

**Recommendation Form for Potential Inquirer for Ministry of Word and Sacrament
Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Applicant Contact Information:

Name, Email, Address & Phone

Reference Contact Information:

*Name, Email, Address & Phone
and Relationship to the Potential Inquirer*

I give permission to the reference names above to give information relating to the following categories to the Foothills Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry as I seek to be accepted as an Inquirer for ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Date:

Please rate the potential Inquirer in the following 9 categories using the rating system as shown below: *(please note that at this early stage of the potential ministers development, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry certainly does not expect for the potential Inquirer to always exhibit each of these traits. Ordained ministry is a rigorous and demanding calling, and your candid assessment of the potential Inquirer will help us in preparing him/her for this ministry.)*

1. EMPATHY (a capacity for warmth generated by satisfactory relationships with parents and others of close and continuing association, reflecting a positive self-image; the absence of prevailing anger and hostility generated by non-acceptance and reflecting a low view of self)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

2. MATURITY (balance and good judgment in which impulse life is subordinated to one's value system signifying the ability to defer gratification without frustration or conflict; the avoidance of being overly flexible or overly rigid thus reflecting significant personal insight; foresight and vision.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

3. INNER CONTROL (stability based on the possession of inner resources to fall back on under stress; promptness.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

4. SENSITIVITY TO EMOTIONS (the capacity to accept the reality of emotions in self and hence in others; the absence of tendencies to be cold, impersonal and unresponsive.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

5. BALANCE OF REALITY WITH FANTASY (availability of imagination along with accurate perception thus reflecting an adequate tie to reality; the ability to be a dreamer, but with a way for testing reality.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

6. AMBITION (drive; a balanced and appropriate desire to succeed without evidence of a neurotic need in order to be recognized.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

7. PERSONAL VALUE SYSTEM (evidence that values direct behavior and an ability to articulate the reasons, i.e., the values involved, for doing what he/she does.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

8. SEXUAL UNDERSTANDING (comfort in one's own sexual orientation; awareness of and freedom from tendencies to act out, flirt, or any form of perversion; does not deny the importance of sexuality.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

9. SELF-UNDERSTANDING (in touch with self; aware of changes in mood and feelings; ability to accept such changes; not dominated by depression, guilt, anger or artificial euphoria.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Comments:

OTHER INFORMATION WHICH THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY NEEDS: (please include additional sheets as needed)

Electronic Signature

Please Return to:

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