Ministerial Information Form

For Church Planter Candidates

**Orthodox Presbyterian Church**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name:       Date:

Street address:

City:       State/Province:    Zip:

Phone:       Email:

Place of birth:

**2. FAMILY INFORMATION**

[ ] Single [ ]  Married [ ]  Remarried [ ]  Widowed

Have you or your wife ever been divorced?

(If yes, attach a statement of the circumstances, including the present attitude of your presbytery / classis.)

Wife's name:      \_\_\_\_\_ Date of marriage:

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| Children: | Name | Age | Name | Age |
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**3. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

College:       Degree:       Year graduated:

Seminary:       Degree:       Year graduated:

Other graduate training:

**4. ECCLESIASTICAL INFORMATION**

Denomination:       Presbytery / Classis:

 [ ]  Licensed [ ]  Ordained

Date and denomination in which ordained:

Are you in agreement with the doctrine of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms?

       (If no, please attach a statement specifying the disagreement)

Are you in agreement with the government, discipline and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church as contained in the Book of Church Order of the OPC?

       (If no, please attach a statement specifying the disagreement)

**5. MINISTRY EXPERIENCE INFORMATION**

List the names and dates of your ministries. (Another resume cannot be substituted for this section.)

Other work and experience (intern, business, profession, etc.)

**6. COMPENSATION INFORMATION (Optional; CA applicants are not required to provide this information)**

Present ministry for which remuneration is received:

Your cash salary: $      Value of housing provided: $      Pension: $

Social Security or equivalent: $      Hospitalization: $      Insurance: $

Utilities: $      Auto allowance: $      Books: $      Other: $

Vacation:       weeks Other benefits:

**7. MINISTRY PREFERENCES**

a. Would you prefer working with a church plant or an established church? Why?

b. Do you have a particular geographic preference? Why?

c. Do you have a particular zeal for working with any specific age group or demographic? Why?

d. What about your own history, strengths and weaknesses inclines you to answer as you have above?

e. Anything else we should know about your ministry preferences?

**8. BRIEFLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

a. What are you good at, and what do you wish you were better at, in each of the following ministry areas:

1. Preaching (for example: exegesis, application, organization, presentation)
2. Leadership
3. Evangelism
4. Discipleship
5. Personal piety
6. Pastoral care

b. What is your plan to improve upon your weaknesses?

c. What does a healthy church look like?

d. How will you communicate a church vision that a congregation could pursue?

e. What is your approach to counseling?

f. Who are some of your favorite preachers, and how have they influenced your preaching?

g. How will you address the theologically mature as well as newcomers in your preaching?

h. How have you and how will you do the work of an evangelist?

i. How will you lead and equip a congregation to participate in evangelism?

j. How have you and how will you go about the work of making disciples?

k. How have you and how will you practice hospitality?

l. How have you and how will you seek personal accountability?

m. Do you have any particular liturgical preferences?

n. Why do you want to plant a church in the OPC?

**9. PERSONAL FAITH AND LIFE**

 (A) Conversion and Call

Provide a statement of your faith in Christ and walk with the Lord, your call to the ministry and your devotional life. (Try to keep this to one page.)

 (B) Caring for yourself and your family

1. Describe how you nurture your own relationship with the Lord.

2. Describe your prayer life.

3. If you are married, how do you seek to nourish and cherish your wife?

4. If you have children in your household, what are you doing to bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord?

5. What are your hobbies, recreations, etc. that refresh you?

**10. REFERENCES**

List the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least five personal references:

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Signature:       Date: