

**NORTH TEXAS PRESBYTERY, PCA
CANDIDATES COMMITTEE
SESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT
CANDIDATE FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY**

_____ is applying to become a candidate for the gospel ministry in the Presbytery of North Texas of the Presbyterian Church in America. The BCO (18-2) requires that, “The endorsement of his Session must be given to the Presbytery, consisting of testimonials regarding his Christian character and promise of usefulness in the ministry. The endorsement should also describe the activities of ministry the applicant has participated in with brief evaluation.” Similarly, according to SR 7-2.3, the Session’s written endorsement (BCO 18-2) shall include testimony that the Session met with the man (**and his wife, if married**) and shall reflect the Session’s view of the following:

- a. The applicant’s household management (including but not limited to: whether his wife is supportive of his calling; whether his children are respectful; his Christian leadership in the home; well-ordered and stable financial management)
- b. The applicant’s Christian character (as required in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1)
- c. The applicant’s promise of usefulness in the ministry, and the activities of ministry in which the applicant has participated, with a brief evaluation (BCO18-2).

This Sessional Endorsement form must be received by the Candidates Committee **at least six weeks** prior to the Presbytery meeting at which the candidate wishes to be examined. This form is confidential. The completed form should be sent by the Clerk of Session directly to the Clerk of the Candidates Committee.

- 1. Has this applicant been examined by your session? _____ Date of exam _____
- 2. Has this applicant been a member of your congregation for at least 6 months? _____
- 3. Has the applicant’s wife been interviewed, and found to be supportive of his calling? _____
- 4. How does the session evaluate the applicant’s Christian character?

Strengths: _____

Weaknesses: _____

Family Life (Children; family leadership issues, family worship, Finances, etc) _____

Other Comments: _____

4. What ministry or service has the applicant been involved in?

5. 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 _____