



North Texas Presbytery - PCA Ministerial Call and Transfer Form

The Ministerial and Church Relations Committee (MCRC) of the North Texas Presbytery (NTP) has received your call and we are in the reviewing process. Our committee has the responsibility of evaluating your call to see if it is in order and for the good of the Church. (BCO 21-1, NTP Standing Rules 9-4.2 see below*). The Ministerial Data Form (MDF) and the questions on this Ministerial Call and Transfer Form (MCTF) will help us in our evaluation of your call. Please filled out this form and email back to the committee chairman along with a copy of your Ministerial Data Form (MDF). (Returned to the email address that contained this document.)

*References from the BCO and NTP Standing Rules:

21-1. No minister, licentiate or candidate shall receive a call from a church but by the permission of his Presbytery. When a call has been presented to the Presbytery, if found in order **and the Presbytery deems it for the good of the Church**, they shall place it in the hands of the person to whom it is addressed.

Ordinarily a candidate or licentiate may not be granted permission by the Presbytery to move on to the field to which he has been called, prior to his examination for licensure or ordination. Likewise an ordained minister from another Presbyterian Church in America Presbytery or another denomination, ordinarily shall not move on to the field to which he has been called until examined and received by Presbytery. (BCO)

NTP Standing Rules:

9-4.2 General Acceptability of Applicants

This committee shall investigate all men seeking membership in Presbytery. This investigation shall include, though not necessarily be not limited to, the following areas:

- A. Physical and emotional health,
- B. Marriage and family life,
- C. Financial needs and problems,
- D. Gifts for ministry,
- E. History of ministry experience,
- F. Spiritual maturity and
- G. General ability to edify the church.

Because these areas are subjective in nature, this committee shall consult with some member(s) of Presbytery(ies) and churches or organizations in which the applicant has previously served. This committee shall draw conclusions about the general acceptability of the man for the church, and shall report its findings or concerns to Presbytery in accordance with BCO 21-1.

MINISTERIAL CALL AND TRANSFER FORM (MCTF)

Name: _____
Please Print

Email: _____

Phone: _____

A. Physical and emotional health

1. How would you evaluate your physical health. Excellent Average Poor

Please describe any ongoing health concerns:

2. Have you been hospitalized in the past five years?

If yes, explain:

3. What medications are you presently taking (and for what condition)?

4. Have you ever been prescribed medication for anxiety, depression, or stress?

5. On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate your present state of well-being?

Overly Stressed 1 2 3 4 5 Content/All is well

6. Have you ever had an addiction to prescription or illegal drugs or alcohol? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

B. Marriage and family life

1. How would you describe your marriage (if applicable)?

- ___ Excellent
- ___ Mostly good
- ___ Experiencing some struggles
- ___ Facing significant challenges

Would your wife give the same answer? _____

2. Would others looking at your family say that you are managing your family well?

If married, please have your wife fill out this section:

How would you describe your marriage?

- Excellent
- Mostly good
- Experiencing some struggles
- Facing significant challenges

1. Yes No I agree that my husband is the spiritual leader of our home.

2. Yes No Our marriage is strong and our family is emotionally and spiritually healthy.

3. Yes No My husband does well at balancing ministry and family responsibilities.

3. Yes No I support my husband in ministry and look forward to life with him as he serves in this new call.

end of wife questions

C. Financial needs and problems

1. What is your financial status (note debts):

_____ House Mortgage

_____ Car Loan(s) How many? _____

_____ Education Debt

Beside Home, Auto, Education – how much debt (credit cards, other) :

_____ Some debt (\$1,000 - \$5,000)

_____ More than some debt (\$5,000 - \$15,000)

_____ A lot of debt (over \$15,000)

Have any of your debts been turned over to collection agencies? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. Have you ever declared bankruptcy or had a home foreclosed?

3. Do you feel that you will be able to live within the income included in the call without going into further debt?

D. Gifts for ministry

Your MDF will give a good summary of your gifts for ministry.

1. Yes No Does the call you have received look like it will provide opportunity for you to exercise your gifts?

2. Are you looking at this call as a long term call or as somewhere to serve until something better is available.

_____ Long Term _____ Short Term until something better is available

3. Have you ever been asked to leave a ministry? Yes No

If yes, please provide details on a separate piece of paper.

E. History of ministry experience

Your MDF will contain this information.

1. How would you describe your ministry experience:

_____ a struggle

_____ a disappointment

_____ a joy and blessing

2. How well do you handle criticism? Poorly 1 2 3 Well

3. How well do you manage conflict? Poorly 1 2 3 Well

4. Are there presently Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, or people along your ministry path who are still in conflict with you? Yes No

If yes, please describe those relationships:

Have you made the effort to reconcile those relationships? Yes No

Are you interested in being reconciled with those people? Yes No

F. Spiritual maturity

1. Describe your prayer and devotional habits:

2. Do you consistently demonstrate all the fruit of the spirit? Yes No
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

2a. What are the two or three most challenging to consistently demonstrate?

3. Do you have any secret sin(s) that if made public would be an embarrassment to you, your family, your church and potentially disqualify you from ministry?

(Pornography, alcohol abuse, gambling addiction, etc.)

Yes No (If yes, please explain)

4. Have you ever been arrested? Yes No (If yes, please explain)

G. General ability to edify the church

1. Please rate your personal character and family management(based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, and Titus 1:6-9),

	Yes	No	
a. above reproach	1	2	3
b. the husband of but one wife	1	2	3
c. temperate			
d. self-controlled	1	2	3
e. respectable	1	2	3
f. hospitable	1	2	3
g. able to teach	1	2	3
h. given to drunkenness	1	2	3
i. violent	1	2	3
j. gentle	1	2	3
k. quarrelsome	1	2	3
l. a lover of money	1	2	3
m. manage your own family well	1	2	3
n. children obey with proper respect	1	2	3
o. not be a recent convert	1	2	3
p. have a good reputation with outsiders	1	2	3
q. blameless	1	2	3
r. children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.	1	2	3
s. overbearing	1	2	3
t. quick-tempered	1	2	3
u. pursuing dishonest gain	1	2	3
v. loves what is good	1	2	3
w. self-controlled	1	2	3
x. upright	1	2	3
y. holy	1	2	3
z. disciplined	1	2	3
aa. hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught . . .	1	2	3

We will use the references on your MDF and also contact your current presbytery (if applicable) or church to help us draw conclusions about your general acceptability for the call you have been given.

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Please use the space below for any comments to the Ministerial and Church Relations Committee.

I have answered these questions truthfully with the understanding that any false or misleading answers would be in violation of the ninth commandment.

Name

Date