

# New Commissioned Pastor Class Forming

A Commissioned Pastor is a ruling elder in the Presbytery who, once training is complete, is eligible for limited pastoral services. Commissioned Pastors may, for example, moderate the session of a congregation to which they are commissioned, administer sacraments, and officiate at marriages where permitted by law.

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

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 (location of the sessions to be determined when the geographical distribution of students is set).  
Typical class size is 8-12 students.

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

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