

Session Application to Request Training and Commissioning for an Elder to Officiate the Lord's Supper

Name of Congregation: _____

Name of elder to be trained: _____

How long has the elder been a member of the congregation and how many years has the elder served on session (in total) *note the elder does not need to currently be serving on the session:*

Date of session action for approval: _____

Clerk of session or moderator electronic signature validating request: _____

If approved, who will provide the \$150 training fee to the minister trainer?

_____ Congregation or _____ elder.

Qualifications

- Individuals must be ordained elders, who have been members of the congregation for at least three years and served on session for at least one year.
- The Book of Order already provides standards and guidelines for those elected and ordained to the role of elder. (G-2.0104a and b, G2-2.0301) While the same standards and guidelines should be used for discerning this additional call to serve the congregation through administering the Lord's Supper, it should be acknowledged that not every elder is suited to this ministry. Elders who have exhibited particular care and concern for the worshipping life of the congregation, exhibit both maturity in faith and also reverence for this sacred responsibility, and exhibit a gracious welcome to others as Christ does to all who comes to his table may be considered for this additional service.

Please share with the commission the ways in which this elder has served the congregation in the past, the discernment of the session that this elder has the qualities named above, and the particular need of the congregation at this time for the elder to serve in this capacity. Application should be sent to the Associate for Ministry Vitality or the Commission on Congregational Vitality.