

Application for Membership

in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Please submit this application to begin the process of transferring your membership to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

This form is for previously ordained Teaching Elders in the PCUSA (or ministers from other denominations who are applying for permanent or temporary membership). Your answers to the seven membership questions will be shared with the entire presbytery and posted online within the presbytery meeting packet.

The Committee on Ministry examines each teaching elder applying for membership in the presbytery:

a. To comply with the Book of Order, which states "Teaching elders have membership in the presbytery by action of the presbytery itself, and no pastoral relationship may be established, changed, or dissolved without the approval of the presbytery". (G-2.0502)

b. To become acquainted with the applicant and evaluate his/her/their current theology and practice of ministry.

The examination is normally in the form of a personal interview with two or three members of the COM or with the sub-committee on Membership. This application must be filled out before an interview can be scheduled.

Once you submit your application, a member of the Committee on Ministry will be in contact with you to schedule a membership interview. The COM meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. To be considered for next month's agenda, please submit your application 10 days before the meeting. Before your transfer is complete, you must pass the presbytery's standard background check.

Name _____ Email _____

Phone Number with Area Code (& Country Code if outside the US) _____

Address: street address: _____ unit no. if applicable _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Province/Country (if outside the US) _____

Current Presbytery of Membership, or Denomination (if outside the PCUSA):

Check all that apply:

- ☐ In call process for a parish position
- ☐ Applying to be Member-at-Large (not a validated or parish ministry position)
- ☐ Requesting Validation for non-parish ministry (professor, chaplain etc) NOTE this will require you to fill out the additional Validation Application after your membership app has been processed.
- ☐ Transferring from another denomination (permanent transfer)
- ☐ Seeking temporary membership while serving a PCUSA congregation
- ☐ Honorably Retired (previously granted)
- ☐ Seeking Honorably Retired status
- ☐ Other: _____

Are there any special circumstances we need to be aware of? Do you have particular concerns or questions about this process? This answer will only be shared with the COM and Presbytery Staff.

1. Please tell us briefly about yourself, including the date of your ordination and the name of the ordaining presbytery or other denomination.

2. How have your understandings grown since ordination with respect to your theology and practice of ministry?

3. Tell us something about your spiritual journey: how you have grown in your relationship with Christ and your life in the Spirit. Also describe how that related to your call.

4. Please choose and respond to the question below that most nearly fits your reason for seeking membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. (**Respond to just one.**)
 - a. How do you view your theological, spiritual and leadership compatibility with the congregation to which you are, or anticipate, being called to serve?
 - b. What do you see as the theological rationale for the validated ministry to which you are, or anticipate, being called to serve?
 - c. In your retirement, do you feel God is calling you to continued service and ministry and, if so, how?
 - d. As a teaching elder currently without a call, what is your theological assessment of your current circumstances, and what are your hopes or plans for the future exercise of your ministry?

7. How are you willing to be a colleague in ministry within this presbytery, seeking to strengthen its unity and support the work of its members and congregations?

PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM TO office@ptcaweb.org, or MAIL to Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, 2115 Cliff Drive, Eagan MN 55122.

