**Credentials Committee Checklist**

***For Candidates Seeking Licensure in Evangel Presbytery***

Brother, we are glad that the Lord has brought you to this place. It is our goal to guide you through this process expeditiously. To that end we have provided this checklist for you to follow. All the forms you will need to complete and return are attached.

 All materials should be sent electronically to the committee chair at evangelprescredentials@gmail.com

See Website for important dates and deadlines.

* Choose a sermon preached in the last 6 months and send a link to the committee chair at the email above.

❑ Review the “Terms of Examination” document following this checklist. Send a signed copy to the committee chair.

* Fill out the Biographical Data Form following this checklist and send it to the committee chair.

❑ Complete the Views and Exception Sheet following this checklist and return it to the committee chair. **(This is not an exam and does not need to be proctored. You may complete it electronically or on paper.)**

❑ Send the committee chair the name and e-mail address of a proctor for your written exams. Your proctor may be any PCA church officer (elder or deacon).

❑ Take your proctored written exams on English Bible, Theology, and BCO, and have your

proctor return them to the committee chair. A study guide for the English Bible exam is available. **(All exams must be proctored.)**

**NOTE**: If you fail the exam, you may retake it once before the nearest meeting of the Credentials Committee only if you submitted the first exam at least six weeks before the quarterly meeting of the Credentials Committee. If you fail a second time, you must wait until the following quarterly meeting of the Credentials Committee to retake the exam.

❑ Attend the Credentials Committee meeting for your examination.

❑ Attend the Presbytery meeting for your examination.

**Terms of Examination**

(PLEASE READ AND SIGN THIS FORM)

**TO ALL CANDIDATES**

The Credentials Committee of Evangel Presbytery is committed to:

1. Treating all information submitted to the committee with biblical confidentiality,
2. Treating all candidates with dignity, and
3. Helping candidates evaluate their readiness for ministry

In order to achieve number three for those seeking ordination, the committee will ask the candidate to submit several questionnaires regarding his personal, marital and financial life.

There is a “shepherding” responsibility that this committee performs for Evangel Presbytery and, when applicable, for the candidate’s home church and Session. In the event the committee fails to sustain this examination, it may make reports and particular recommendations to Evangel Presbytery and/or the Session of the home church.

**ALL CANDIDATES**

**Waiver of Liability**

THE UNDERSIGNED, having sought examination for the office of Pastor offered by Evangel Presbytery, a non-profit religious organization, hereby acknowledges his understanding that the examination will inquire into various areas of his life and call to ministry, including:

1. the conduct of his personal life and spiritual disciplines;
2. the personal life of his wife
3. the nature of their marital and family relationships; and
4. his theological beliefs

The undersigned further releases Evangel Presbytery, its agents, members and employees, from any liability or claim arising from the candidate’s examination and reports to Presbytery and his home church, as described above. Any claim or dispute arising or related to this agreement, including thee actions, examinations or reports of the credentials committee, shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker® Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at www.Peacemaker.net). Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE DATE

**Biographical Data Form**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Date: Click here to enter a date.

Name: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text.

Date of Birth: Click here to enter a date.

Where are you currently living? Click here to enter text.

Who is your current employer? Click here to enter text.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

Wife’s name: Click here to enter text. Wedding date: Click here to enter a date.

Have you been widowed? Click here to enter text. How long ago? Click here to enter text.

Have you been divorced? Click here to enter text.

If so, what were the circumstances?

Click here to enter text.

What was the date of the final judgment of your divorce?

Click here to enter text.

Children’s names and ages:

Click here to enter text.

**EDUCATION AND SEMINARY**

College and seminary attended, degrees earned, date of graduation (or expected graduation date):

Click here to enter text.

Did your seminary degree include the study of Greek and Hebrew? Click here to enter text.

**LICENSURE AND ORDINATION**

Are you already Licensed and/or Ordained? ☐Licensed ☐Ordained

If so, when were you licensed and/or ordained? By which denomination or Presbytery:

Licensed: Click here to enter text.

Ordained: Click here to enter text.

What is your current denomination? Where you currently ordained?

Click here to enter text.

What is your new call going to be?

Click here to enter text.

Are you a member in good standing of your denomination or are you under discipline?

Click here to enter text.

If transferring, why do you want to leave your denomination and become a minister in the PCA?

Click here to enter text.

Briefly relate how you became convinced of Reformed theology.

Click here to enter text.

Are there any negative circumstances surrounding your decision to leave your present position and seek this new call?

Click here to enter text.

Beginning with your ordination, list all of the churches or fields in which you have served.

**Church or Field City, State Position Held Dates**

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Please explain any times in which you were without a call.

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**EMOTIONAL HEALTH**

Have you ever had a nervous breakdown, a “burn-out” experience, or a bout with serious clinical depression?

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Is there anything in the medical, emotional, or psychological history of you or your family that Evangel Presbytery or your calling church should be aware of as you seek entrance into the Presbytery?

Click here to enter text.

**FINANCIAL HEALTH**

Will the financial terms of your call be enough to provide for your family?

Click here to enter text.

What is your present level of indebtedness?

Click here to enter text.

Have you ever had problems with creditors pursuing you for late payments or back payments?

Click here to enter text.

Did you owe significant back taxes, interest, penalties, etc.?

Click here to enter text.

Have you ever declared bankruptcy?

Click here to enter text.

**PRESBYTERY INFORMATION**

When are you planning to come before the credentials committee?

Click here to enter text.

Are there any problems that Evangel Presbytery or your calling church should be aware of as you seek entrance in to the Presbytery?

Click here to enter text.

Is there anything else that would be helpful for the credentials committee to know?

Click here to enter text.

Please list the names and phone numbers of the following two references:

1. The Stated Clerk of your Presbytery (or your denominational equivalent).

Click here to enter text.

2. The Stated Clerk of your Session (or your denominational equivalent).

Click here to enter text.

**Views Sheet**

On separate paper (or electronically in this document), please list any differences or exceptions you take to the Westminster Standards and then state your views on each of the following.

1. The Atonement, Propitiation, Imputation, and the Love and Wrath of God

Click here to enter text.

1. The Five Points of Calvinism

Click here to enter text.

1. The Regulative Principle

Click here to enter text.

1. The Ordination of Women

Click here to enter text.

1. The Extraordinary Gifts of the Spirit, especially as this topic has to do with revelation.

Click here to enter text.

1. Justification, The New Perspective on Paul and Federal Vision Theology

Click here to enter text.

1. Paedocommunion

Click here to enter text.

1. The Covenant of Works

Click here to enter text.

1. The free offer of the Gospel: do you believe it is correct to say to unbelievers that God offers you salvation and he wants you to come?

Click here to enter text.

1. Creation

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1. Theonomy

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1. Predestination and Prayer

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1. Sanctification, the Carnal Christian Theory and Second Blessing Theology

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1. Preterism

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1. The Lord’s Day

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1. The proper uses of the Law of God

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1. Baptismal Regeneration

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1. The Scriptures

Click here to enter text.

1. Open Theism

Click here to enter text.

1. The frequency of the Lord’s Supper and the validity of Roman Catholic baptism.

Click here to enter text.

1. The Biblical grounds for divorce and remarriage.

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**Exceptions**

List any differences or exceptions you take to the Westminster Standards.

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