLP's.

___ We cannot at this time commit to designate an amount to support TIPS, but will consider this in the future.
4. ___ We will pray for and support our CLP applicant and send a representative to the TIPS annual meeting.
5. ___ We are aware that if our Pastor requests and is approved to become the TIPS Educational Advisor, that s/he will need to receive training and attend TIPS annual meeting as well as other meetings with the student and TIPS as needed.

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. 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 an Educational Good Standing report to COM-Contracts at both contract and renewal of contracts, and provides a copy of the TIPS written comprehensive exam to COM-Exams prior to the student taking their COM-Exam's oral exam.

The Presbytery of New Covenant Session of _____ being the home congregation
of the Elder applicant named _____, sponsors said applicant as a candidate for the
Commissioned Lay Pastor program of the Presbytery of New Covenant TIPS Lay Academy.

Clerk of Session Signature _____ Date _____

Note: In Addition to the sponsorship by the Session, a letter of recommendation from the pastor and two members of the congregation must be submitted.

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