



**The School of Theology
of the Primitive Methodist Church**

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**Introductory Letter - Application Package
(Local Preacher or Deaconess)**

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Dear Applicant,

This application package is designed for those applying for licensing as a Local Preacher or as a Deaconess.

Let me take this opportunity to express my pleasure that you are considering serving the Lord Jesus Christ through your local Primitive Methodist Church. The process is quite involved, allowing full examination of us, and of yourself, to assure complete satisfaction when we recommend you to be licensed as a Local Preacher in our denomination. The School of Theology is designed to encourage you, train you, and examine you in regard to this ministry. Thank you for your patience in this process; God, who called you, will also prepare the way.

Enclosed you will find the full application package for someone who has felt God's calling to become a Local Preacher. This is a checklist of the things that you should do;

- * Review the information about becoming a Local Preacher in the Discipline under Chapter 310.
- * Since a Local Preacher is amenable to the local P.M. Church, please have your pastor fill out the "Quarterly Conference Approval Statement". This approval is needed before we can complete the application process, and should be done as soon as possible. Your pastor will mail this form to the secretary. Providing a stamped, addressed envelope is suggested.
- * Completely answer all the questions on the "Application Questionnaire".
- * Fill out and sign the "Confirmation Statements", the "Criminal Record Search Permission Form", and the "Permission to Contact References Form."
- * Mail to the secretary the completed Application Form, Confirmation Statements, Criminal Record Search Permission Form, and a check for the application fee of \$25.00 made out to "P.M. School of Theology". This fee pays for the Criminal Record Search, telephone calls to References, etc.
- * Distribute your "Reference Evaluation Forms" to those you select as references; one is to be a church-related reference, one a work-related reference, and one a community-related reference. Please do not use a relative as a reference.
- * Forward a transcript of any college credits to the secretary of the School of Theology.

If you have any questions, please seek help from the secretary of the School of Theology. It is his job to make the application process as smooth as possible for you.

On behalf of the faculty of the School of Theology, Rev. Allan Rupert



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Application Questionnaire ~ ~ ~ Local Preacher's License

Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer all these questions. For most of the questions, a brief paragraph is all that is needed, but please do not leave out any details that may be important to the faculty as we consider your application. Please identify the answers given by the topic and number of each question as listed below.

I. Personal

* Please attach your complete Résumé or Curriculum vitae; including your full name, birthdate, address, telephone number, e-mail address, education, employment, experience, and honors.

* A transcript of all courses taken at a school of higher education should be sent to the Secretary.

A. The names of your spouse and dependents

B. Are you currently enrolled in any degree program? Please specify what Bible Courses you are taking, or will take in the near future.

II. Spiritual

A. Please give your testimony about your experience of salvation and regeneration.

B. What "internal" assurances have you concerning your salvation?

C. What evidence do you have of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

D. Write a brief paragraph about how prayer enriches your life.

E. What is your understanding of the New Birth with respect to how it is obtained and its effect.

III. Service

A. Where do you presently hold membership in a local church?

B. Please detail your involvement and activities in your local church over the past three years.

C. Please write about how you have been instrumental in leading others to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

D. Please list any spiritual gifts you may have, and give examples of how you have used them.

IV. Calling

A. Please describe your calling to the work of a Local Preacher, noting the details of the calling.

B. What is your specific desire as it relates to serving the Lord through the Primitive Methodist Church?

V. Doctrinal

A. Have you studied the General Principles and Doctrines of the Primitive Methodist Church as they are explained in Chapter 1 and the Means of Grace in Chapter 7 of the "Discipline"?

B. Do you accept, and are willing to defend, the teachings of the Primitive Methodist Church as they are explained in the "Discipline"?

C. Please list and briefly explain any questions, hesitations, or concerns you may have concerning any of these teachings.

D. Please explain your conviction concerning Infant Baptism.

E. Please explain your conviction concerning the Charismatic Movement and the use of sign-gifts.

VI. Signature

I declare that all the information contained in this application is truthful and is in no way intended to mislead or hide anything that may be considered important to the faculty of the School of Theology of the Primitive Methodist Church in the USA

Signature

Date



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Permission Form ~ ~ ~ Application Package (Local Preacher)

Note: Your signature on this form grants the School of Theology permission to check all states for any criminal record charge or conviction.

