



Elders' Affirmation

The mission of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is to equip preachers, pastors, and churchmen for Christ's Kingdom. In this endeavor, we partner with the local church. Each applicant is required to submit a Church Affirmation Form from the church that holds his membership.

We take your endorsement most seriously. Your elders' endorsement is a testament on the part of your church as to the perceived fitness of the applicant for ministerial leadership and/or advanced theological education. We request that the elders prayerfully consider the statement listed below and vote their affirmation while in session. If an elders' affirmation is not possible due to extenuating circumstances, we will recognize the endorsement of the appropriate leadership of the church with documentation explaining the alternative process.

If the elders are unwilling to offer their affirmation of the applicant, please enclose a letter on official church letterhead stating the rationale for the elders' decision, and any other recommendations for us to consider.

Statement of Affirmation

Applicant's name: _____ Applicant's date of birth: ____/____/____

“We affirm that the applicant is a member in good standing of this church and demonstrates the appropriate character, ability, and knowledge as necessary for one pursuing a course of advanced theological education”

PLEASE CHECK BOTH BOXES

YES NO

This statement was approved by the elders.
If this statement is not approved by the elders as a body, please indicate the approval process and why an alternative process was followed: _____

This applicant is a member of this church.
If the applicant is not a member of your church, please note the rationale for your action on a separate piece of paper.

_____ *date applicant became member*

_____ *date of church affirmation*

_____ *name of church*

_____ *address of church*

_____ *denominational affiliation*

_____ *city* _____ *state* _____ *zip*

_____ *signature of pastor/elder*

_____ *email of pastor/elder*

_____ *name of pastor/elder (please print)*

_____ *phone of pastor/elder*

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FOR CHRIST'S KINGDOM**

**Upon completion, please send to: Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary · Registrar
PO Box 690 · Taylors, SC · 29687 · Fax 864.322.2719 · registrar@gpts.edu**