

POD FORM 5B

COVENANT AGREEMENT AND CANDIDATE RELEASE

I, _____ have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both Candidates and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry with the presbytery committee. I do hereby wish to be enrolled in the preparation for ministry process of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereinafter “**Church**”) with the understanding that I subject myself to the guidance, counsel and disciplines of the Church as represented by the Presbytery and its Committee on Preparation for Ministry. I fully agree and understand that the decision of the Presbytery Committee regarding my suitability and readiness for ministry may involve questions and/or inquiries that are both personal and private and I hereby release the Church and its committees, agents and representatives from any claims, causes, or actions, which may arise from said inquiries and answers received to such inquiries or any uses made of such answers. Further, I grant permission to the Presbytery Committee to contact any person listed by me as a reference or any other person not so listed to discuss my suitability and readiness.

I covenant with God, the Session, and the presbytery’s Committee on Preparation for Ministry, to rely upon the grace of God, to maintain a Christian character and conduct; to be diligent and faithful in pursuing my call and in preparing for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. By my signature, I hereby certify that this Covenant Agreement and Release is fully understood by me and I sign it understanding that I will be bound by its terms.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____
(DATE)

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: _____
(DATE)

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry covenants to be a faithful and just partner with you in this relationship; to support, to guide, to nurture and to evaluate you with an understanding and sympathetic interest as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

SIGNATURE OF THE CPM
MODERATOR: _____
(DATE)

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: _____
(DATE)

The Session covenants to be a faithful partner with you in this relationship; to support, to care and to nurture you with love as you pursue your call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

SIGNATURE OF THE
MODERATOR OF SESSION: _____
(DATE)

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: _____
(DATE)

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All parties signing document
and
Stated Clerk of the presbytery.*