

Presbytery of the Coastlands– Commission on Preparation for Ministry

**Form 5A-Adnl, Invitation to Reflections on Outcomes of Inquiry**

Note: this form has been approved for use in the Presbytery of the Coastlands only. Persons seeking to enroll as inquirers under the care of any other presbytery must consult with the appropriate persons or committee within that presbytery as to required forms and documentation.

Instructions:

1. **Download and complete Form 5A**, “Application to be Enrolled by Presbytery as a Candidate,” from the PC(USA)’s Mid Council Ministries page at <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/prep4min/forms-advancing-candidacy/>. It is recommended you change the file name of the PDF to include your own last name.
2. In a **separate document** (MS Word, RTF, or PDF formats preferred), **provide your own answers to the following prompts. Include your name, the date, and “CPM Form 5A-Adnl” at the top of each page.** Depending on the prompt, answers may be as short as one paragraph, but in any event, answers should not exceed one page.
3. **Send your completed Form 5A and your answers to the prompts** on this form by email to the presbytery administrator and your CPM liaison **at least seven days before the commission meeting** at which you have asked to appear. The session of your home congregation should send its endorsement, Form 5B, to the presbytery administrator at its earliest convenience prior to the meeting date.

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**REFLECTIONS ON OUTCOMES OF INQUIRY**

- I: Please write a statement of **your understanding of the Christian Vocation in the Reformed Tradition** and how it relates to your own sense of call.
- II: Please write a statement of **self-understanding** which reflects your own personal and cultural background and includes a concern for maintaining spiritual, physical, and mental health.
- III: Please write a statement of understanding regarding **the task that Teaching Elders (Ministers of Word and Sacrament) perform**, including an awareness of how your specific gifts for the ministry of Teaching Elder are evident and how you can address areas in which growth is needed.
- IV: Please provide a **brief sketch of your plans to complete** the remaining requirements of the preparation process, such as:
  - Any remaining coursework,
  - Progress toward graduation by an anticipated date,
  - Tentative schedule for taking the online ordination exams (<https://exams.pcusa.org>), and
  - Any remaining field education experiences (e.g., internships, CPE programs).