

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

The Candidates Committee must receive this Sessional Endorsement form **at least one month** prior to the Presbytery meeting at which the applicant wishes to be examined. This form is confidential. The Clerk of Session should send the completed form directly to the Clerk of the Candidates Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.” *The North Texas Presbytery Standing Rules (SR 7-2.3)*, require that “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).

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**Place a check mark in each box  to indicate it has been successfully completed:**

The Session met with the applicant on: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (must be within 4 months of application due date)

The applicant became a communicant member of this church on: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

The Session met with the applicant’s wife when he was examined and she is supportive of his

calling. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

The Session has examined the applicant with respect to his:

Children being respectful: Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Christian leadership in the home: Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Maintaining well-ordered and stable financial management: Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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- Christian character as required in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1:

What is the Session's evaluation of the applicant's strengths?

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Weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_

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- What are the activities of ministry in which the applicant has participated?

Please be sure to include a brief evaluation.

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- What is the Session's view of the applicant's promise of usefulness in the ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Does the Session recommend this applicant for candidacy?

Would this recommendation be with any qualifications/reservations? If so, what?

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### Statement of Certification

We, the session of \_\_\_\_\_

Presbyterian Church, having examined this applicant in accordance with BCO 18-2 and North Texas Presbytery Standing Rules SR 7-2.3 do hereby commend this member to the Committee on Candidates as an applicant for candidacy for the Gospel Ministry.

Signature of Moderator of the Session \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_