

**Blackhawk Presbytery  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

***Reference for Commissioned Pastor Applicant***

Background information for (applicant's name): \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time known person: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The person named above is seeking admission to the Commissioned Pastor program. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry would appreciate your candid response to the following questions:

1. To what extent does the applicant adhere to Christ's teachings?
2. What is your experience of the applicant's commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA)?
3. What special gifts, talents and skills does the applicant exhibit for service as a Commissioned Pastor?
4. What is the most recent example of the applicant's service to the church?
5. If the applicant were your Commissioned Pastor, what specific areas would you wish him/her to improve?
6. If you are a Minister of Word and Sacrament and a member of Blackhawk Presbytery, would you be willing to serve as the applicant's mentor if asked?

Please use a separate sheet(s) for your response, attach it to this form, and send your response directly to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry at the following address:

**Blackhawk Presbytery  
Attn: Committee on Preparation for Ministry  
PO Box 476  
Oregon, IL 61061**