Print clearly your full name _____

Print any alias names used:

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? _____

Place of Birth _____

Please list any state you have lived in during the past twenty years (we do not check juvenile records)

State _____	City _____	Dates _____
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Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty of any crime? _____

If so, please give the details:

Is there any information that the faculty of this School of Theology might find pertinent when making a decision on whether or not to recommend you as a candidate for ordination? _____

If so, please give a brief summary of the details:

Signature: I acknowledge the right of the Primitive Methodist Church in the USA to fully examine and check any pertinent information about those applying for recognition and licensing within their Conference, including previous criminal records. I hereby give permission to the School of Theology of the Primitive Methodist Church in the USA to conduct a criminal background check about myself, in any state in which I have lived during the past twenty years. I hereby confirm that all the information I have recorded on this page is complete and true.

Signature

Date



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Local Preacher / Deaconess Required Courses - Application Package

(Effective June 1, 2006)

Note: This is a listing of courses that are needed to complete the Local Preacher's or Deaconess Course. This is only a partial list of all the courses offered by the School of Theology.

Department of Theology - Dr. William Brendley Jr., Ph.D; Th.D.

2450 Exton Road, Hatboro, PA 19040-2507

215-672-0845 e-mail: Brendleyw@comcast.net

Theology I- *God the Father, Wiley/Culbertson*

Theology II- *Christology, Wiley/Culbertson*

Theology III- *Holy Spirit, Wiley/Culbertson*

Theology IV- *Eschatology, Wiley/Culbertson*

(4 courses are offered, any 2 may be taken)

Biblical Hermeneutics

Department of Homiletics - Rev. Frank Hrabak

1122 Frosty Hollow Road, Langhorn, PA 19047-5719

215-757-3049 e-mail: nrr1925@aol.com

Homiletics- *On the Preparation & Delivery of Sermons, Broadus*

Department of Pastoral Theology - Rev. Reginald Thomas

110 Pittston Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-9620

570-823-3425 e-mail: revreg@att.net

P.M. Discipline- *Discipline of the Primitive Methodist Church in the USA*

Christian Ministry- *The Christian Ministry, Bridges*

Church Management- *Leading & Managing Your Church, Carl George*

Department of Evangelism - Rev. Allan Rupert (Secretary/Treasurer)

763 Jefferson Avenue, Jermyn, PA 18433

570-876-4511 e-mail: jermynpmc@msn.com

Introduction to Evangelism- *Master Plan of Evangelism, Robert Coleman*

Department of Biblical Studies - Rev. David Allen (President)

1199 Lawrence Street, Lowell, MA 01852-5526

978-453-2052 e-mail: pahson@earthlink.net

New Testament Survey- *Survey of the Bible, Hendrickson*

Old Testament Survey- *Survey of the Bible, Hendrickson*

Please contact the Department Head for updated information on any course material that may be assigned.

*** Note: All examination grades will be mailed to the Secretary to be entered on the Progress Record of each student.**



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Signature

Date

I have asked the following to act as a reference:

Church-Related

Name, address and telephone number:

Work-Related

Name, address and telephone number:

Community-Related

Name, address and telephone number:



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Reference Evaluation: Church-Related (Local Preacher)

(Name of Applicant) _____

is submitting an application to the Primitive Methodist Church in the USA to become a licensed Lay Leader to assist in the pastoral ministry. Would you please help us in our appraisal of this individual by answering the following questions?

(1) How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

(2) Please comment on the applicant's ability to get along with, and work with others.

(3) Are you aware of any outstanding abilities the applicant possesses? (Organizational skills, teaching ability, speaking, music, counseling, soul-winning, etc.)

(4) To your knowledge, does the applicant use any intoxicating beverages, tobacco or narcotics in any form?

(5) To your knowledge, are there any tendencies or traits, or lack of abilities and skills, which you feel might reduce the effectiveness of the applicant for work as a Local Preacher / Deaconess?

(6) Do you believe that the applicant has attained a sufficient maturity level that would enable him to serve effectively as a Local Preacher / Deaconess?

(7) Do you know anything about the character, life, faith, and doctrines of this applicant, that our School of Theology should take into consideration?

Signed _____ **Date** _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

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**Local Church Recommendation
Application Package (Local Preacher)**

From the Quarterly Conference of the _____ Primitive Methodist Church

We have examined _____
and believe that he/she is a suitable candidate for special ministry in our Primitive Methodist Church. We
recommend that he/she be enrolled in the School of Theology and begin working toward;

___ being licensed as a Local Preacher

___ being licensed as a Deaconess

Our examination was in the areas of;

Salvation and Calling

Personal Qualifications

Education

Doctrine and Beliefs

Suitability and Maturity

Agreement of his wife and family

Recommendation of pastor and church

This recommendation was made and received a favorable vote at a Quarterly Conference meeting of our church,
held on _____, 200__.

_____ Date _____

Signed by the President of the Quarterly Conference, the Station Steward or the Church Secretary

Please return this form to:

Rev. Allan Rupert, secretary
763 Jefferson Avenue
Jermyn, PA 18433