Date: _____ Form 1A

Application to be Enrolled by Presbytery as an Inquirer

Name of applicant: _____
(family) (first) (middle/natal)

Current address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Main phone: _____ _____ Alt phone: _____ _____
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)

Email: _____

Permanent address: _____
(if same, write 'same') *(street) (city) (state) (zip)*

Gender: _____ Date of birth: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____

Current church membership: _____
(name of church)

Address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Date received as a member: _____ Number of members: _____

Have you ever applied to a presbytery to be enrolled as an inquirer or candidate? _____

If yes, was enrolled as: _____ in _____ presbytery

From _____ to _____

In what church occupation are you interested in at this time? _____
(e.g. pastor, youth minister, mission worker, educator)

Present or most recent school attended: _____

Location: _____ Date of graduation: _____

Applicant's Statement

I hereby apply to be enrolled by _____ Presbytery as an inquirer.
(presbytery name)

_____ I certify no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained or is pending against me.

_____ I am unable to make the above certification. I offer instead on the attachment a description of the complaint and/or outcome of the situation with explanatory comments.

I certify that the above statement and other information in this application are true and correct. I promise to participate diligently and wholeheartedly with the session and the presbytery in exploring my vocation.

Applicant's signature: _____ _____
(date)

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Family Situation

Current marital status: _____ Ages of any children in the home: _____

Are you and your household members open to the possibility of relocation in conjunction with theological studies and/or accepting a ministry position? _____

If you are limited in your ability to relocate, please describe on the following lines:

_____

_____

_____

Church Background

Year of baptism: _____ Year of your confirmation/profession of faith: _____

Most recent church affiliations (include up to three): Dates of participation:

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Have you been ordained as a ruling elder in the PC(U.S.A.)? _____ Date: _____

Have you been ordained as a deacon in the PC(U.S.A.)? _____ Date: _____

Have you been ordained in another denomination? _____ Date: _____

If so, name of denomination: _____ Office: _____

List up to five areas of involvement in the life and mission of the church, either as a participant or leader, that are most significant in your sense of call to the role of teaching elder. Mark current involvements with an asterisk.

Area of involvement: Role:

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

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Academic Information

List the academic institutions you have attended, beginning with college, and supply the information requested in each column. If you are currently pursing an educational program, indicate your academic classification in the final column.

Institution	Dates attended	Program/major	GPA	Diploma/degree

Briefly describe your academic interests/gifts by completing the following table:

	Subjects in which you did your best academic work:	Subjects in which you did less well:
College:		
Graduate school:		
Professional school:		
Other training:		

Have you ever had an individualized educational program (IEP)? ____

If so, what accommodations did the IEP include?

_____

_____

On the space provided, list your academic honors, awards, special recognitions, sports, organizations and extracurricular activities that have been most meaningful:

_____

_____

Occupational History

Beginning with your current or most recent position, list all full time or part time jobs in which you have been employed. Include the five most, recent up to the past 20 years. Place a PT beside the title of part time jobs.

Job title	Dates	What did you enjoy most?	What did you enjoy least?

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References

References should include at least two of the following: someone from your church; a former employer; a peer; or a former professor or school administrator.

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Current address: _____
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Main phone: _____ _____ Alt phone: _____ _____
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)

Email: _____

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? _____

Name: _____
(title) (family) (first) (middle/natal)

Current address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Main phone: _____ _____ Alt phone: _____ _____
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)

Email: _____

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? _____

Name: _____
(title) (family) (first) (middle/natal)

Current address: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Main phone: _____ _____ Alt phone: _____ _____
(h/o/m) (h/o/m)

Email: _____

How long have you known this person, and in what capacity? _____

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Questions for Reflection

Name: _____
(family) *(first)* *(middle/natal)*

Reflect on the following questions and then write responses in the space provided (limited to about 275 words).

1. Describe yourself as a person.

2. Describe briefly your understanding of what it means to you to be an inquirer. Please include the most important events, experiences and persons that have prompted you to apply to become an inquirer.

3. Write a brief statement of your personal faith describing what you believe about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and your relationship to them.

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4. What does it mean to you to be Presbyterian?

5. Describe your current spiritual practices and disciplines.

6. Who/what is your ideal/role model for ministry? What do you expect in your ministry? What aspect of ministry do you find least interesting?

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7. What are you doing to maintain your physical and emotional health?

8. Comment on what have been/are some of your more meaningful interests and hobbies.

9. After completing and reviewing Form 1C of this application to be received as an inquirer, briefly discuss how you plan to finance your theological education.

