

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

Please print or type your answers.

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

Name Charles Richard Anderson Telephone 863-255-8984

Address 2122 Deerfield Drive, Lakeland, FL 33813

Birthdate 28 April 1984

Your baptism: Infant? _____ Other? 5 April 1992

By which church? Heritage Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL

Have you previously been received as a candidate in another presbytery? Explain No.

Marital Status Single Date of marriage n/a

Name and ages of children or other dependents none

Your present occupation (If student, give institution and class) Chick-fil-A

Formal Education Record (Since High School):

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Degree</u>
1. University of Florida	8/02 – 12/05	Criminology	3.4	BA
2. Southern Baptist Theol. Sem.	8/06 – 12/11	Theology	3.55	MDiv
3.				

Employment Record (Last two employers):

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description of work</u>
1. Chick-fil-A, Lakeland, FL	7/12 – present	Customer Service, Fast Food
2. Chick-fil-A, Louisville, KY	10/10 – 11/11	Customer Service, Fast Food

II. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Why are you seeking candidacy in the Presbyterian Church in America?

I am seeking candidacy in the Presbyterian Church in America because I agree with the Church in doctrine, polity, and philosophy of ministry. PCA churches have been influential in my own spiritual growth, and I believe the PCA is where I would best be able to devote my life to the service of the church. I am personally committed to what the PCA represents.

Describe ministry activities in which you have been involved which have contributed to your sense of call.

During high school, I served as a camp counselor at a Christian summer camp—this helped to spark my interest in full-time Christian ministry. Prior to Seminary I served my church at the time (First Baptist, Lakeland) in youth and college ministry. During seminary, together with classmates, I helped design and conduct student-led prayer services on campus. After seminary, I have been serving my current church (Christ Community Presbyterian, Lakeland) by volunteering in youth and college ministry.

What are the attitudes of your parents (if living) and spouse (if married) toward your decision to make application for candidacy?

I am not married. My parents enthusiastically support my decision to apply for candidacy.

Describe your personal devotional life and other means by which you are seeking to grow as a Christian.

My personal devotional life consists of Bible reading, devotional reading, and prayer. I participate with my church in our Community Bible Reading program—I try to spend some time each day reading and praying. I am also currently reading *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller. I meet with two other men each week for discipleship, prayer, and accountability.

In what ways can the presbytery be helpful to you during a period of candidacy, should this application be accepted?

I am very interested in building a relationship with elders and other candidates in the presbytery. I am committed to connectional ministry—I think we're better when we work together and are sharpened by one another. I want to network in the presbytery and grow as a candidate for ministry.

It would be very helpful if you could pray for me. I would appreciate that very much.

SESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF AN APPLICANT FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Presbyterian Church in America

Southwest Florida Presbytery

BCO 18-2 requires that a presbytery take note of a Session's evaluation when considering the application of a man seeking to come under care of Presbytery. We would appreciate it if your Session would provide the following information to us as soon as possible.

Applicant's Name: Chuck Anderson

1. Please evaluate the applicant's Christian character:

a. Strengths:

Chuck's major strengths are his integrity, his willingness to listen, his obedience to Christ, his desire to serve and impact souls with the gospel and his emotional stability. Chuck is also a great "team player" and is consistently willing to work for a greater goal and not his personal reputation. Chuck also has an MDiv from Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY.

b. Weaknesses:

Chuck needs to work on his ability to lead others with confidence.

c. Other Comments:

2. Please list the activities of ministry in which the applicant has participated and which the Session has observed, with a brief evaluation of each:

- a. Youth Ministry – Chuck has served our youth ministry by spending time with kids, helping to run activities and teaching on important topics.
- b. Preaching – Chuck has preached a homily on global missions and did a great job.
- c. College Ministry – Chuck has begun to lead an informal gathering of college students at our church. It started with his idea and is getting established.
- d. Missions – Chuck has participated in a mission trip to Nicaragua. He served well and related well to the rest of the team.

3. Does the Session recommend this man as promising usefulness for the ordained ministry?

Yes

4. Would this recommendation be with any qualifications? Please explain.

No

We, the session of Christ Community Presbyterian Church, certify that the above named applicant has been a member of this church since Sept. 2012 and we recommend him as an applicant for candidacy for the Gospel Ministry.

Moderator _____

Date Oct. 21, 2012

Date Sessional Endorsement Passed 10/21/12

Please return this form to: hammtd@gmail.com

REFERENCE ON AN APPLICANT FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

The Presbyterian Church in America

Southwest Florida Presbytery

Dear Friend:

Chuck Anderson is applying to become a candidate for the ordained ministry in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida of the Presbyterian Church in America. Our committee has the responsibility of supporting and guiding those who sense that God is calling them to the ministry. We need your help in our consideration of the above mentioned person's application for candidacy. Please answer as fully as you can, based on your knowledge of this person. Use additional sheets, if necessary. Be assured that your comments will be kept in strict confidence. We thank you for your assistance.

1. Describe the applicant's character:

Chuck has exhibited great character. As I have observed him, he has been consistently honest and faithful in both his personal and ministry activity.

2. Describe the applicant's Christian commitment:

Chuck has exemplified a commitment to Christ in the way that he carries himself and ministers to others. He is quick to repent and to run to Christ.

3. Describe the applicant's discipline and perseverance:

Chuck appears to be disciplined and willing to persevere. He is faithful to serve in our church and has a commitment to personal disciplines and showing up to meetings.

4. Describe your observation of the applicant in high stress situations.

Chuck has been emotionally stable in a high stress environment of helping with our youth ministry and in his job at Chick-Fil-A.

5. Describe the applicant's capacity to relate to people.

Chuck relates well to people. He possesses a more reserved disposition but is continually reaching out to people and building friendships.

6. Describe the applicant's level of maturity.

Chuck has a great deal of maturity. He is thoughtful, listens well, teachable and not prone to rash or impulsive decisions.

7. Describe those areas in the applicant's character which he needs to address.

Chuck's character is great. I think he needs to work on his ability to lead others with confidence.

8. Describe the applicant's major strengths.

Chuck's major strengths are his integrity, his willingness to listen, his obedience to Christ, his desire to serve and impact souls with the gospel and his emotional stability.

Signature of Reference Dax C. ISSA 

Date 10 | 17 | 2012

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