

**FOR THE SAKE OF UNIFORMITY AND ACCURACY,
WE ASK YOU TO NOT CHANGE THIS FORM IN ANY WAY**
PRESBYTERY OF SHENANDOAH – P.C.(U.S.A.)
FORM OF CONTRACT
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER AND A SESSION

The Session of the _____ Presbyterian Church of _____, being well satisfied with your qualifications to lead and assist us in the fulfillment of our corporate and individual ministries, hereby contracts with you _____ to become our Commissioned Ruling Elder beginning _____, 20____ for a period of one year, subject to renewal. Oversight of the contract and your performance is through the Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Relational Ministry. This contract will be reviewed annually.

_____, a graduate of the Presbytery of Shenandoah's Commissioned Ruling Elder training program, received a commission from the Presbytery to serve the _____ Presbyterian Church of _____ in the capacity of Commissioned Ruling Elder. The most recent commissioning occurred at the Presbytery meeting held on _____, 20_____.

EXPECTATIONS: (Delete items not applicable)

During your time of service we expect you to perform the following services:

1. Conduct worship (state worship times and Sundays per month).

2. * Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
3. * Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.
4. * Moderate the Session of the congregation when appointed by Presbytery as moderator or under the supervision of and when invited by the moderator of the Session appointed by the Presbytery.
5. *Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the Session or other responsible committee, and when allowed by the state law.
6. Conduct funerals and provide related pastoral care.
7. Visit members of the congregation especially during crisis.
8. Conduct officer training.
9. Provide services in the area of Christian education.
10. Exercise voice and vote in presbytery.

