



# ***New Commissioned Pastor Class Forming***

*A Commissioned Pastor is a ruling elder in the Presbytery who is eligible for limited pastoral services. Commissioned Pastors may, for example, moderate the session of a congregation, administer sacraments, and officiate at marriages where permitted by law.*

*Many current Commissioned Pastors in the presbytery serve as sole pastors of congregations. Others use their training to strengthen leadership roles in their home churches and throughout the presbytery.*

*Many candidates for the Commissioned Pastor Program complete their training while also employed full-time.*

***Projected Starting Date: January 15, 2023***

## ***Eligibility:***

*Ordained Ruling Elder of the PCUSA  
Recommendation of Home Church Session  
High School Diploma, College Degree Preferred  
Psychological Evaluation  
Application by September 19, 2022*

## ***Requirements:***

*Two-Year Commitment  
Completion of eight online courses through the “Christian Leadership Program” of  
Dubuque Theological Seminary (two courses at a time)  
Attendance at twelve in-person training sessions with local instructors from the  
Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery  
Typical class size is 8-12 students.*

***For more information on course content and costs contact:***

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