

**Commissioned Ruling Elder to Particular Pastoral Service**  
(known as **Commissioned Pastor** or CP in the PCUSA Book of Order)

**APPLICATION (to be completed by the CRE Candidate)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Church or Agency \_\_\_\_\_ If PCUSA, Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date received into membership \_\_\_\_\_ Date Ordained as Ruling Elder \_\_\_\_\_

Education History:

School \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Degree & Major \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Essay Questions:** (attach to application on separate sheet)

- Why are you applying to this program?
- What gifts and skills do you bring to being a CRE (languages, education, experience etc.).
- In what areas do you feel you need further preparation in being an effective church leader?
- Write a brief one page statement of your personal faith.
- Write a brief one-page personal biographical history

**References:** Please list the names of two references who are not immediate family members and can comment on your gift of ministry as a leader in the church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the CRE/CP program committee to contact the above people as to my suitability for this program.

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

**Email your completed application to: [Neal@sanjosepbv.org](mailto:Neal@sanjosepbv.org)**

**QUESTIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact Executive Presbyter, The Rev. Dr. Neal D. Presa,  
[Neal@sanjosepbv.org](mailto:Neal@sanjosepbv.org), (408) 763-5004 or Stated Clerk, The Rev.  
Erica Rader, [Erica@sanjosepbv.org](mailto:Erica@sanjosepbv.org)