

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

Please print or type your answers.

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

Name Garry Gawrych Telephone (813) 956-7220

Address 10231 Garden Alcove Drive Tampa, Florida 33647

Birthdate 09/21/61

Your baptism: Infant? Yes Other _____

By which church? _____

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

Marital Status married Date of marriage 06/15/85

Name and ages of children or other dependents

Ryan 22 Zach 20

Your present occupation (If student, give institution and class)
P/T Outreach Assistant – Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Formal Education Record (Since High School):

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Degree</u>
1. University of Michigan	'79 -'80			
2. St. Pete Junior college	'80 -'81			A.A.
3. University of Central Florida	'81 -'83	Physical Ed/ minor Science		B.S.

Employment Record (Last two employers):

Employer Dates Description of work

1. Volusia County Public Schools '00 -'02 Science Teacher

2. Hillsborough County Public Schools '02 -'12 Science Teacher / Physical Education Teacher

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Why are you seeking candidacy in the Presbyterian Church in America (one must have been member of church for at least 6 months)?

I will be attending Reformed Theological Seminary starting this summer.

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

Usher

Welcome Table

Deacon in training

Outreach Team

Coordinator of Sanctuary Hosts

3. What are the attitudes of your parents (if living) and spouse (if married) toward your decision to make application for candidacy? Both of my parents have passed away. My wife, Keri, is very supportive.

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

Prayer always

5. In what ways can the presbytery be helpful to you during a period of candidacy, should this application be accepted? Praying, Tutoring, and Meeting

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. Candidates must have been a member of the recommending church for 6 months. We would appreciate it if your Session would provide the following information to us as soon as possible. You are also being asked as Session to commit to this candidate, to encourage and instruct him during this period of testing.

Applicant's Name: Garry Gawrych

1. Please evaluate the applicant's Christian character:

Strengths: Some of Garry's strengths include evangelism, a strong drive to share the gospel, teaching, zeal for service, experience in working with young people, hospitality, thoroughness, and diligence.

Weaknesses: He can get frustrated with people who are not responsive to the gospel. He sometimes has a tendency to rely on his own strength instead of on God's power.

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: Garry serves on the Outreach Team. (He looks for ways to reach the lost and does the tasks assigned to him.) Garry serves as an usher. (He is diligent and faithful in the tasks assigned to him.) Garry is now beginning to serve as a Deacon in Training. (He is willing to do what is asked of him.) He has taught Sunday School. (His teaching has been well-received.) He manages his household well. (His wife and adult boys are active in worship.)

3. Does the Session recommend this man as promising usefulness for the ordained ministry? Yes. We believe that Garry should go through seminary. We will encourage him throughout the process and continue to evaluate and support him in his studies and ongoing ministry.

4. Would this recommendation be with any qualifications? Please explain. No. We recommend Garry to take the next step, which is to go to seminary.

5. We commit to assist, challenge, encourage this candidate throughout the time he is under care of the presbytery. Yes, absolutely.

We, the session of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church (PCA), certify that the above named applicant has been a member of this church since 3/9/2004 and we recommend him as an applicant for candidacy for the Gospel Ministry.



Moderator _____

Date February 21, 2013

Please return this form to:

Rev. J. Steven Light
350 S Hyde Park Ave
Tampa, FL 33606

or

email to steven.light@gmail.com

Reference for Garry Gawrych, candidate for ordained ministry.

- 1. Describe the applicant's character.** Garry is a mature Christian man, husband and father. From my having observed him casually over the past several years, he is sober-minded, looking to grow spiritually, eager to serve others; kind-hearted, reflective.
- 2. Describe the applicant's Christian commitment.** Garry is a committed evangelical Protestant. He is known in our church for having a heart for evangelism. Now that he is retired from public school teaching, he has displayed eagerness to find ways to serve his local church faithfully in the area of local outreach.
- 3. Describe the applicant's discipline and perseverance.** I have not personally observed him perform in a workplace environment, but I am confident from knowing him for several years as a fellow church member that he is a solid citizen, mature, sober-minded, with a high sense of personal responsibility.
- 4. Describe your observation of the applicant in high stress situations.** I have not personally observed him in such a situation, but I know he had a 25-year career in teaching in a large public school(s) environment. Given our current state of culture in this country, that poses potentially high stress situations daily. You will remember the death of the special needs child last year under his supervision in a Tampa High School. He handled himself well in the investigation and has, to date, been exonerated from personal responsibility.
- 5. Describe the applicant's capacity to relate to people.** Garry comes across as warm and sincere, with a good sense of humor, no pretensions. He has an immediately likeable personality. I wouldn't gauge him to be an extrovert in the Myers-Briggs sense, but he relates sincerely and easily with others.
- 6. Describe the applicant's level of maturity.** As a man married for 25 years, father of two fine young adult sons, and having had a career that demands continuous public trust, his maturity as a person speaks for itself, in my opinion.
- 7. Describe those areas in the applicant's character which he needs to address.** I am not a close personal friend, though I'm about to get to know him better in the months and years to come, as he has just become a deacon-in-training at our church (I'm a deacon).
- 8. Describe the applicant's major strengths.** Intelligence, winning personality, mature sense of personal responsibility, conscientiousness, perseverance, high energy.

Signature of Reference: /s/ Robert S. Guest

Print Name: Robert S. Guest

Date: February 7, 2013