Signature: _____ _____
(date)

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

On the following pages, enter descriptions in underlined fields and whole dollar amounts in shaded fields as needed. Other fields will automatically tabulate.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL RESOURCES

	Monthly Total	Annual Total	Overall Totals	Projected Need
Income				
Student earnings				
Spouse earnings				
Guaranteed income (Social Security, VA, etc.)				
Child Support payments received				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
Total Income:				
Other Assistance				
Home Church/Congregational support				
Family/Friends support				
Presbytery support				
PCUSA scholarships/loans				
Foundations or Corporations grants				
Other (specifiy): _____				
Other (specifiy): _____				
Total Other Assistance:				
Current Assets				
Cash and savings				
Investments (CDs, stocks, etc.)				
Retirement savings (IRAs, 401Ks, etc.)				
Real Estate				
Automobiles (value over any amount owed)				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
Total Current Assets:				
Total Estimated Financial Resources:				

Name: _____

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	Monthly Total	Annual Total	Overall Totals	Projected Need
Educational Expenses				
Annual tuition				
Special academic programs (CPE, intern, etc.)				
Fees				
Books				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
Total Educatioal Expenses:				
Living Expenses				
Rent/mortgage payment				
Utilities				
Food & household supplies				
Automobile (payments, insurance, fuel, etc.)				
Telecommunications (phone, cell, online, etc.)				
Clothing				
Incidentals				
Health insurance (only "out of pocket" expense)				
Other medical/dental				
Transportation:				
Dependent allowance				
Child Care				
Child Support payments				
Life insurance premiums				
Charitable donations				
Other (specify): _____				
Other (specify): _____				
Total Living Expenses:				
Total Estimated Expenses:				
Total Income less Expenses:				

Name: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

Indebtedness Applicant's (and spouse's or prospective spouse's) current indebtedness. Report principal amounts and related monthly payments.

		Applicant		(Prospective) Spouse		Total Family Debt
Student Loans:	*Combine Undergrad/Grad*	Balance of Principal	Monthly Payment	Balance of Principal	Monthly Payment	
	Fed. Subsidized Stafford					
	Fed. Unsubsidized Stafford					
	Federal Perkins Loans					
	PC(USA) Loans					
	Loans from parents/family					
	Other educational loans					
	Estimated future loans					
	Totals:					
Non-educational:	*List mortgage, credit cards, etc*					
	_____					
	_____					
	_____					
	_____					
	_____					
	Totals:					
Combined indebtedness totals:						

Assets Non-seminary scholarships (grants) for which you have applied (mark with '*') or have received.

Source of Assistance	Amount Fall Term	Amount Spring Term
_____		
_____		
_____		
_____		
Totals:		

I certify that the information contained on all sheets of this form is a true and accurate statement of my financial circumstances and is made in good faith.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Form 1D

Session Evaluation and Recommendation Regarding Enrollment as an Inquirer

The session of _____
(name of church) *(city)* *(state)*

met with _____ on _____ and submits its
(name of applicant) *(date)*

report on the following pages.

The session endorses ____ / does not endorse ____ this applicant's request to be enrolled as an inquirer.

Liaison

The session has appointed the following ruling elder to act as a liaison with this individual and with the presbytery's committee, and to participate with the individual and the presbytery as they explore and evaluate his/her progress.

Name: _____
(title) *(family)* *(first)* *(middle/natal)*

Current address: _____
(street) *(city)* *(state)* *(zip)*

Main phone: _____ _____ Alt phone: _____ _____
(h/o/m) *(h/o/m)*

Email: _____

This report was prepared for the session by:

Name: _____
(title) *(family)* *(first)* *(middle/natal)*

Main phone: _____ _____ Alt phone: _____ _____
(h/o/m) *(h/o/m)*

Email: _____

Report on Session's Consultation with Applicant

To assist the presbytery in reaching its decision regarding whether to enroll the applicant as an inquirer, please provide brief responses to the following issues for consideration when consulting with a prospective inquirer (see *Advisory Handbook,* pp. 68). Since this is the beginning of the process, primary attention should be given at this time to evaluating natural gifts, quality of commitment, strength of motivation, and potential for growth. Each of these issues should be pursued at greater depth during the period of inquiry.

1. What personal qualities are evidence of a healthy and vital faith in God through Jesus Christ?

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2. How is that faith currently being expressed through the individual's participation in the worship, life, and mission of this congregation?

3. What motivations, whether positive or negative, impel the sense of call? Service to God and the world? Compassion for God's children? Guilt? A need for power and status?

4. What real and potential talents for ministry are evident in this individual (e.g., the ability to communicate, interpersonal skills, leadership or administrative abilities)?

5. What is the level and adequacy of the individual's academic interest, leadership skills, cross-cultural competencies, emotional intelligence, and motivations?

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6. What is the evidence of his or her physical health and stamina?

7. What is this evidence of his or her emotional well-being?

8. What is the evidence of his or her self-discipline?

9. Does the individual have a reasonable plan to finance his or her theological education?